Common Council
MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 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 speakers.

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:24 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 La Fever
Excused: Alderperson Dennis Horbinski

Staff Present: City Attorney Mark Blum, City Clerk Rubina R. Medina, Mayor Dave Ament, Human Resource Director Melissa Beck

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 24, 2024, Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk
City Clerk Rubina R. Medina stated that the next Council meeting on October 22nd will be held via Zoom as the Council Chambers will be utilized for In-Person Absentee Voting. Absentee voting also begins on Tuesday, October 22nd, at City Hall. For a full schedule of dates and times, please visit the My Vote Wisconsin website at www.MyVote.wi.gov or the CIty website at www.NewBerlinwi.gov

B. Council President
No Report.

C. Mayor

- Congratulations to **Sugar Creek Antiques**, located at 17900 W. National Avenue, for being named our ***October Business of the Month.*** All are encouraged to stop by and take a look at their wide selection of antique items and collectables.
- During the entire month of October, our **Recreation Department** will be hosting some family fun Halloween "**NOT-SO-HAUNTED HAPPENINGS**". Please visit the Recreation Department's website for further information for upcoming events.

- Additionally, our **New Berlin Library** will also be hosting many programs for all different ages throughout the entire month of October. Please visit the New Berlin Library's website for more information.
- **The New Berlin Historical Society's Applefes**t & **Beer Garden** is planned for this Sunday, **October 13th 1-4 pm** at the **New Berlin Historical Park**. This is a family-oriented free event with:
    - Fun things to do for the young and old,
    - local products for sale including apples, pumpkins, squash, cornstalks and honey,
    - tour the historical buildings and the newly expanded museum and check out the reed organ and the player piano.
    - Refreshments and home bakery will be available for purchase.
- The City of New Berlin **Community Blood Drive** will be held on **Thursday**, **October 17th 8:00 am – 12 pm** here in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Appointments may be made online or contact Maya in the Mayor's office. Walk-ins are always welcome – but remember to bring photo ID.
- Finally, as a reminder, **The City of New Berlin**'s **Halloween Trick-or-Treating** is held on the **Last Saturday of October from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m**. This change was approved by the Common Council at the April 11, 2023 Common Council Meeting.

D. City Attorney

No Report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Juan Pablo Aranda Claim

7. UTILITY COMMITTEE

A. UT-10-24 – Recommend to Common Council the awarding of a two-year professional services contract to Hydro Corp for Cross Connection Inspection of industrial and commercial properties in the Utility Service area not to exceed $67,968.00 ($2,832 per month)

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

B. UT-11-24 - Recommend to Common Council to accept proposal from Visu-Sewer LLC to clean and televise sanitary lines in three locations throughout the city in the amount of $37,375.00

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

C. UT 12-24 – Recommend to the Common Council to award the maintenance contract for Westward Manor sewer lining to the lowest responsive bidder, Visu-Sewer LLC in the amount of $127,667.00 with a ten percent contingency of $12,767.00 or a total project cost of $140,434.00.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

D. UT 13-24 – Recommend to the Common Council to award the maintenance contract for Kelly Pointe manhole lining to the lowest responsive bidder, Hydro-Klean LLC, in the amount of $54,573.60 with a ten percent contingency of $5,457.36 for a total project cost of $60,030.96.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

8. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

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 Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

11. MINUTES

A. September 24, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

12. UTILITY & FINANCE

A. Recommendation to the Common Council for approval of the October 9th, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of $21,950.11, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of $710,023.68, and General City claims in the amount of $675,891.88.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

A. New Berlin Police Department Update

B. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council of Ordinance No. 2698, an ordinance to amend Section 24-8 of the City of New Berlin Municipal Code regarding expenses of Emergency Management

C. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council of Resolution No. 2024-22, a resolution amending the 2024 Capital Projects Budget as outlined in the RAS

D. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council for the extension of the City Attorney's contract between the City of New Berlin and

Hippenmeyer, Reilly, Blum, Schmitzer & Fabian, S.C., commencing January 1, 2025, and concluding December 31, 2026.

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. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. More specifically:*

City Clerk Medina read the basis for entering into a closed session.

MOTION: Motion to Enter Closed Session at 6:33 PM

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 Police Association

C. Deliberation regarding the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the City of New Berlin and the New Berlin Professional Firefighters Association

16. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Return to open session at 6:53 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
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 Police Association

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

B. 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 Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 6-0

17. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:54 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson La Fever

Motion Passed 6-0

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk