



Special Committee of the Whole MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
3805 S. Casper Drive

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

City Clerk Rubina R. Medina took the roll call as follows:

Present: Alderperson Hopkins, Alderperson La Fever, Alderperson Maxey, Alderperson Harenda, Alderperson Stribl, Alderperson Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa

Excused: None

Staff Present at the Dias: Mayor Dave Ament, City Attorney Thomas Schmitzer, 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.

3. MISCELLEANOUS

- A.** A financial presentation by the Finance Director outlining funding options available to Wisconsin municipalities, specifically a municipal vehicle registration fee ("wheel tax") and a potential levy limit referendum, and how these options may apply in New Berlin. This presentation is intended to support an informational discussion among Common Council members as part of a transparent financial planning process. Supporting materials will be displayed during the meeting to provide context and facilitate discussion.

Presentation Only. No action will be taken.

Mayor Ament introduced the item, followed by a presentation from Finance Director Ralph Chipman to the Mayor, Council, and attendees.

- B.** Discussion of a Funding Option Available Under Wisconsin State Law: Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee (commonly referred to as a 'Wheel Tax')

No action will be taken at this meeting.

Mayor Ament introduced the item, followed by a presentation from Finance Director Ralph Chipman to the Mayor, Council, and attendees. After discussion, the Common Council directed that they were not in favor of implementing a wheel tax in the City of New Berlin.

- C.** Discussion of a Funding Option Available Under Wisconsin State Law: Levy Limit Referendum

No action will be taken at this meeting.

Mayor Ament introduced the item and noted that no motion would be taken at this time, but direction was needed to determine whether this should be considered as an option.

The Fire and Police Departments provided a brief explanation of their requests; however, no formal presentation was given.

The Council expressed support for Police and Fire but emphasized the importance of receiving additional information on the requested items to ensure full transparency. They also requested that specific dollar amounts be provided to clearly identify the funding needed.

4. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk