

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 4, 2023 7:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Bruessel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald Boeck, Erdmann, Nigbor and Burgess. Alderperson Stobbe was excused and Dretske not present. Staff present: Sara Rutkowski, Scott Zabel, Tim Ludolph, and Chief Brian Pulvermacher.

Burgess made a motion to seat Dretske who joined virtually, Nigbor seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

Erdmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting with correction as directed. Nigbor seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Next was item #5 Delta 8 / Vaping Ordinance. City Attorney Matt Chier presented on the Delta 8 Vaping ordinance that was drafted based off of Racine's ordinance in place. There was discussion held about enforcement in schools and for the Police Department. Chief Brian Pulvermacher presented on the fine and bonding amounts. Burgess made a motion to recommend Ordinance #02-23 to Common Council with Chief Pulvermacher's suggested changes, with a second by Boeck. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Next on the Agenda was the Planning Commission Recommendation to modify Animal Service as a Conditional use in the Business Districts. Erdmann made a motion to recommend to Common Council to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to have Attorney Chier draft options for modifying Animal Service as a Conditional use in the Business Districts. Boeck seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

Item 6 was City Parking Discussion. Rutkowski and Pulvermacher presented on the seven city ordinances that address parking within the Community. General discussion was held concerning 15-minute Parking spots, two-hour parking, long-term parking allowances in the City 24 hour parking lots, and location of city staff municipal parking spots. Council directed staff to adjust ordinances and present at Council meeting next week.

Item 7 was No Mow May Resolution #23-03. Rutkowski presented on how No Mow May was important for pollinators in the community. Discussion was held as to how to implement within the community. Council suggested signs to be placed in yards to indicate to passing vehicles that lawns were participating in No Mow May month. Council directed staff to add language to Resolution adding sign requirement and a fee for signs. Rutkowski will present on item again next week.

Nigbor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm, which was seconded by Burgess, and passed on a voice vote.

Sara Rutkowski, City Clerk