

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF BERLIN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 7:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayoral Bruessel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present: Ald Lehr, Nigbor, Erdmann, Marks and Burgess. Absent: Ald. Boeck. Staff present: Evan Vandenlangenberg, Tim Ludolph, Sara Rutkowski, Atty. Matt Chier and Susan Thom.

There were no virtual attendees.

Neil Tettenborn, 355 SW Ceresco St, Berlin, WI 54923 spoke on the Berlin Police Department lack of law enforcement.

Erdmann moved to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was Resolution #22-01 to Authorize Staff to Apply for DNR funding. Rutkowski reviewed that the DNR reached out to the City of Berlin and asked if we would be interested in applying for funding to assist with the removal of Lead line laterals. This funding allows for any removal to be at no cost to the homeowners. Rutkowski is asking permission to apply for funding. Lehr made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve and adopt Resolution #22-01 Authorizing staff Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. Marks seconded the motion.

Next was Virtual Meeting voting. Rutkowski stated that Spectrum has indicated that the final piece to complete the project is stuck in Canada. Mayor Bruessel requested that item 6 (Virtual Meeting voting) and item 7 (Library Broad Virtual voting) be considered together. Chris Kalupa and Kay Roethel were brought into the meeting virtually. Kalupa stated the Library Board is set up to host meetings audibly and visually. The Committee was not willing to grant permission to one group if the others boards or committee do not have that option. Lehr made a motion to postpone the Virtual meeting voting and Library Board Virtual Voting until the equipment is fully functional. Erdmann seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Next was 107 E Huron Raze or Repair Order. Ludolph stated that a court date for the property is scheduled for February 9, 2022 and he will be able to give an update at the March Committee of the Whole meeting.

Next was Commercial Signs Removal on Vacant Properties. Ludolph reviewed the four property owners were issued written warnings giving the standard 14 days to remediate the violations. Ludolph requested another month to continue to work with owners of additional properties.

At 7:29 pm Burgess made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (1) *Discussion concerning EMS Wages, and 2) Discussion concerning Clerk wages*). Erdmann seconded the motion. A

roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Motion passed. Erdmann made a motion to seat Evan Vandenlangenberg. Nigbor seconded the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Susan Thom, Deputy Clerk

At 7:48, Burgess made a motion to move into open session. Seconded by Lehr and carried by a voice vote.

Nigbor made a motion to recommend to Common Council to adjust EMS wages as presented. Marks seconded the motion, which carried with a voice vote.

Burgess made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve the Clerk wages as presented with a second by Erdmann. Motion carried by voice vote.

At 7:50 pm, Burgess made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nigbor. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Sara Rutkowski, City Clerk