

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, October 5, 2021 7:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Bruessel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald. Lehr, Boeck, Nigbor, Erdmann, Marks and Burgess. Staff present: Sara Rutkowski, Timothy Ludolph, Scott Zabel, Atty. Chier, Jodie Olson and Susan Thom.

There were no virtual attendees.

Sara Rutkowski introduced Timothy Ludolph the new Planning and Development Director.

There were no general public comments.

Erdmann moved to approve the August 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Marks seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was 271 McKittrick Street Raze or Repair Order. Olson stated that the property owner contacted her today and would like to be able to come before the Council and review his plans for the property. Mayor Bruessel stated to move it to next week meeting.

Next was City Property Farm Lease. Zabel reviewed that the city farm land had been leased by Laverne Pomplun for many years. With Laverne passing away Zabel had reached out to the family to see what their intention for the coming year. They stated that they would not be leasing the land. The City was approached by Kevin Krentz of Krentz Family Dairy Inc to lease the land. Krentz proposal is to lease Parcel 1, 2 and 3 for \$80 an acre. They would not be interested in renting the barn loft at the city dog pound. Lehr made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve the lease as presented by Krentz Family Dairy Inc and the City of Berlin at \$80 per acre with the changes made by Atty Chier. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Redistricting from 2020 Census. Olson reviewed the our wards need to have populations of less than 1,000, so some lines needed to be redrawn to redistribute the ward and district populations to get them at evenly populated as possible. There were population reallocations made from Ward 1 to Ward 2 and from Ward 5 to Ward 4. Lehr made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve and adopt Resolution #21-15 to Adopt Ward Plan and to Designate Polling Place for City of Berlin in Green Lake and Waushara Counties. Erdmann seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Equipment Replacement for DPW and Parks. Zabel proposed to utilize existing budget items to purchase Wide-area mower and paint stripers. The funds for the Mower would come from the Pool Budget: 10-55-42002-340 (\$4,000), 10-55-42002-360 (\$9,000), 10-55-42002-380 (\$12,000); DPW Budget: 10-53-31200-340 (\$3,000) and Contingency: 10-59-90010-390 (\$11,000). The funds for the paint stripers would come from the DPW Budget: 10-53-31200-340 (14,000) and 10-53-31100-860 (\$5,000). Marks made a motion to recommend to Common Council to authorize 2021 budget adjustments for 2021 purchase of wide-area mower and paint stripers and waive the formal bidding process that require three written quotes. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was 2022 Shared-Ride Taxi Grant. Olson reviewed this is an option year. The percent change from the previous year is 5.3% so the 2022 rate will be \$34.06. Erdmann made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve the 2022 Exercise of Option for Shared-Ride Taxi Service agreement and authorize the appropriate signatures. Marks seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

At 7:21 p.m. Erdmann made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to WI §19.85 (1) (g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (*Discuss on 356 S Church Street Property issue*). Nigbor seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion carried. Erdmann made a motion to seat Tim Ludolph, Jodie Olson, Sara Rutkowski and Scott Zabel. Mark seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 7:40 p.m., Lehr made a motion to reconvene into open session. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Erdmann made a motion to recommend to Common Council to direct staff to contract 1-800-GOT-JUNK to clean up the property nuisance at 356 S Church St. Marks seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

At 7:42 p.m., Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Marks seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk