



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2025 - 6:05 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Each speaker is allotted up to 3 minutes. Please note that the Privilege of the Floor session is limited to 30 minutes total, unless extended at the discretion of the Council.

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 meeting to order at 6:17 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 La Fever, Alderperson Harenda, Alderperson Stribl, Alderperson Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa

Excused: None

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

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. May 13th, 2025 Common Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

No Report.

B. Council President

No Report.

C. Mayor

No Report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Zahorik claim was received by the City Clerk and forwarded to the City Attorney for review and further action

No Action.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council for the Review of Financial Policies 1-14

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

8. RECREATION COMMISSION

A. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of the vendor agreements with Lynn Metz to provide Taekwondo classes of Genesis Martial Arts.

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Harenda

Second by: Horbinski
Motion Passed 7-0

9. PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMISSION

- A.** Approval and recommendation to award the Fire Station #8 Roofing Project

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- B.** Approval and recommendation to approve a donation agreement for the Stanley Hall bench donation eagle scout project

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

10. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

No items.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

No items.

12. 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: Stribl
Second by: Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

13. MINUTES

- A.** May 13th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

14. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Common Council approval of the May 28th, 2025, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$14,279.78. Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$3,634.71 and General City claims in the amount of \$1,524,725.94. We Energies EFT of \$71,339.23.

15. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A.** Discussion and possible action to approve a "Class B" Combination Alcohol License for Tail Spin, LLC, doing business as Tail Spin, located at 6290 S. Martin Rd (formerly Rainbow Restaurant), with Jennifer Halverson as agent, for the current license year ending June 30, 2025, contingent upon the applicant meeting all City requirements, including, but not limited to, completion of all required inspections and full payment of all applicable fees
- B.** Discussion and possible action to recommend Common Council approval of Mary's Caddyshack's Extension of Premise application for the annual Shackfest event, to be held on June 28, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., extending into the establishment's parking lot as outlined in the application on file
- C.** Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of alcohol licenses, designated agents, and corresponding premise descriptions as outlined in the attached list, for the license year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the satisfaction of all City requirements, including but not limited to the completion of all required inspections and full payment of applicable fees

16. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Discussion regarding goals and directives for the development of the 2026 budget, including a potential tax levy target
- B. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of Ordinance 2711 to amend Chapter 238 of the Municipal Code, Swimming Pools.
- C. Discussion and possible action to recommend Common Council approval of a contract with Trees On The Move in the amount of \$84,222.79 for landscape material and installation at the New Berlin Community Center at Hickory Grove, per the attached Requested Action Statement
- D. Discussion and possible action to recommend Common Council approval of Resolution 2025-13, authorizing the transfer of \$196,254.52 from the accounts listed in the Requested Action Statement to the Hickory Grove CIP account for Phase 3 of the project
- E. Discussion and possible action to recommend Common Council approval of a request to authorize the pre-hiring of one sworn police officer in June 2025, in anticipation of at least one expected retirement in 2026, per the attached Requested Action Statement

17. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

18. CLOSED SESSION

- A. *The Council may convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate 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, specifically regarding:*

MOTION: Motion to enter into closed session at 6:27 pm

ROLL CALL Motion by: Maxey

VOTE: Second by: Harenda
Motion Passed 7-0

- B. Discussion regarding an MOU between the New Berlin Professional Police Association and the City of New Berlin

- C. *The Council may convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the City who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation or potential litigation in which the City is or is likely to become involved, specifically regarding:*

- D. Discussion regarding a potential confidential settlement agreement related to a litigation matter involving the City of New Berlin

- E. Discussion regarding claims involving Mathew Matye and Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company

- F. Discussion regarding the claim submitted by Badger Mutual Insurance on behalf of Ryann Vassallo

19. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to reconvene into open session at 7:04 PM

ROLL CALL Motion by: Stribl

VOTE: Second by: Harenda
Motion Passed 7-0

- A.** Discussion and possible action regarding an MOU between the New Berlin Professional Police Association and the City of New Berlin

MOTION: Motion to approve the MOU between the New Berlin Professional Police Association and the City of New Berlin

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

- B.** Discussion and possible action regarding a potential confidential settlement agreement related to a litigation matter involving the City of New Berlin

MOTION: Motion to approve the settlement agreement as outlined by the City Attorney

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

- C.** Discussion and possible action regarding claims involving Mathew Matye and Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company

MOTION: Motion to approve the claim as outlined by the City Attorney

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

- D.** Discussion and possible action regarding the claim submitted by Badger Mutual Insurance on behalf of Ryann Vassallo

MOTION: Motion to approve the claim as outlined by the City Attorney

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk

20. ADJOURN