



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2025 - 6:20 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 6:34 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 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 open meetings law.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 28, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: La Fever
Second by: Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

B. Council President

C. Mayor

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. PLAN COMMISSION

- A.** Discussion and possible action (3) NJ RZ-2501502 Theodore Balistreri with PLM - 21040 W. Lincoln Avenue (Tax Key #: 1176.993) - Rezone from B-2 & C-2 to M-1 & C-2. (Public Hearing 10/6/2025)

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

8. UTILITY COMMITTEE

- A.** Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2026 Water Utility Operating Budget.

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Harenda
Second by: Maxey
Motion Passed 6-0

- B.** Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2026 Water Utility CIP Budget. Information included in the 2026 Water Utility Operating Budget.

MOTION: Motion to approve

VOTE: Motion by: Harenda
Second by: Maxey
Motion Passed 6-0

- C.** Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2026 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget.

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

- D.** Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2026 Wastewater Utility CIP Budget. Information included in the 2026 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget.

MOTION: Motion to approve

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

9. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

Item 15G was noted that no motion was made during the Committee of the Whole meeting

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

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

12. MINUTES

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

13. 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

14. LICENSES & PERMITS

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

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

15. 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.

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

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

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

- 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

- I. City Clerk Department Update

16. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

17. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM

VOTE: Motion by: La Fever
Second by: Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

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