

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 1, 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, Burges, Durtschi. No Absences. Staff present: Attorney Matt Chier, Scott Zabel, and Caitlin Hilgart.

There were four public comment cards for item number 7.

Mary Lou Neubauer, 295 Forest St. Berlin WI. Neubauer is the Administrator for the City of Princeton stating that on September 28, 2024 there was two ATV rides in the City of Princeton and how smooth everything had gone. The ATVs have been a very good experience for the City of Princeton.

Stobbe made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Durtschi seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Stobbe asked to have item number seven up next.

Item number 7 was the ATV / UTV Ordinance and Referendum. Attorney Chier explained that the ordinance sunset was set to expire as of November 30, 2024. The Council had required an advisory referendum be held at the presidential election in November. The legislature had since passed a state law that prohibits any advisory referendums, so the referendum can not be done. Tom Yancy, 159 S. Swetting St. Berlin WI. spoke on behalf of the of the ATV club working on 8 years now. Yancy asked to have the curfew removed from the ordinance. Explained what other local municipalities are doing. Zack Bays, W1428 County RD AA, Berlin WI. Asking for the curfew be removed also. Bays also explains that he uses his ATV as wind therapy to clear his mind. Curt Chier, 109 Jackson St. Berlin WI. Chier Stated that he lives by a very busy 4-Way enter section in Berlin and what he sees is very responsible driving from the ATV / UTV drivers. Also encouraging the curfew removed. Chief Pulvermacher explained that the enforcement actions in the last couple years. There were very few citations issued only six to be exact. There were verbal warnings and 1 written warning. Discussion was held. Burgess made a motion to direct Attorney Chier to draft the new revised ordinance for the ATV /UTV, lift the sunset as well as the curfew. Nigbor seconded that motion that passed on a voice vote.

Item number 5 was the 2025 Budget discussion on Capital Project including pool evaluation and street projects. Austin Nolden with Ramaker & Associates, Inc. was available on zoom to present the evaluation report on the Berlin Aquatic Center and answer any questions. Discussion was held. This item number was moved to next week's agenda, waiting for more burrowing information from Baird.

Item number 6. Burgess made a motion to approve Sara Rutkowski as an election worker. Stobbe seconded the motion that passed pm a voce vote.

Burgess made a motion to adjourn at 8:33pm. Nigbor seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Caitlin Hilgart, Interim City Clerk