



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026 - 6:05 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.

The Mayor read the rules governing the Privilege of the Floor and invited any members of the public who wished to speak to come forward. Privilege of the Floor was opened at 6:11 p.m. Multiple individuals addressed the Common Council during this time. The Council and Mayor extended the Privilege of the Floor as needed to allow all individuals who wished to speak the opportunity to be heard. Privilege of the Floor closed at 7:39 p.m.

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Stribl, Alderperson Horbinski, Alderperson Kroupa

Excused: None

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. December 9, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

The City Clerk, Rubina R. Medina, stated that no primary election was needed on February 17th in the City of New Berlin. The next election will be the Spring Election, held on April 7th.

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 (4) GK/NJ LD-2502142 Patrick Vanderburgh with Milwaukee Rescue Mission - New Journey House - 5295 S. Moorland Road (Tax Key #'s: 1260.998.001 & 1260.998.002) - 1-Lot Certified Survey Map.

- **Suggested Motion:** *"I move to approve LD-2502142 Patrick Vanderburgh with Milwaukee Rescue Mission - New Journey House - 5295 S. Moorland Road (Tax Key #'s: 1260.998.001 & 1260.998.002) - 1-Lot Certified Survey Map, as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Plan Commission on December 8, 2025."*

MOTION: Motion to Deny

ROLL CALL Motion by: Alderperson Stribl

VOTE: Second by: Alderperson Maxey

Motion Passed 4-3 with Ald. Hopkins, Ald. Horbinski & Ald. Kroupa voting nay

B. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of (7) KH LD-2502371 George M Woelfel Survivor Trust – Tax Key #: 1215.995.001 - 2 Lot Certified Survey Map

- **Suggested Motion:** *"I move to approve LD-2502371 George M Woelfel Survivor Trust – Tax Key #: 1215.995.001 - 2 Lot Certified Survey Map, as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Plan Commission on January 7, 2026."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Stribl

Second by: Alderperson Maxey

Motion Passed 7-0

8. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A. WRM 04-25 Municipal Flood Control Grant - Property Acquisition

- **Suggested Motion:** *"I move to approve Resolution 2025-23 authorizing submission of a Municipal Flood Control Grant application as outlined in the agenda packet to the DNR and, if awarded, authorizing acquisition of the identified floodway properties and the City's cost participation not to exceed 50%, as unanimously recommended by the Water Resource Management Committee on November 18, 2025."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

B. WRM 05-25 WPDES Salt Reduction Calibration Equipment

- **Suggested Motion:** *"I move to approve the purchase of de-icing controllers, as unanimously recommended by the Water Resource Management Committee on November 18, 2025."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

C. WRM 06-25 CCTV Equipment Purchase

- **Suggested Motion:** *"I move to approve the purchase of CCTV equipment for Water Resource Management Utility Use, as unanimously recommended by the Water Resource Management Committee on November 18, 2025."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

9. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

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: Alderperson Horbinski
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 7-0

12. MINUTES

A. December 9, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

13. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the December 24, 2025, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$6,034.28, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$10,569.76, and General City claims in the amount of \$792,812.52, including a We Energies EFT payment of \$45,319.79
- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the January 14, 2026, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$960.11, and General City claims in the amount of \$183,644.97

14. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the 2026 Garbage Hauler License for WM Franklin Hauling

15. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 2026-1, a Resolution Designating Polling Places for the City of New Berlin
- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to recommend approval for the Director of Finance to sign the Declaration of Official Intent for the 2026 Debt Issue, not to exceed the approved 2026 Capital Improvement Budget amounts plus projected issue costs
- C. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the 2026 Salary Grade Table effective January 13, 2026

16. END CONSENT AGENDA

17. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 8:07 PM

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

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

