

CITY OF BERLIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 10, 2023 AT 7:00 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, Roll Call resulted in five (5) present; Boeck, Burgess, Durtschi, Nigbor and Stobbe. One (1) absent – Dretske. Staff in attendance: Sara Rutkowski, Gary Podoll, Brian Pulvermacher, Scott Zabel, Chris Kalupa, Tim Ludolph, Rebecca Bays, Attorney Chier and Midge Seaman.

Stobbe made a motion to seat Ald. Dretske virtually, with a second by Boeck. Motion carried via voice vote.

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 September 12 and 19, 2023; 7) Approve the Bills List. 8.) Accept Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve additional ARPA funds for Fire Station Generator. 9) Accept the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept Housing Program guidelines with corrections. 10) Accept the Recommendation from Committee of the Whole to approve the Fee Schedule and Municipal Forfeiture Bond Schedule changes. 11) Accept the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to allow the Expenditure from Pool Donations. Nigbor made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Burgess seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote of six (6) ayes zero (0) nays.

12) Boeck made a motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Nigbor from Park & Recreation Commission, effective immediately. Burgess seconded the motion which carried on a voice vote.

13) Burgess made a motion to accept the appointment of Kurt Kuklinski, with term ending November 1, 2026 to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion was seconded by Stobbe and passed on a voice vote.

14) The Mayor requested Ashley Anderson come to the podium to address the Council with her Vicious Dog Appeal. Atty Chier explained the process of appeal to Ms. Anderson as well as the Council members. Ms. Anderson verbally gave her reasons for appealing her dog being deemed Vicious by the Berlin Police Department. She included a copy of her own request as well as letters from a neighbor living in the same apartment complex as hers and also a behaviorist who specifically works with animals. She discussed the plan she has for herself and Kai (the dog) going forward. Dretske entered the meeting at this time and Boeck made a motion to seat him which was seconded by Stobbe, passed on a voice vote. Several Council Members asked questions of Ms. Anderson, they heard a report and asked questions of Chief Pulvermacher as well. After a lengthy discussion, Durtschi made a motion to hold a hearing at the next scheduled Council Meeting to be held on November 14, 2023. Motion was seconded by Dretske and passed on a voice vote.

15) Rutkowski presented Resolution #23-12 Authorizing 2023 Budget Adjustment from Swimming Pool funds not used to the Senior Center to be able to make repairs to the Air Conditioning. Dretske made a motion to approve Resolution #23-12 Adjustment to the 2023 budget moving \$6,030.00 from the Swimming Pool budget to the Senior Center to repair the AC. A Roll Call Vote Resulted in five (5) ayes and one (1) Nay (Durtschi).

16) Mr. Santiago Barraza, owner of 107 W Huron St. attended the meeting virtually and after a pause in the progress being made on their Raze or Repair order on his building at 107 W Huron St. gave an update on next steps to complete the remaining work on the exterior of his building. He stated in two weeks work should commence on the back porch and also on the roof. No action was taken at this time.

17) Zabel presented the Garbage & Recycling Bids he received. Dretske made a motion to accept the bid from Waste Management for the Garbage and Recycling Contract. Burgess seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

18) The Department Heads presented their 2024 Budgets, mainly speaking on the changes to the 2024 budget vs the 2023 budget. No action taken.

There is No Old Business or New Business requested by Council Members.

A motion was made by Dretske and seconded by Burgess to move into Closed Session pursuant to Wis Stat §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (2023 City Staff Wages) This was passed on a Roll Call Vote six (6) ayes zero (0) nays.

Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk

At 10:30pm Nigbor made a motion to commence in open session. Durtschi seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Burgess made a motion to adjourn and Nigbor seconded the motion which carried on a voice vote.

Sara Rutkowski, City Clerk