

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR
MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & CITY HALL IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
Meeting ID: 859 0514 0084 Passcode: 123456

1. Call to order/Roll Call: Alderperson Boeck – Aye, Alderperson Burgess – Aye, Alderperson Durtschi – Aye, Alderperson Nigbor – Aye, Alderperson Przybyl – Aye, Alderperson Stobbe, Aye. Staff present: Tim Ludolph, Planning and Development Director, Debbie Thiel, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Jessi Balcom, City Administrator, Matt Chier, City Attorney
2. Seat Virtual Attendees - None
3. General Public Comments. Registration card required (located at podium in Council Chamber). - None

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda contains items which staff considers to be routine and have already been discussed and recommended by a committee, board or commission at a previous meeting. Staff recommends that Council act on all of these items on a single roll call vote. If any member of Council wishes to have any item removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed, the Council member may request that item be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to the adoption. *Alderperson Nigbor made a motion to accept the agenda items as presented. Alderperson Stobbe seconded the motion. Roll call: Alderperson Stobbe – Aye, Alderperson Nigbor, Aye, Alderperson Burgess – Aye, Alderperson Przybyl – Aye, Alderperson Durtschi – Aye, Alderperson Boeck – Aye. Motion carried.*

4. Written reports from the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Building Inspector. RECOMMENDATION: Receive and place on file the written reports from the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Building Inspector.
5. Bills List. RECOMMENDATION: Approve the list of bills for payment.
6. Minutes from the December 10, 2024 Common Council Meeting. RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Common Council Meeting minutes.
7. Committee of the Whole recommendation to Common Council that the city attorney work with the developer for the vacation of South Fox Alley with costs to be reimbursed by the developer. RECOMMENDATION:
8. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the proclamation for Clem’s Bar 120th Anniversary. RECOMMENDATION: Accept recommendation from Committee of the Whole.
9. Plan Commission recommendation of Comprehensive Plan request for proposal. RECOMMENDATION: Accept recommendation from Plan Commission.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. Mayoral appointment of Council representative and Parks and Recreation Commission representative to the Evaluation Team which will review RFP's for the Comprehensive Plan development and make a recommendation to the Council. *Motion made by Alderperson Durtschi to appoint Bobbi Erdman and Terry Przybyl to be representatives on the Evaluation Team. Alderperson Stobbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.*
11. Mayoral appointment of Alderperson Terry Przybyl to Boards, Committees, or Commissions. RECOMMENDATION: Mayor Bruessel to appoint Alderson Przybyl to Planning Commission and Community Development Authority. *Motion made by Alderperson Burgess to accept the mayoral appointment. Alderperson Stobbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.*
12. Façade and Building Improvement Program Fund Requests for 104 E. Huron Street RECOMMENDATION: Approve application of 104 E Huron Street. *Alderperson Stobbe made a motion to approve the façade not to exceed \$8138.00. Alderperson Przybyl seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.*
13. Façade and Building Improvement Program Fund Requests for 120 N. Brooklyn Street RECOMMENDATION: Approve application of 120 N. Brooklyn Street. *Alderperson Burgess made a motion to approve the façade not to exceed \$20000.00. Alderperson Stobbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.*
14. Request proposal for general legal counsel. RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and action as appropriate. *Motion made by Alderperson Burgess to accept the RFP and send out. Alderperson Stobbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.*
15. Old Business (To be used to request items of old business be put on a future agenda for further discussion or action; or used to make a motion for reconsideration of an item from the current meeting or immediately previous meeting; or to make a motion to take items off the table which were laid on the table only during the current meeting.) - *None*
16. New Business (To be used to request items of new business be put on a future agenda) *Alderperson Burgess would like to order plaques from the city to thank Fire Chief Bob Paugels and Emergency Management Director/ Assistant Fire Chief Gary Podoll for their years of service.*
17. Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 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. Police Union Contract Negotiations. Alderperson Burgess made a motion to convene into closed session at 7:23pm. Alderperson Przybyl 2nd the motion. Roll call: Alderperson Burgess – Aye, Alderperson Przybyl – Aye, Alderperson Durtschi – Aye, Alderperson Nigbor – Aye, Alderperson Boeck – Aye, Alderperson Stobbe, Aye.*

18. Reconvene into open session and take action as a result of closed session discussion. +
Motion to reconvene into open session made by Alderperson Burgess and seconded by Alderperson Stobbe at 8:06pm. Roll call: Alderperson Boeck – Aye, Alderperson Burgess – Aye, Alderperson Durtschi – Aye, Alderperson Nigbor – Aye, Alderperson Przybyl – Aye and Alderperson Stobbe - Aye
- a. Consider ratification of a successor collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union. – *No action taken*
19. Adjourn. *Motion to adjourn at 8:07pm made by Alderperson Burgess and seconded by Alderperson Nigbor. Roll Call: Alderperson Boeck – Aye, Alderperson Burgess – Aye, Alderperson Durtschi – Aye, Alderperson Nigbor – Aye, Alderperson Przybyl – Aye, Alderperson Stobbe.*

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