



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 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

Council President Harenda called the meeting to order at 06:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Deputy City Clerk Megan Godshall took the roll call as follows:

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

Excused: Alderperson Joseph Stribl, Mayor Dave Ament

Staff Present: City Attorney Mark Blum

A quorum was established and the meeting was properly noticed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 27, 2024, Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

The Spring Election and Presidential Preference is April 2nd. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on election day. Please visit the MyVote Wisconsin website at www.myvote.wi.gov to find your polling place, view a sample ballot and much more. In person absentee voting begins at City Hall on Tuesday, March

19th from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The last day to vote early at City Hall is March 29th. Lastly, just a reminder that the next Council meeting on March 26th will be held via zoom due to absentee voting being held in the Council Chambers. That concludes my report.

B. Council President

- Congratulations to **DMS Accounting Services** located at 13825 W National Avenue for being named our **March Business of the Month**. DMS Accounting Services provide individuals and small businesses with dedicated attention that they need for both tax and services. Please visit their website for more information.
- The **Community Egg Hunt** will be held **Saturday March 23rd** at the New Berlin Community Center located at 14750 W Cleveland Ave. Hunt starts at 9:30 am. Please contact the **New Berlin Junior Woman's Club** for further details.
- A special thank you to **New Berlin Lions Club** for their generous donation of \$75,000 to our Activity & Recreation Center. This donation qualifies them for a Gymnasium & Track Sponsorship.
- Finally, the Mayor's Office is now seeking nominations of City employees for the **27th Annual John Bauer Employee Excellence Award**. Nominations are encouraged from fellow employees, aldermen or citizens. The nominations should be a written description of no more than 500 words, explaining the outstanding customer service the nominee has provided to their fellow employees and residents of the City of New Berlin. The Employee Recognition Committee, comprised of City employees from each department, will individually rank the nominations. Nominations must be submitted to Maya Schneider in the Mayor's Office by Friday, April 30th.

C. Mayor

No report

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. PARK, BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

- A.** Recommend to the Common Council approval of a contract with Kowalske Brewing, LLC. d/b/a Component Brewing to host beer garden events between June 16th, 2024 and October 13th, 2024 at Malone Park and Historical Park.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

8. PLAN COMMISSION

- A. (7) NJ LD-2400118 Hlavacek Meyer - 3045 S. Beverly Drive (Tax Key #: 1179.007) & 3001 S. Beverly Drive (Tax Key #: 1179.008) & Tax Key #: 1179.987.001) - Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of 1-Lot Certified Survey Map.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- B. (4) NJ LD-2400231 Natalie Anastas - 5920 S. Racine Avenue (Tax Key #: 12820.998) - Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of 2-Lot Certified Survey Map.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

9. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

No items

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

11. **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 Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson Hopkins
Motion Passed 6-0

12. MINUTES

- A. February 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

13. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the March 13, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$207,418.32, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$3,545.06 and General City claims in the amount of \$445,806.66. Tax overpayment checks totaling \$136,687.09 were also generated. US Bank Visa EFT of \$33,119.43 for the period of January 16 through February 14, 2024.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

15. **END CONSENT AGENDA**-----

16. CLOSED SESSION

A. The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session are as enumerated in Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin State Statutes. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, more specifically:

B. Richard Helm Release of Claim and Separation Agreement

MOTION: Motion to Enter Closed Session at 6:11 PM

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

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Return to open session at 6:20 PM

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

A. Discussion and possible action: Richard Helm Release of Claim and Separation Agreement

MOTION: Motion to approve the separation agreement in the Helm claim

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

MOTION: Motion to approve the Helm disability claim

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

18. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:23 PM

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

***Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Godshall, Deputy City Clerk***