Common Council
MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2025 - 6:05 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

No members of the public (or attendees) spoke during this portion of the meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the Common Council 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 Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa, Alderperson La Fever
Staff Present at the Dais: Mayor Dave Ament, City Attorney Thomas Schmitzer, City Clerk Rubina R. Medina
Other Staff Present: Human Resources Director, Melissa Beck

The City Clerk confirmed that a quorum was present and that the meeting was properly posted in compliance with open meetings law.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 11th, 2025 Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

I thanked everyone who participated in the Primary Election and all the dedicated election officials who made it possible. We had a voter turnout of 14%. The next election is scheduled for April 1st. Absentee ballots will be mailed to all voters with requests on file starting March 11th. If you would like to request an absentee ballot, please visit the MyVote Wisconsin website at www.myvote.wi.gov

B. Council President

No Report.

C. Mayor

No Report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. OAW Sports Complex Roof Collapse Incident; Notice of Intent to Mediate

This communication has been sent to the City Attorney for his review.

7. PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMISSION

A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council for the approval of Resolution 2025-03 Amending the 2025 Capital Projects Budget to purchase two turf mowers.

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

B. Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council to award the Fire Station #4 Generator Replacement Project to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Pieper Electric, Inc., in the amount of $122,493.00. The total project cost, including contingencies, is not to exceed $123,000.00 from account 04251300 61514 C2022.

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

8. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

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

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

9. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

No items.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

No items removed from consent agenda.

11. 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 the consent agenda

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

12. MINUTES

A. February 11th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

13. UTILITY & FINANCE

A. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of February 26th, 2025, Water Utility claims in the amount of $236,561.94, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of $6,776.58, and General City claims in the amount of $1,799,427.61. WE Energies EFT of $78,697.37

14. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Common Council approval of the Salary Study and proposed 2025 Employee Compensation Adjustments

15. END CONSENT AGENDA----------

16. 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. (e) 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 closed session.

MOTION: Motion to enter into closed session at 6:33 PM

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

B. MOU between the City of New Berlin and the New Berlin Professional Fire Association

C. *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:*

D. Imperial Lithographing Claim

E. Miller Claim

F. Crosby Claim

G. Ethic Indoor Roof Collapse Claim

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:01 PM

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

A. Discussion and possible action re: MOU between the City of New Berlin and the New Berlin Professional Fire Association

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

B. Discussion and possible action re: Imperial Lithographing Claim

MOTION: Motion to deny claim

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

C. Discussion and possible action re: Miller Claim

MOTION: Motion to deny claim

VOTE: Motion by: Stribl

Second by: Horbinski
Motion 7-0

D. Discussion and possible action re: Crosby Claim

MOTION: Motion to deny claim

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

E. Discussion and possible action re: Ethic Indoor Roof Collapse Claim

No action.

18. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk