

CITY OF BERLIN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 12, 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, Stobbe, Nigbor, and Przybyl. Staff present Caitlin Hilgart, Attorney Matt Chier, Scott Zabel, Gary Podoll, Evan Vandenlangenberg, and Diane Wessel, Interim Administrator.

No Virtual Attendees. There was no public comment.

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 September 10, 2024, September 26, 2024, and October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Common Council Meeting. The October 8 2024 Special Common Council and the September 10, 2024 closed session.; 8) Adopt Ordinance 13-24 amending code to remove referendum and sunset as to designation of ATV and UTV routes on all city streets and to remove curfew for ATV and VTV operation; 9) Adopt Ordinance 12-24 An Ordinance Rezoning a Parcel of Land from B-2(Business) to R-1 (Residential) City of Berlin #206-00822-0100. Mayor Bruessel asked to have item #7 removed. The regular October 8, 2024 Common Council Minutes and approved at a future date. Durtsch made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Stobbe seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote of six (6 ayes).

Item #10 was the future of the Berlin Aquatic Center - Preliminary proposal from Wisconsin Spice Inc. and deferring action on the BAC project. Allen Sass, President and CEO of Wisconsin Spice, Inc. presented Wisconsin Spices commitment to support the Berlin Aquatic Center and the vested interest of the community. Stating that Wisconsin Spice is prepared to pledge a \$250,000.00 donation to support the Berlin Aquatic Centers continued operations and upgrades. The pledge would help offset any financial burdens felt by the City and would be spread out over the next five years. The council thanked Wisconsin Spice and the Sass Family for the generous donation.

Item #11 was the Oakwood Cemetery Tree Inspection and Care Plan. Stobbe made motion to approve the proposal from the Ranger Service, Inc as presented at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00. Boeck seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Next item Boeck made a motion to approve the lease agreement renewal for 169 Ripon Rd – for use by the Berlin EMS. Stobbe seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Item #13 was to accept the Fire Pumper Bid from Custom Fire and authorize processing of partial payment. Gary Podoll presented the background and was available to answer any questions. Burgess made a motion to accept the bid from Custom Fire for a full response pumper in the amount of \$950,174 and direct staff to make payments as required.

There was no old business

New business: Boeck asked that flowers be sent to the family of the active member of the Berlin Fire Department that we lost this morning.

Durtsch made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of Public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting of specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Ambulance Service Provider Agreement) Burgess seconded the motion that passed on a roll call vote. (6) Ayes.

Boeck made a motion to seat Attorney Chier and EMS Director Vandenlangenberg. Nigbor seconded the vote that passed on a voice vote.

Motion to reconvene into open session by Przybyl, with a second by Nigbor. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Burgess made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Przybyl. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Caitlin Hilgart, Interim City Clerk