



Common Council MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026 - 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.

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. Two residents spoke in favor of the public safety referendum.

2. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ament called the meeting to order at 6:47 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 Gardner, Alderperson Harenda, Alderperson Kroupa

Excused: Alderperson Stribl, Alderperson Horbinski

Staff Present: Mayor Dave Ament, City Attorney Mark Blum, 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. April 28, 2026, Common Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Clerk

The City Clerk stated that the neighborhood informational meeting regarding the proposed Rockwell Automation applications will be held tomorrow, May 13, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with a presentation beginning at 6:10 PM. The meeting will be held at New Berlin City Hall in the Council Chambers. The City Clerk further stated that this is not a meeting of a governing body, no formal action will be taken, and additional information is available on the City website.

B. Council President

No report.

C. Mayor

No report.

6. PLAN COMMISSION

- A.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to Common Council approval of RZ-2600594 John Spitz with Western Contractors Inc. - 2445 S. 179th Street (Tax Key #: 1185.990), 2345 S. 179th Street (Tax Key #: 1185.994) & Tax Key #: 1185.991 - Rezone from M-1/SPO, C-1 & C-2 to M-1/SPO & C-2 to remove the C-1 Zoning. (Public Hearing 6:01 PM)

Suggested Motion: *"I move to approve this item as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Plan Commission on May 4, 2026."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve subject to conditions in the staff report.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 5-0

- B.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve LD-2600547 Allan Ryan Bassett - 19540 W. Highland Drive (Tax Key #: 1277.001.001) - 1-Lot Certified Survey Map.

Suggested Motion: *"I move to approve this item as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Plan Commission on May 4, 2026."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve subject to conditions in staff report

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Maxey
Second by: Alderperson Harenda
Motion Passed 5-0

- C.** Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve LD-2600333 Ken Kroeger with NBG LLC - 19470 W. Lincoln Avenue (Tax Key #: 1172.997.001 & 19400 W. Lincoln Avenue (Tax Key # 1172.997.002) - 1-Lot Certified Survey Map.

Suggested Motion: *"I move to approve this item as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Plan Commission on May 4, 2026."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve subject to conditions in staff report.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Harenda
Second by: Alderperson Maxey
Motion Passed 5-0

7. UTILITY COMMITTEE

- A.** UT 11-26 Recommend to the Common Council to award the construction contract for 2026 Private Property I/I Dye Water Testing Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Visu-Sewer, LLC, in the amount of \$167,807.20.

Suggested Motion: *"I move to approve this item as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Utility Committee on April 28, 2026."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

- B.** UT 12-26 Recommend to the Common Council to award the maintenance contract for the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Visu-Sewer, LLC, in the amount of \$488,154.40.

Suggested Motion: *"I move to approve this item as outlined in the agenda packet and approved unanimously by the Utility Committee on April 28, 2026."*

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

8. DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA, if any

10. 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 Gardner
Motion Passed 5-0

11. MINUTES

- A. April 28, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

12. UTILITY & FINANCE

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the May 13, 2026, Water Utility claims in the amount of \$130,756.54, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$87,714.40, and General City claims in the amount of \$612,605.53, including a US Bank EFT payment of \$22,012.56 and a City Water/Sewer/Storm bills EFT of \$17,947.60

13. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the Extension of Premise for Mary's Caddyshack, located at 1959 S. 124th Street, for the Shackfest event to be held on June 27, 2026, contingent upon the satisfaction of all City requirements
- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the alcohol licenses, designated agents, and premise descriptions as outlined in the list as presented, for the license year expiring June 30, 2027, contingent upon the satisfaction of all City requirements

14. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the City of New Berlin and the School District of New Berlin for the term of July 1st, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with an automatic renewal for one-year terms thereafter commencing July 1 of each year for two consecutive years (July 1st, 2027, and July 1st, 2028) with the last renewal term expiring June 30th of 2029.
- B. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 2026-04 amending the 2026 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget to reallocate remaining Fire Department Engine project funds for the purchase of an ambulance and tanker.

- C. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 2026-05 amending the 2026 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget to increase funding for the Citywide Radio Replacement Project by \$371,600.

- D. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary contracts and related documents with Motorola for the Citywide Radio Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,371,600, contingent upon review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

- E. Discussion regarding goals and directives for the development of the 2027 budget, including a potential tax levy target.

- F. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Common Council to authorize staff to proceed with the process for a public safety levy limit referendum question on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

15. END CONSENT AGENDA-----

16. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:54 PM

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

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