

CITY OF BERLIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 2024 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Mayor Bruessel called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald Boeck, Burgess, Durtschi, Nigbor, and Stobbe. Excused: Ald Dretske. Staff present: Attorney Chier, Tim Ludolph and Scott Zabel.

No Virtual Attendees. There was one public comment from E. Berkshire concerning the pool under Item 17 Budget 2025.

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 Bills List; 7) Approve the minutes from July Council Meeting; 8) Accept recommendation from Committee of the Whole (COTW) to direct City Attorney Chier to assist Plan Commission with updating Zoning Ordinance as related to the use of helicopters or helicopter landing pads in R1-R3; 9) Accept Recommendation from COTW to direct staff to apply for Safe Streets for All Grant; 10) Resolution 24-08 budget adjustment for assessment services; 11) Accept COTW recommendation to allow library upstairs upgrade; 12) Accept recommendation from COTW to remove exemptions for residential in vacant building registrations; and 13) Accept recommendation from Plan Commission to rezone parcel 20-01720-0200 from A-1 to R-2. Nigbor made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Stobbe seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote of five (5) ayes.

Item 14 was helicopter nuisance ordinance 07-24. City Attorney Chier presented on the ordinance language. Durtschi made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-24. Burgess seconded the motion that passed on a roll call vote of five (5) ayes.

Item 15 was Nuisance Property update. Ludolph presented on the two recent properties that staff is concerned about.

Item 16 was the Community Development Authority role clarification discussion. Rutkowski stated the CDA is looking for more guidance from Council as to what CDA could do. Discussion was held concerning options. Council agreed CDA should look into the Housing and Economic Development plan and return to Council with suggestions of improvements.

Next was 2025 Budget/ARPA funds. Discussion was held concerning the 2025 budget and ARPA requests with staff being asked to bring back information to next month's meeting.

Item 18 was the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. Discussion was heard concerning possible paths. Council requested more information from Staff to bring back next month.

Old Business – there is no Old Business

New Business – Nigbor requested a Proclamation be created to commemorate Jeff's on the Square's 50th Anniversary.

Stobbe made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Staff Wages). Durtschi 2nd the motion that passed on a roll call vote of five (5) Ayes.

Discussion continued in Closed Session.

Motion by Nigbor to move into open session with a second by Stobbe. Motion passed via roll call vot with 5 ayes.

Stobbe made a motion to approve staff wages as discussed, with a second by Durtschi. Motion carried via voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Burgess with a second by Nigbor. Motion carried via voice vote.

Sara Rutkowski, City Clerk