

Committee of the Whole MEETING MINUTES



December 9, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
3805 S. Casper Drive

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:01 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:

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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

A. November 18, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

4. UTILITY & FINANCE

A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the November 26, 2025, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$510,831.08, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$177,535.25, and General City claims in the amount of \$744,835.51, including a We Energies EFT payment of \$84,961.30 and a US Bank VISA EFT of \$26,098.32

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Horbinski
Motion Passed 7-0

5. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Utility Department Update

None

B. Department of Public Works Update

Lucas Pichler, Director of Public Works provided a department update

C. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the proposed 2026 CIP budget

Ralph Chipman, Finance Director, provided an overview.

MOTION: Approve reducing the Hickory Grove Improvements from \$180,000 to \$60,000 for the elevator transfer switch

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Passed 7-0

MOTION: Motion to Approve the elimination of \$75,000 for the ARC monument sign

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Horbinski
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Passed 7-0

MOTION: Motion to Approve the deferment of \$85,000 for the Historic Park Weston House rehabilitation to a future fiscal year.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Passed 7-0

MOTION: Motion to Approve the elimination of the Gateway Park planning in the amount of \$60,000

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Maxey
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Passed 6-1 with Ald. Hopkins voting nay

MOTION: Motion to Approve the elimination of the ARC ballistic film coatings in the amount of \$111,000

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 6-1 with Ald. Kroupa voting nay

MOTION: Motion to approve the removal of the Maple Ridge Park project from the current year's budget and defer \$600,000 to a future fiscal year.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Maxey
Second by: Alderperson La Fever
Motion Fails 5-2 with Ald. Maxey and Ald. La Fever voting yay.

MOTION: Motion to approve the CIP budget, as amended, reducing the total CIP budget by \$451,000 to \$9,458,000 pursuant to the amendments adopted.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: AlderpersonMaxey
Motion Passed 7-0

MOTION: Motion to Approve a 5-minute break and return at 7:39 PM.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

D. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the proposed 2026 Special Revenue Budget

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Stribl
Motion Passed 7-0

E. Discussion and recommendation to the Common Council for approval of Resolution 25-26, a resolution for nomination and appointment of election officials for the City of New Berlin, Aldermanic Districts 1 through 7, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027, as outlined in Exhibit A

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Maxey
Second by: Alderperson Hopkins
Motion Passed 7-0

- F. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the City Clerk's reappointment of Ty Foren, Kathy Marek, and Mary Koranda to the Board of Canvassers for the 2026-2027 election cycle

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- G. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve a public hearing to be set for January 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM to be held before the Plan Commission to rezone the property located at 3820 S. Woelfel Road (Tax Key #: 1216.991.003) from A-1 and C-1 to A-2, R-1/R-2 and C-1.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: None
Motion Passed 7-0

- H. Discussion and possible action to approve the designation of the Luthi Family Barn as a City of New Berlin Historic Landmark. This item is before the Common Council after it was determined that formal Council action was not completed following the Landmarks Commission's recommendation and public hearing held on May 21, 2009

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Stribl
Motion Passed 7-0

- I. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve holding the March 24, 2026, July 28, 2026, and October 27, 2026, Committee of the Whole and Common Council meetings via electronic means due to In-Person Absentee Voting taking place in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

6. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

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