

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, October 3, 2023 7:00 PM

Mayor Bruessel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald Boeck, Burgess, Durtschi, Nigbor and Stobbe. Absent: Dretske. Staff present: Sara Rutkowski, Scott Zabel, and Midge Seaman. Rebecca Bays joined virtually.

Burgess made a motion to seat Dretske who was attending virtually. Stobbe seconded and the vote carried on a voice vote.

No Public Comments or Attendees.

Durtschi made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Boeck seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

First up on the Agenda was the Fire Station Generator additional APRA funds request. Zabel explained the Generator which was approved previously is now discontinued. He shopped for a replacement generator and found no equal size replacement. The next size up requires more funding. Stobbe made a motion to recommend to Council to approve up to \$35,000.00 of ARPA Funds to for the fire station Generator. Nigbor seconded the motion. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

Next on the Agenda was the TID Affordable Housing Program. Rutkowski included the form in the packet for Committee members to consider. Committee members requested a couple minor changes to the document. Burgess made a motion to Recommend to Common Council to approve the program with the changes as discussed. Nigbor seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

#7 on the Agenda was Fee Schedule & Municipal Forfeiture Bond Schedule. The oversight of Fees on the Fee Schedule pertaining to Ordinance 46-172 were discussed. Dretske entered the meeting at 7:17 pm. Burgess moved to seat Dretske and Nigbor seconded it. Motion passed on a voice vote. The next fee discussed was a change to the Senior Center rental fee. Bays discussed raising the fee when rentals resume due to being at the very bottom of the scale for rentals in the surrounding areas. Discussion ensued. Stobbe made a motion to recommend to Council to accept the changes to the fee schedule as discussed. Durtschi seconded the motion which carried on a voice vote.

The Save the Pool Committee expenditure request from the Save the Pool donation fund was next on the agenda. Durtschi made a recommendation to Common Council to approve the expenditure of \$192.00 for a website for Save the Pool. Nigbor seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

The last item on the agenda was 2024 Budget Discussions. Several items were presented by Rutkowski and Zabel. Committee Members shared their opinions freely and asked good questions to get a clear understanding of several of the items to consider. No Action was taken at this time.

Burgess made the motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, with a second by Nigbor. Motion carried via voice vote.

*Midge Seaman, Deputy Clerk*