

CITY OF BERLIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY July 12, 2022 At 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Mayor Bruessel called the July 12, 2022 Common Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call present: Ald. Boeck, Burgess, Erdmann, Dretske, Nigbor, and Stobbe. Staff present: Sara Rutkowski, Caitlin Hilgart, Rebecca Bays, Tim Ludolph, Acting Chief Brian Pulvermacher, and Attorney Chier.

There were no virtual attendees.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda for approval and adoption which staff considers to be routine and have already been discussed and recommended by the committee, board or commission at a previous meeting. Staff recommended that Council act on all of these items on a single roll call vote. Erdmann made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Burgess seconded the motion. Stobbe amended the motion to take the minutes off the agenda. Erdmann amended her motion to except the Consent agenda minus # 6 the minutes. Burgess seconded the motion. The original motion was voted on with the amendment and it was passed with a roll call vote of six (6) ayes.

Moving next to the minutes from the June 14, 2022 Common Council meeting. Stobbe amended the minutes approval of the consent agenda to the roll call vote should have been three (3) ayes, (1) abstain, and (2) absent. Burgess made a motion to pass the minute. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Bruessel moved to the next agenda item to recommend the reading of the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the National Night Out August 2nd, 2022. Burgess made a motion to accept the proclamation. Dretske seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Mayor Bruessel moved to the next agenda item which was a Certificate of Commendation to the Police and Fire Departments for the Silver Alert Search and Rescue. Mayor Bruessel read the presentation.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the Wal-Mart Store East, LP, dba, Wal-Mart #1727 Class "A" Retail License and Class "A" Intoxicating Liquor License change of officer. The recommendation is to approve the Auxiliary Questionnaire Alcohol Beverage License Application to change the Assistant Secretary Wal-Mart Store East, LP, dba, Wal-Mart #1727 to Julie A. Flynn and the Senior Vice President to Emma J. Waddell. Stobbe made a motion to approve the Auxiliary Questionnaire Alcohol Beverage License Application to change the Assistant Secretary Wal-Mart Store East, LP, dba, Wal-Mart #1727 to Julie A. Flynn and the Senior Vice President to Emma J. Waddell. Boeck seconded to the motion which carried a voice vote.

Item # 14 Rebecca Bays presented Specialized Transit Grant application. The recommendation is to have the Committee on Aging apply for the 5310 Specialized Transit Grant Cycle Year 2023. Nigbor made a motion to except the recommendation to have the Committee on Aging apply for the 5310 Specialized Transit Grant Cycle Year 2023. Burgess seconded the motion that passed on a vice vote.

Next on the agenda was the Commission on Aging appointment. The recommendation was is to accept the mayoral appointment of Keith Hess to the Commission on Aging for the term expiring April 30th, 2025. Stobbe made a motion to accept the mayoral appointment of Keith Hess to the Commission on Aging for the term expiring April 30th, 2025. Dretske seconded the motion which carried a voice vote.

Mayor Bruessel moved to the next agenda item which was a recommendation to approve the request of the Berlin Fire Department to the sell beer at the 2022 Car Show Event. Boeck made a motion to approve the Fire Departments request to sell beer at the 2022 Car show Event. Erdmann seconded the motion which carried a voice vote.

Next on the agenda Rutkowski introduced Drew Diedrich with Diedrich Insurance who made a presentation on EMC company property and liability insurance. Discussion was held conserving the quote and continued in close session.

Rutkowski moved to the next agenda item regarding vacant storefront. The recommendation is to discuss with action appropriate for the different vacant storefronts. Discussion was held on possible solutions. Discussion was ended with having staff look into funding to improve vacant storefronts and Attorney Chier checking into ordinances

Next on the agenda Ludolph and property owner at 218 S. Grove St. Brian Wilson presented the Raze and Repair order update. Ludolph and Wilson stated that the exterior is mostly complete with the exception on a few pieces of siding. Mayor Bruessel made the recommendation to the council to lift the Raze and Repair order on this property. Dretske made a motion to revoke the Raze and Repair order. Burgess seconded the motion and it passed in a voice vote.

Lastly item #19 Ludolph recommended to the council the presentation of the Raze and Repair order update 271 McKittrick. St. Ludolph stated that there has been very little work done in the last month and that Building Permit is set to expire August 9,2022. Nigbor made a motion to hold off on the Raze and Repair order till next months Common Council meeting for 271 Mckittrick St. Dretske seconded the motion which carried a voice vote.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

At 8:00 PM Burgess made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for a 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 likely to become involved. (271 McKittrick St. Raze and Repair). Motion was seconded by Dretske and passed with a roll call vote of six (6) ayes.

Discussion continued in Closed Session.

CLOSED:

(Discussion was held concerning the raze and repair property 115 W. Ceresco.)

(Attorney Chier left the meeting.)

(Discussion was held concerning the property and liability insurance renewal.)

Nigbor made a motion at 8:00pm to convene into open session, with a second by Burgess. Motion carried via voice vote.

Stobbe made a motion to direct City Attorney Chier to proceed with the raze and repair lawsuit located at 115 W. Ceresco, with a second by Burgess. Motion carried via voice vote.

Stobbe made a motion to select the property and liability insurance quote from Diedrich/EMC insurance company with the \$1000 deductible, with a second by Dretske. Motion carried via voice vote.

Burgess made a motion to adjourn, second by Nigbor. Motion carried via voice vote.

Caitlin Hilgart, Deputy Clerk