



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2024 - 6:05 PM
City Hall
Council Chambers

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regular scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

City Clerk Rubina Medina took the roll call as follows:

Present: Alderperson Hopkins, Alderperson Harenda, Alderperson Stribl, Alderperson Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa, Alderperson La Fever

Excused: Alderperson Dave Maxey

Staff Present: City Attorney Mark Blum, City Clerk Rubina Medina

City Clerk Rubina Medina stated that a quorum had been established and the meeting was properly noticed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 9, 2024 Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson Horbinski
Motion Passed 6-0

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk
No Report.

B. Council President
No Report.

C. Mayor

- I wanted to start off taking a moment to give a special thank you to our Department of Public Works, Emergency Management, and our Fire and Police Departments that worked around the clock to collectively keep our city moving as smoothly as possible through the past weekend Winter Storm. It is estimated that we received 16.5 inches of snow on top of enduring ice and frigid temperatures. I want to also thank our residents who took time to check on family members, friends, and neighbors as we all navigated through this storm.

- As we continue through the Winter Season, please help keep **fire hydrants** clear of snow – clear an area of approximately 3 feet around the fire hydrant – every second counts in an emergency.
- Finally, the City has received a significant number of reports of mailbox damage or the inability to have mail delivered due to snow blocking their mailbox. The City is attempting to repair the remaining mailboxes that were reported. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.
- The **Miss New Berlin Competition will be held on Saturday January 27th, 2024 at West Allis Central High School**. The event will crown our city's 2024 Miss New Berlin and Miss New Berlin Outstanding Teen.
- Lastly, The **New Berlin Library** will be hosting a **Valentine's Day Kindermarket** on **February 2nd from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** This Kindermarket is a fun sales event featuring handmade gift items that are both crafted and sold by kids. For information, please visit the Library's website.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Hernandez Claim
- B. Brunner Claim
- C. Bremer Claim

7. UTILITY COMMITTEE

- A. UT 02-24 Recommend to the Common Council to amend the 2024 Water and 2024 Wastewater CIP Budget in the amount of \$225,000.00 to purchase a tandem dump truck.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Hopkins
Motion Passed 6-0

8. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of (4) KH SP-2302092 Ryan's Buying LLC - 5751 S. Sunny Slope Road - Adoption of a resolution approving the Theofila Estates Preliminary Plat. ***This item was deferred at the 1/9/2024 Committee of the Whole meeting***

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Harenda
Motion Passed 6-0

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

Item 13 C was removed from the Consent Agenda.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**-----

- A. *Items under the Consent Agenda have passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole. Items not passed by a unanimous vote will be removed from consent agenda and will be considered separately.*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

11. MINUTES

- A. January 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

12. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of the January 24, 2024 Water Utility claims in the amount of \$112,586.99 for 2023 Invoices and \$19,402.89 for 2024 Invoices. Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$26,388.58 for 2023 Invoices and \$900 for 2024 Invoices. General City Claims in the amount of \$1,596,525.66 for 2023 Invoices and \$349,721.86 for 2024 Invoices. Tax overpayment checks totaling \$13,359.31 were also generated. US Bank VISA EFT of \$42,668.13 for November and December 2023 and We Energies EFT of \$53,923.85 for November 2023.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Municipal Court Department Update
- B. New Berlin Utility Adjustment of Water Rates - Possible discussion, no action
- C. Discussion and recommendation to the Common Council approval to hold the February 13, 2024, COW/CC meetings and the Prusinski appeal regarding the Transient/Short Term Lodging denial via Zoom
- D. Discussion and recommendation to the Common Council to authorize the change from a Streets Manager Position to a Deputy Director position within the Department of Public Works as outlined in the RAS.

14. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

15. CLOSED SESSION

- A. The basis for the items to be discussed in closed session are as enumerated in Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, more specifically:
 - MOTION:** Motion to Enter Closed Session at 6:51 PM. City Clerk Rubina Medina took a roll call vote.
 - VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0
- B. Deliberation regarding the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the City of New Berlin and the New Berlin Professional Firefighters Association
- C. Offers to Purchase from Bill and Alison Spindler - 15321 West National Avenue, Approximately 12,000 square feet

16. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

- MOTION:** Motion to Return to open session at 7:25 PM. City Clerk Rubina Medina took a roll call vote.
- VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Horbinski
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0
- A. Discussion and possible action re: The proposed collective bargaining agreement between the City of New Berlin and the New Berlin Professional Firefighters Association
 - MOTION:** Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Hopkins
Second by: Alderperson Stribl
Motion Passed 6-0

- B.** Discussion and possible action re: Offers to Purchase from Bill and Alison Spindler - 15321 West National Avenue, Approximately 12,000 square feet

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Harenda
Motion Passed 6-0

17. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 7:27 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Passed 6-0

***Respectfully Submitted,
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk***