

# Committee of the Whole MEETING MINUTES



November 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
3805 S. Casper Drive

## MINUTES

### 1. 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

#### A. Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget (6:00 PM)

Mayor Ament opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM.

Finance Director Ralph Chipman confirmed that the notice of the Public Hearing was posted correctly and published in accordance with state statute.

Mayor Ament asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the 2026 Budget. None. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. None.

With no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:08 PM.

### 2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

### 3. 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 Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa

Excused: Alderperson Joseph Stribl

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

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. October 28, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve

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

## 5. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the November 12, 2025, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$149,033.99, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$13,403.25, and General City claims in the amount of \$557,448.34. Also, the October 23, 2025, General City claims in the amount of \$5,557.18. We Energies EFT of \$57,031.05 and City Utility Bills EFT of \$18,616.33

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve

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

## 6. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the 2026 Garbage Hauler License for John's Disposal, Inc.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Horbinski  
Second by: Maxey  
Motion Passed 6-0

- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the 2026 Garbage Hauler License for Eagle Disposal, Inc.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Hopkins  
Second by: La Fever  
Motion Passed 6-0

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to authorize the City of New Berlin Joint Review Board to convene a meeting via electronic means in December at a date and time when a quorum is established.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Harenda  
Second by: Kroupa  
Motion passed 6-0

- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Resolution 2025-22, a resolution transferring funds from contingency to the Streets Department budget for fire engine repairs

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Harenda  
Second by: Horbinski  
Motion passed 6-0

- C.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 , a resolution to transfer \$260,000 from residual 2016 and 2023 CIP funds from completed projects to the New Berlin Ball Field Rehabilitation account

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Harenda  
Second by: Horbinski  
Motion Passed 6-0

- D.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council approval to enter into a contract with VEIT & Company, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the mass demolition of the former New Berlin Community Center located at 14750 W Cleveland Avenue in the amount of \$107,000.00 subject to review and approval by the City Attorney

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Horbinski  
Second by: Kroupa  
Motion Passed 6-0

- E.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the appraisal service agreement with Tyler Technology, effective January 1, 2026

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Maxey  
Second by: La Fever  
Motion Passed 6-0

- F.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the proposed 2026 Operating Budget

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

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

- G.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the proposed 2026 CIP Budget

Not Discussed. No motion.

- H.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Resolution 2025-24, a resolution levying property taxes for the City of New Berlin 2026 Budget Year

**MOTION:** Motion to approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Horbinski  
Second by: Hopkins  
Motion Passed 6-0

I. City Clerk Department Update

The City Clerk provided an update to the council and those in attendance.

8. **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM

**VOTE:** Motion by: Maxey  
Second by: Horbinski  
Motion passed 6-0

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rubina R. Medina, City Clerk**