

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 2, 2024 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

Mayor Bruessel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Ald Stobbe, Boeck, Nigbor, Burgess, Durtschi, and Dretske. No Absences. Staff present: Attorney Matt Chier, Scott Zabel, Chief Brian Pulvermacher

No Virtual Attendees.

Dretske made a motion to designate Stobbe as the clerk for the purpose of taking minutes for tonight's meeting. Burgess seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

There was one public comment card from Erica Berkshire, 330 Wisconsin St. in regards to agenda item #7 the Berlin Aquatic Center.

Next item was to approve the March 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Nigbor made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dretske seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Item #5 was the Motorcycle Parade for Veterans. Zach Bays was present to answer any questions about the parade and explain what the event was for. There was discussion held on this item. Dretske made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve the Motorcycle Parade for Veterans. Burgess seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

At 7:11 Nigbor excused himself from the meeting

Item #6 was the Liquor License Application for 2024- 2025. There was discussion held questioning the reserve license. The Discussion also included the 150 days of open operation and what counts as being open. The committee decided to have staff broaden the way that the request of the 150 days of operation is proven.

Burgess made a motion at 7:30PM to seat Nigbor. Dretske seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Next item was the city commitment to the Berlin Aquatic Center. Erica Berkshire spoke on behalf of this item and the Friends of the Berlin Aquatic Center, asking for use of ARPA funds be used for an engineering plan to be done. This would provide a full picture of what needs to be fixed for the purpose of fundraising and that the committee would feel they have more of a commitment from the city that they are willing to stand behind the funds. Zabel presented that an engineering plan cost of \$50,000.00 would need to be paid upfront to start the assessment to save the pool. Zabel did explain that results of his recent meeting with Badger Swimpools, Inc. and the points of main concern and cost that could be associated with the repairs. Burgess made a motion to recommend to Common Council to approve the use up to \$50,000.00 of ARPA funds for purpose of an engineering study for the Berlin Aquatic Center. Durtschi seconded the motion that passes on a voice vote.

Attorney Chier left the meeting at 7:38PM

Next item was the Ordinance 6-5(b) be included in the fee schedule 1-16. Chief Pulvermacher presented that the ordinance that he was seeking was included on 1-16, so no discussion was needed.

Burgess made a motion at 7:54PM to adjourn. Nigbor seconded the motion that passes on a voice vote.

Samantha Stobbe