



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2025 - 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

Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. The session will conclude at 6:30 pm.

There were no participants during the Privilege of the Floor.

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Harenda, Alderperson Stribl, Alderperson Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa, Alderperson La Fever

Excused: Alderperson Dave Maxey

Staff Present: Mayor Dave Ament, City Attorney Thomas Schmitzer, City Clerk Rubina R. Medina

The City Clerk stated that a quorum had been established, and the meeting was properly posted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 10, 2024 Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

The City Clerk announced that a statewide primary election for the Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction will take place on February 18, 2025. Absentee ballots will be mailed by January 28, 2025, to voters with absentee applications on file. If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you, please visit the MyVote Wisconsin website at www.myvote.wi.gov. Additionally, in-person absentee voting (IPAV) will begin at City Hall on February 4, 2025, at the Clerk's Counter.
End of Report.

B. Council President

No report.

C. Mayor

- Congratulations to **Prolite Sports**, located at 2861 South James Drive, on being named our **January Business of the Month**. Prolite Sports has over 40 years of experience in the booming pickleball industry. Prolite focuses on enhancements to the player's experience within

pickleball paddles and accessories. They continue to bring to market innovative and technologically advanced paddles as well as customization of paddles for teams.

- The Streets department will continue to pickup real/natural Christmas trees throughout the month of January as staffing and the weather allows. Residents should remove lights and bases from the tree before leaving it on the end of their driveway. To advise Streets of a tree pickup please contact 262-780-4609.
- The **New Berlin History Museum** will be open on the **2nd Sunday of each month in 2025**. The museum will be open from **1pm-4pm**. For more information, please visit the New Berlin Historical Society's website.
- As a reminder, Winter Recycling Center hours are in affect. The Recycling Center will be open only on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- As we continue through the Winter Season, please help keep **fire hydrants** clear of snow – clear an area of approximately 3 feet around the fire hydrant – every second counts in an emergency.
- Finally, in the wake of increased natural and man-made disasters, emergency preparedness has become a significant issue nationwide. The **City of New Berlin Emergency Management**, with consultation from the City of New Berlin Fire Department and Police Department, has created a **Emergency Preparedness Workbook & Guide** which provides step-by-step advice on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from most disasters. A copy of this workbook & guide can be found on the City of New Berlin's Emergency Management webpage.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Notice of Claim: Imperial Lithographing, Inc., represented by Attorney Anthony J. Machi
Mayor Ament stated that the two claims listed under Communications have been forwarded to the City Attorney for review.
- B. Notice of Claim: Deborah R. Miller

7. PLAN COMMISSION

- A. (1) KH Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of LD-2402701 Luke Sebald with Keller, Inc. - 12860 and 12900 W. National Avenue - 1 Lot Certified Survey Map
- MOTION:** Motion to Approve
- VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Harenda
Motion Passed 6-0
- B. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council rejection of (4) KH SP-2500053 Ryan's Buying LLC – 5751 S. Sunny Slope Road - Theofila Estates Final Plat
- MOTION:** Motion to Approve the rejection
- VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Horbinski
Motion Passed 6-0

8. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

None

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

None

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**-----

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 Horbinski
Motion Passed 6-0

11. MINUTES

- A.** December 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

12. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A.** Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council of the December 25th, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$194,209.31. Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$773,588.70, and General City claims in the amount of \$866,783.41. US BANK VISA EFT of \$31,816.14
- B.** Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council of the January 15th, 2024, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$155,804.30 for 2024 invoices and \$5,084 for 2025 invoices. Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$57,013.63 for 2024 invoices and \$1,305 for 2025 invoices. General City claims in the amount of \$627,402.20 for 2024 invoices and \$202,933.95 for 2025 invoices. Tax overpayment checks totaling \$33,738.72 were also generated. We Energies EFT of \$59,401.66

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- A.** Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council for the Director of Finance to sign the Declaration of Official Intent for the 2025 Debt Issue, not to exceed the approved 2025 Capital Improvement Budget amounts plus projected issuance costs
- B.** Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council of the 2025 Salary Table, as presented in the agenda packet, effective January 6, 2025.
- C.** Discussion and possible action to recommend approval to the Common Council to authorize the reclassification of a Facilities Maintenance Technician position to a Lead Facilities Maintenance Technician position for the 2025 budget year

14. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

15. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:14 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk