



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025 - 6:10 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Privilege of the Floor session shall not exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by the Common 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 6:14 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 (appeared at 6:17 PM), Alderperson La Fever, Alderperson Harenda, Alderperson Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa

Excused: Alderperson Joseph Stribl

Staff Present: 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 the open meetings law.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 23, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson Horbinski
Motion Passed 5-0

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

Congratulations to the New Berlin Food Pantry for being recognized as the Organization of the Month! Due to our extensive flood coverage, we're taking the opportunity to highlight this organization in October. The feature video was produced by the City and showcases the incredible work the Food Pantry continues to do for residents in need right here in New Berlin. If you haven't seen it yet, please take a moment to watch the video—it's on TV-25, and available on the City's website and social media platforms.

The FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Team will be at the New Berlin Community Center

at Hickory Grove, located at 2600 South Sunnyslope Road, in the Sunflower Room (Room 104). They'll be available starting tomorrow, on October 15th and 16th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and again next week, on October 22nd and 23rd, from 10 am to 6 pm. The team will assist residents who were impacted by the August flooding with applying for financial assistance and can also answer questions about applications that have already been submitted. For more information, residents can visit the City of New Berlin's Flood Resource webpage or check our social media accounts for updates.

Lastly, a reminder that the City of New Berlin Trick-or-Treat is Saturday, October 25th, from 4pm to 7pm.

End of Report.

Ald. Maxey arrived at 6:17 PM.

B. Council President

No Report.

C. Mayor

No Report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. PLAN COMMISSION

- A.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Ordinance # 2714, an ordinance to rezone from A-1 to R-1/R-2, as outlined in the staff report (7) KH RZ-2501137 John Jewell - Tax Key #: 1213.9964 (northeast of the intersection at Coffee Road and Woelfel Road) (Public Hearing 8/13/2025)

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- B.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve (7) KH LD-2501138 John Jewell - Tax Key #: 1213.9964 (northeast of the intersection at Coffee Road and Woelfel Road) - 3-Lot Certified Survey Map.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- C.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of (1) KH LD-2501457 Yoni Zvi - 15201 W. Greenfield Avenue (Tax Key #: 1158.998) & 15205 W. Greenfield Avenue (Tax Key #: 1158.999.001) - 2-Lot Certified Survey Map.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Hopkins
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 6-0

8. UTILITY COMMITTEE

- A.** UT 14-25 Recommend to the Common Council the approval of a Professional Services Contract Revision to Clark Dietz, Inc. for the additional construction engineering and inspection services not to exceed \$83,900.00. Total cost not to exceed \$165,700.00 for Professional Services for the entire project.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- B.** UT 15-25 Recommend to the Common Council the awarding of a Professional Services Agreement to Clark Dietz, Inc. for consulting services related to plan design, bidding and construction phases of sanitary sewer lining. Project not to exceed \$54,700.00.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

9. PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMISSION

- A.** Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council, the award of project BG-2025-05 New Berlin Public Library Chiller Replacement Project to the most responsive and responsible bidder, J&H Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$340,900.00. The total project cost, including contingencies, is not to exceed \$409,000.00.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

10. SAFETY COMMISSION

- A.** Discussion and possible action to approve the installation of a “No Left Turn” sign with wording consistent with the other regulatory signs on Sunny Slope Road (“No Left Turn, Mon – Fri, 8 AM – 9 AM, 3 PM – 4 PM”) at the middle driveway on the north side of Orchard Lane Elementary School

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

11. 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 Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

12. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

14. 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 Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson Horbinski
Motion Passed 6-0

15. MINUTES

- A.** September 23, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

- B.** October 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

16. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the October 15, 2025, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$169,111.90, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$822,038.62, and General City claims in the amount of \$914,365.11, including checks dated September 25, 2025, for General City claims in the amount of \$79,938.59.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

- A.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Common Council approval of granting a permanent underground distribution easement to We Energies, as outlined in the Requested Action Statement

- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the 2026 Operating Budget and set a public hearing date

18. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

19. CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Medina read the statutory basis for entering into closed session.

MOTION: Motion to Enter Closed Session at 6:27 PM

ROLL CALL Motion by: Alderperson Horbinski

VOTE: Second by: Alderperson Kroupa

Motion Passed 6-0

- A. *The Common Council may convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel 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:*

- B. Wirth Claim

20. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Return to open session 6:44 PM

ROLL CALL Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa

VOTE: Second by: Alderperson Maxey

Motion Passed 6-0

- A. Discussion and possible action re: Wirth Claim

No Action

21. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:45 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa

Second by: Alderperson La Fever

Motion Passed 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk