

CITY OF BERLIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 AT 7:00 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, Roll Call resulted in 6 present 0 Absent. Staff in attendance: Rutkowski, Zabel, Pulvermacher, Kalupa, Chier, Seaman and Ludolph.

The Mayor noted there were no public comments.

The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda for approval and adoption: 4) Waive the reading of all ordinances and resolutions adopted at this meeting; 5) Receive and place on file the written reports for the City Clerk, Treasurer and Building Inspector; 6) Approve the minutes from March 14, 2023 Common Council meeting and place on file and 7) Receive and place on file the bills list 8) Accept the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Ordinance #02-23 Delta 8 / Vaping 9) Accept the recommendation from Planning Commission to have Attorney Chier draft options for facilitating E-Cycle Drop Off as a Conditional Use in Business Districts 10) Accept the recommendation from Committee on Aging to modify the senior Center Driver Job Description as presented 11) Accept the recommendation from Police and Fire Commission to expend funds from PD Equipment Fund 15 Account to purchase new pistols and holsters and 12) Accept the recommendation from Parks & Recreation Commission to accept the Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball Storage Shed Donation Agreement. Erdmann made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Nigbor seconded the motion. Roll Call vote resulted in Six (6) Ayes and zero (0) Nays

The Mayor moved the #13 agenda item further down the agenda due to the Chad Koehler of Waste Management not being present yet.

The Mayor went on to item #14 which was a Proclamation Commemorating Roberta Erdmann. The Mayor read the Proclamation aloud. Dretske made a motion to approve the Proclamation Commemorating Roberta Erdmann with Nigbor seconding the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Mayor next announced his appointment of Erdmann to the Board of Appeals for a term expiring November 1, 2025. Dretske made a motion to accept the Mayoral Appointment of Roberta Erdmann to the Board of Appeals for term expiring November 1, 2025. Motion was seconded by Nigbor and passed on a voice vote.

The Mayor announced his appointment of Zeb Pirkey to the Board of Appeals for a term expiring November 1, 2025. Nigbor made a motion to accept the Mayoral Appointment of Zeb Pirkey to the Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Burgess and passed on a voice vote.

The Mayor announced his appointment of Zeb Pirkey to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term expiring May 1, 2024. After a short discussion, Dretske made a motion to approve the appointment of Zeb Pirkey to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term expiring May 1, 2024. Burgess seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

The Mayor announced his appointment of Roberta Erdmann to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term expiring May 1, 2024. Dretske made a motion to approve the appointment of Roberta Erdmann to

the Park & Recreation Commission for a term expiring May 1, 2024. Nigbor seconded the motion which carried on a voice vote.

#19 on the Agenda was a presentation by Tim Ludolph, Planning and Development director, for an update on the 107 W. Huron St Raze & Repair Property. Ludolph stated equipment was beginning to be staged for deconstruction and construction now that the weather broke. The owner inquired how to get a dumpster permit. Burgess commented there were bricks falling off the building onto the sidewalk in front. No action was taken.

#20 Mayor Bruessel asked is there were any comments or concerns regarding the No Mow May Resolution #23-03. After a short discussion, Erdmann made a motion to approve the No Mow May resolution #23-03. Nigbor seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Next on the Agenda, Item #21, the Mayor asked for an Approval of Recommended Ordinance Changes to Sections 70-459, 70-456, 70-457 & 70-458 and Authorize City Attorney to draft changed Ordinances. City Administrator Rutkowski went over all changes. A motion was made by Boeck and a second by Dretske to Approve the Recommended Ordinance Changes to Sections 70-459, 70-456, 70-457 & 70-458 and Authorize City Attorney to draft changed Ordinances as presented. This was carried on a voice vote.

Next on the Agenda was a Request by Alderperson Dretske for Discussion and Action if necessary on the North Industrial Park. A short general discussion ensued before a recommendation was made for staff to take the discussion to the Planning Commission. No other action was taken.

The Mayor then brought item #23 forward which was discussion on the ARPA Funds Department Wish List Requests. Stobbe exited the meeting before discussion began. Burgess expressed her concern of listening to wish lists when we just failed to pass a referendum. Her opinion was that we should be looking to see where we have the most need before we make decisions to spend money on wish lists. Rutkowski continued with her list. After Rutkowski and the department heads gave their presentations Erdmann made a statement that she disagrees with what Burgess stated earlier. She stated Staff have really put a lot of thought into what they are asking for, they have waited for 22 years before we change a bookkeeping software? That is unheard of. She went on to say, we either pay for them with this gift or we put them on our residents' taxes. The campground has not had upgrades for 25 years. The comprehensive plan should be updated every 10 years. The library's digitizing request, people are looking for this information online, we are still using microfiche. We should make these upgrades without having to ask people for money. Erdmann went on to say since we have this pot at the end of the rainbow that we never expected to get, lets help these people out that work so hard and be able to service the community better. Discussion continued with no action taken at this meeting.

There was no old business.

Dretske asked for two things to be considered for the next agenda. 1) discussion on items to be cut from the budget due to the failed referendum and 2) the Waste Management contract.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. The motion was made by Erdmann and seconded by Burgess. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk