



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024 - 6:05 PM
City Hall
Council Chambers

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

MINUTES

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one participated in the Privilege of the Floor

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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

Excused: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 23, 2024 Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

No report.

B. Mayor

- The New Berlin Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Business of the Year Luncheon for 2024 on April 24th. The **2024 Small Business Award** was presented to **Fire House Subs**, and the **2024 Large Business Award** was presented to **Milwaukee Valve**. The New Berlin Chamber of Commerce also awarded the **John Ziino Civic Award** to **Theresa Sebestyen**. Congratulations to all the award recipients.
- Congratulations to **Stone + Sage**, located at 3830 S. Moorland Road, for being named our **May Business of the Month**. They are a family owned and operated business that carries a wide variety of products such as taro and oracle decks, santo + sage, candles and incense and so much more. In addition, they have healing appointments that consist of red light therapy and healing infrared sauna blankets. For more information please visit www.stoneandsagewi.com

- **May 12, 2024 through May 18, 2024** is recognized as **Police Week**. Furthermore, **May 15, 2024** is **Peace Officer's Memorial Day** in honor of all the dedicated officers who were lost to us in the line of duty and in recognition of their loved ones left behind. On behalf of the entire Common Council, I would like to thank each of our City of New Berlin Police Officers, and all Police Officers for the continuous work they do in keeping our community safe. Law enforcement is a noble and courageous vocation to which our gratitude is due.
- **May 18th** New Berlin will be hosting it's annual **"Safety Saturday"** from **9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Parking Lot, 4855 S. Moreland Road. This event will have attractions for the entire family along with education regarding various aspects of safety and wellness.
- **May 19th through May 25th, 2024** is recognized as **National Public Works Week**. On behalf of the entire Common Council, I would like to extend appreciation to our City of New Berlin public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.
- **May 19th through May 25th, 2024** is also recognized as **National EMS Week**. On behalf of the entire Common Council, I would like to extend appreciation to our City of New Berlin emergency medical service employees for being the faces of help and hope where an emergency begins.
- Just a reminder that **City Hall will be Closed** for the following dates: Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day and Tuesday, June 4th from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM for an all staff meeting
- **Monday May 27th at 11:00 a.m.**, all are welcome to attend the **Memorial Day Event at Highland Memorial Park** located at 14875 W Greenfield Avenue. The VFW Post #5716 will perform their Memorial Ritual Service including a rifle salute, flags will be distributed, dignitaries will address the crowd, a Toast to the Flag shall be performed, music will be provided by the New Berlin Community Band and much more. This event will also have a flyover of WWII planes, weather permitting. Seating will not be provided so lawn chairs are recommended – a shuttle will be available in the Cemetery for those needing assistance to and from their vehicles.
- A reminder that our **Tuesday May 28th Council meeting has been cancelled**. Our next regularly scheduled COW/Council meeting will be June 11th.
- Lastly, as a reminder, the third installment of Real Estate Taxes is due **May 31st**. Please note that reminders are NOT sent out for this 3rd installment due date.

6. COMMUNICATION

7. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Mayoral Appointments per the list as presented

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

8. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

MOTION: Motion to defer ordinance 2689

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

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: Stribl
Second by: La Fever
Motion 7-0

11. MINUTES

A. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of April 23, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

12. UTILITY & FINANCE

A. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of the May 15th, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$160,942.79, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$14,490.99, and General City claims in the amount of \$1,781,072.45. Tax overpayment checks totaling \$4,123.52 were also generated. US Bank EFT of \$31,728.90 and We Energies EFT of \$71,558.38

13. LICENSES & PERMITS

A. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of a new "Class B" Liquor License to Brunchberry, located at 4900 S. Moorland Road, for the license year ending June 30th, 2024, per the application on file and subject to meeting all requirements

B. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of the renewal alcohol license applications for the licensing year of July 1st, 2024, to June 30, 2025, per the attached list as presented and subject to meeting all requirements

C. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of an Extension of Premise application received from agent Michael Teipner for The Varsity Club for the 20th Anniversary Celebration to be held on May 24th - 26th from 2 pm to 11 pm per the attached application and subject to meeting all requirements

D. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of an Extension of Premise application received from Mary Pakula of Mary's Caddyshack for ShackFest to be held on June 29th from 1 pm to 8:30 pm per the application on file and subject to meeting all requirements

14. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Election of Council President
- B. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of Justin Schulpus as the Fire Department representative on the Safety Commission
- C. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of Ordinance 2689 to amend Chapter 152 of the Municipal Code, Licenses and Permits
- D. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of Ordinance 2693 to amend Chapter 230 of the Municipal Code, Streets and Sidewalks
- E. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of Resolution No. 2024-09, a Resolution transferring funds from contingency to the Human Resources Department Budget to contract a salary study
- F. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council to approve entering into an agreement with GovInvest to conduct a classification and compensation review

15. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

16. CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Rubina R. Medina read the basis for entering into Closed Session.

MOTION: Motion to approve going into closed session at 6:22 pm

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

- 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. Eric Kulas Claim

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to reconvene to open session at 6:27 pm.

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

- A. Discussion and possible action re: Eric Kulas Claim

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

18. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:28 pm

VOTE: Motion by: Kroupa
Second by: Hopkins

Motion 7-0

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