

SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 at 6PM
108 N. CAPRON STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

1. Call to Order – *Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Burgess*
2. Roll Call – *Alderspersons Boeck, Hill, Nigbor, Przybyl and Stobbe all present.*
3. Public Hearing on the permit request of Thomas F. Kafer for an exception to the Sex Offender Child Safety Zone (City of Berlin Municipal Ordinance Article VI, Sec 46-170 to Sec 46-174, specifically Child safety zone exceptions) that would allow him to reside at 270 S. Brooklyn Street, Berlin WI. *Karolyn Kafer, sister of Thomas Kafer, after being sworn in by Attorney Eric Larson spoke on her brother's behalf asking the City to make an exception for Thomas to live at 270 South Brooklyn Street, Berlin, WI. Thomas Kafer was then sworn in and gave his testimony asking the City of Berlin to make an exception to him living at 270 S. Brooklyn Street, Berlin, WI. A 15-minute recess occurred at 6:30pm. At 6:43pm, the council was back in session and Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher was sworn in. Chief Pulvermacher gave a presentation on the exception before the council and in his opinion the exception should be denied. The following community members then gave their comments after being sworn in:*

Edmund Marks – 172 South State Street, Berlin, WI
Amanda Osterberg – 584 North Wisconsin Street, Berlin, WI
Cheryl Heil – 241 South Brooklyn Street, Berlin, WI
Trevor Krizan – 247 S Brooklyn Street, Berlin, WI
Josh Madrigano – W853 Klondike Road, Berlin, WI
Stephanie Bosquez – 267 Brooklyn Street, Berlin, WI
Colleen Caulfield – 240 Mound Street, Berlin, WI
Josh Reed – 269 Mound Street, Berlin, WI
Ryan Gaetzke -214 South Brooklyn Street, Berlin, WI
Erin Reed – 269 Mound Street, Berlin, WI
Brittany Seidling – W4885 Cradle Roll, Princeton, WI
Kelly Darga – 120 E Noyes Street, Berlin, WI

- i. **Closed session.** A portion of this public hearing may convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1) (f), to consider medical history of alcohol, drug, and sex offender treatment, juvenile conviction records, and other health information. At the conclusion of any such closed session, the Common Council will reconvene in open session for continuation of the public hearing.

- ii. **Closed session.** At the conclusion of the hearing, the Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning the hearing regarding the permit request of Thomas F. Kafer for an exception to the Child Safety Zone residence restrictions that would allow him to reside at 270 S. Brooklyn Street, Berlin WI.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:24pm. A motion was made by Hill to go into closed session with a second by Przybyl. Roll Call: Alderpersons Stobbe, Przybyl, Boeck, Nigbor and Hill all Aye's.

Nigbor made a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:30pm with a second by Hill. Voice roll call – all Aye's.

- iii. **Action.** At the conclusion of the closed session, if any, the Common Council will reconvene in open session for possible further deliberation before voting and making its decision on the Permit Request.

Aldersperson Stobbe made a motion to deny the permit request of Thomas F. Kafer, and direct staff to prepare a written decision. The Board will reconvene to review the written decision and may act in the matter. If you wish to appeal the written decision filed in this matter your notice of appeal and required documentation is required to be filed with the City Clerk within 30 days, with a second by Nigbor. Roll Call: Alderpersons Stobbe, Boeck, Przybyl, Hill and Nigbor all Aye's.

Adjournment - Przybyl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm with a second by Stobbe. Voice roll call – all Aye's.