



Committee of the Whole MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
3805 S. Casper Drive

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next 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

Excused: None

Staff Present: DCD Director Greg Kessler, Finance Director Ralph Chipman, City Attorney Mark Blum, City Clerk Rubina R. Medina, Police Chief Jeff Hingiss, City Engineer Tammy Simonson, and Interim DPW Director Lucas Pichler

The City Clerk stated that a quorum was established and the meeting was properly noticed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of May 14, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

4. UTILITY & FINANCE

A. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of the May 29th, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$138,348.64, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$11,888.61 and General City claims in the amount of \$377,153.29

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

B. Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of the June 12th, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$11,689.59, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$70.55, and General City claims in the amount of \$364,993.56. US Bank VISA EFT of \$39,884.19 and WE Energies EFT of \$66,720.01

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

5. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A.** 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 applications on file and subject to meeting all requirements

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- B.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of a Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application to Kowalske Brewing, dba Component Brewing for the Father's Day Open House event to be held at the New Berlin Historical Society on June 16, 2024

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- C.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of a Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application to Kowalske Brewing, dba Component Brewing for the Ice Cream Social event to be held at the New Berlin Historical Society on July 14, 2024

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- A.** Finance Department Update

Finance Director Ralph Chipman provided a department update to the Council, staff and guests in attendance.

- B.** Set goals and directives for the 2025 budget, including tax levy target

Finance Director Ralph Chipman provided an overview of the anticipated budget shortfall. He presented three options for meeting schedules to ensure tax bills could be sent out on time. The Common Council liked option 3.

The Council engaged in a brief discussion about the financial situation. They expressed their concerns about the potential tax increase but acknowledged the reality of rising costs. Council members and the Mayor emphasized their commitment to fiscal responsibility and the importance of maintaining essential city services. Council members and the Mayor recognized that certain costs, such as those for public safety and infrastructure, are unavoidable and have been steadily increasing. They discussed the necessity of balancing the budget while ensuring the city's needs are met.

- C.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of an RAS for the renewal of a lease agreement with Brueggemann Farms to farm 20 acres of city-

owned land for the 2024 and 2025 growing seasons for the property located approximately at 5851 S. Sunny Slope Road (Tax Key #: 1289.997.001).

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- D.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of an Requested Action Statement for the approval of a Land Rental Agreement between the City of New Berlin and the University of Wisconsin-Madison for installation of a weather station.

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- E.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council approval of the agreement between the City of New Berlin and the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation, Inc. (PFFWCF) to utilize the area adjacent to Fire Station No. 1 and the Streets building parking lot for the 2024 Ride to Burn Camp, to be held on August 13, 2024, from 5 pm to 5:45 pm. This approval is contingent upon PFFWCF providing the City with an approved Certificate of Insurance and Liability Policy Endorsement document, both of which must be approved by the City Attorney

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Hopkins
Second by: La Fever
Motion 7-0

- F.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council approval of the "Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Services for the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin" as submitted by the City of Milwaukee and contingent on the Chief of Police executing/submitting the Agreement to the City of Milwaukee

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- G.** Discussion and recommendation to Common Council approval of Mathew Newman as the New Berlin School District representative on the Safety Commission

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm

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

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