



Committee of the Whole MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
3805 S. Casper Drive

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

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

City Clerk Rubina R. Medina took the roll call as follows:

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

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

City Clerk Rubina R. Medina stated there was a quorum, and the meeting was properly noticed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 26, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Kroupa
Second by: Horbinski
Motion 7-0

4. UTILITY & FINANCE

A. Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council approval of April 10, 2024, Water Utility Claims in the amount of \$614,918.49, Sewer Utility Claims in the amount of \$41,019.03, and General City Claims in the amount of \$986,741.04. We Energies EFT of \$84,735.94

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Stribl
Second by: Kroupa
Motion 7-0

5. MISCELLANEOUS

A. New Berlin Food Pantry Presentation

The Director of the New Berlin Food Pantry, Barb Jacob, provided a brief overview to the Common Council and those in attendance. The New Berlin Food Pantry is a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization that is entirely run by volunteers. There are no salaries paid, including the director's position. They have over 50 regular volunteers each week. They receive donations from Costco, Target, Sendik's, Kwik Trip, and Pick 'n Save in New Berlin. They are open every Wednesday for donations and to serve those in need.

Currently, they serve 40% adults, 30% children, and 30% seniors. Recipients need to be eligible to receive donations. They must show a picture identification, a utility bill to verify their residence, and proof of monthly

income. They certify recipients annually to ensure they still qualify for services, and they require a photo identification and utility bill every month to ensure they still reside in New Berlin. They have seen a 21% increase in the first few months of 2024. If someone needs help with food but resides outside of New Berlin, they assist once and then refer them to 2-1-1, who will refer them to the food pantry in their community.

Community support is vital to their success; they rely 100% on donations. They can provide Easter baskets at Easter time thanks to the New Berlin Lions Club, backpacks and school supplies to children in need thanks to Holy Apostles, and they can provide turkeys at Thanksgiving and ham at Christmas thanks to the New Berlin Police & Fire Departments. The Boy Scouts, churches, schools, and businesses organize food drives which help tremendously.

Barb reminded the Council about the annual food drive through the postal service on May 11th. To donate, place a bag of non-perishable foods in or by your mailbox, and your postal carrier will collect it and donate it to the food pantry.

The New Berlin Food Pantry has also partnered with the social workers at New Berlin elementary schools to provide classrooms with granola bars. Teachers previously funded these items for children who would come to school without a snack or breakfast. Now, this is funded solely by the New Berlin Food Pantry, made possible by generous donations.

Some individuals and families may only need help for a short period of time, and others, such as seniors on a fixed income, may need help longer. Regardless of how long help is needed, the Food Pantry is able to serve them thanks to the donations received and volunteers who lend a helping hand.

Barb was commended by Mayor Ament and the Common Council for her contributions to the community.

- B.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council approval of Resolution No. 2024-05, a Resolution to approve the Suburban Critical Incident Team Agreement

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Maxey
Second by: Hopkins
Motion 7-0

- C.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council approval of Resolution No. 2024-06, a Resolution to approve the Suburban Critical Incident Team Mutual Aid Agreement with Brookfield Fire Department

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Horbinski
Second by: Stribl
Motion 7-0

- D.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council approval of Resolution No. 2024-07, a Resolution to approve the Suburban Critical Incident Mutual Aid Agreement with Lake Country Fire and Rescue

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Stribl
Second by: Maxey
Motion 7-0

6. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:08 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Kroupa
Second by: Maxey
Motion 7-0

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