



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2024 - 6:05 PM
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 817 2439 6352
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Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:27 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 Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa, Alderperson La Fever

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 8, 2024. Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

The City Clerk provided an update regarding the WisVote program error experienced on the first day of in-person absentee voting. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is aware of this statewide issue and is actively working to resolve it. Rubina thanked the voters for their patience and expressed her appreciation for the staff's dedication during this time.

B. Council President

No Report.

C. City Attorney

No Report.

D. Mayor

- **Trick or Treating** in the City of New Berlin is **Saturday October 26th 4 – 7 pm**. And just a reminder that pumpkins can be composted at the City's Recycling Center at no cost for New Berlin residents.
- The final Chamber's Farmers Market for the season will also be held on Saturday October 26th 8 am – noon.

- The **Fall National Drug Take Back Day** has been scheduled for Saturday **October 26th**. The **New Berlin Police Department** will once again be partnering with Froedert & The Medical College of Wisconsin to host a local drive-through event at Moorland Reserve (4805 S. Mooreland Road) from **10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** For more information, please contact the New Berlin Police Department.
- Please join us for the city's "kick off" to Trick or Treat as the **New Berlin Recreation Department** will be hosting a "**Brews & Boos Party**" at **Malone Park** on **Saturday October 26th**. The event will run from **11 am until 3pm** and will feature a Beer Garden with 1840 Brewing Company. 1848 Coffee and Flour Girl & Flame Food Truck will also be available at the event. For more information, please contact our Recreation Department at 262-797-2443.
- The **New Berlin Library** will be hosting a **Family Halloween Party on Thursday October 31st from 4:30pm-6pm** in their Heritage Room at the Library. For More information, please visit the New Berlin Library's website.
- As a reminder, the Third Quarter Water Bills are due 10/31st.
- Finally, The **City of New Berlin** will be holding their annual **Veteran's Day Ceremony** on **Monday, November 11th at 6pm**. The ceremony will take place at City Hall in the Council Chambers. All are encouraged to attend this ceremony as we honor and extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those military men and women who have served.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. PARKS, BUILDING & GROUNDS

- A.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council to authorize the removal of three dead trees on private property located at 12508 W. Meadow Ln.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Alderperson Stribl
Motion Passed 7-0

- B.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council to award the Malone Park Diamond #6 Lighting Project to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Pieper Electric, Inc., for the Base Bid and Alternate 1 in the amount of \$300,940.00, and to reject alternates 2, 3, and 4. The total project cost, including contingencies, is not to exceed \$346,000.00 from account 04252900 61118 C2024.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

- C.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council to award the Fire Training Tower Rehabilitation Design Contract to the most qualified consultant, Perspective Design, Inc, in the amount of \$96,000.00 from account 04251300 61319 C2024.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 7-0

- D.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council for the approval of Resolution 24-23 - A Resolution Amending the 2024 Capital Projects Budget to accomplish the Rehabilitation of the Fire Training Tower.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

Motion Passed 7-0

- E.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council for vendor agreement with Kowalske Brewing, LLC to conduct beer garden events on selected Saturdays and Sundays between January 2025 and October 2025, at Malone Park. This approval is subject to consent by the vendor and is further subject to the approval as to final form by staff and the Mayor.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Alderperson Stribl
Motion Passed 7-0

- F.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council to to award the New Berlin Public Library Chiller Replacement Design Contract to the most qualified consultant, IBC Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$58,155.00 from account 04251300 61477 C2024.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

8. RECREATION COMMISSION

- A.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of the vendor agreements with Field 99 LLC to provide recreation soccer programming.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 7-0

- B.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of the Athletic Field Use Guidelines for the 2025 Outdoor Sports Season.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- C.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of the Park Shelter Rental Guide for the 2025 Season.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

9. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- A.** 2025 Water Resource Management Operating Budget

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 7-0

10. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

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

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

11. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

None

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

None

13. 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 LaFever
Motion Passed 7-0

14. MINUTES

- A. October 8, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

15. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A. Recommendation to the Common Council for approval of the October 23rd, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$182,496.73, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$76,447.61, and General City claims in the amount of \$1,316,044.81. We Energies EFT of \$67,942.76.

16. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of a "Class A" Combo Liquor License to BP Greenfield, located at 16401 W. Greenfield Ave, for the license year ending June 30th, 2025, per the application on file and subject to meeting all requirements
- B. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of MobCraft Beer to sell beer at Malone Park for the Boos & Brews event to be held on October 26th, 2024, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, as outlined in Form AB-105. The application and the Council's recommendation will be forwarded to the Wisconsin DOR, Division of Alcohol Beverages, for final approval and issuance.
- C. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of MobCraft Beer to sell beer at 1848 Coffee, located at 13575 W National Avenue, for the Small Business Saturday Pop-Up event to be held on November 30th, 2024, from 9:00 am to

1:00 pm, as outlined in Form AB-105. The application and the Council's recommendation will be forwarded to the Wisconsin DOR, Division of Alcohol Beverages, for final approval and issuance.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

- A.** City Clerk Department Update
- B.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Common Council approval of the amended City Clerk Department fee schedule, reflecting a \$2.00 increase in dog and cat license fees effective 2025. This is in response to the Waukesha County Board's decision to increase the license fee by \$2.00 per tag starting in 2025.
- C.** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed 2025 Operating Budget and Set a Public Hearing Date
- D.** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed 2025 Special Revenue Budget
- E.** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed 2025 CIP Budget

18. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

19. 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:*

The City Clerk read the basis to go into closed session.

MOTION: Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:01 PM

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

- B.** Juan P. Aranda-Garcia Claim

- C.** Thomas J. Jocz Claim

20. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Return to open session at 7:12 PM

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

A. Discussion and possible action re: Juan P. Aranda-Garcia Claim

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

B. Discussion and possible action re: Thomas J. Jocz claim

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

21. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 7:16 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Passed 7-0

Respectfully Submitted by: Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk