

**CITY OF NEW BERLIN  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009**

**Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Common Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Jack F Chiovero called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Present were Aldermen Hopkins, Wysocki, Seidl, Harenda and Ament. Aldermen Moore and Poshepny arrived late. Also present were: City Clerk Marilyn Gauger, Attorney Mark Blum, IT Director Nick Roethel, Associate Planner Amy Bennett and Police Chief Joe Rieder.

***This meeting was noticed on Thursday, April 9, 2009 in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the March 24, 2009 Committee of the Whole minutes as printed. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

**The following items will be considered for approval or denial by the Aldermen with a recommendation to Common Council on the Consent Agenda.**

**UTILITY AND FINANCE**

**Claims**

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the Water Utility claims in the amount of \$173,016.54, Sewer Utility claims in the amount of \$24,947.70 and Bi-weekly claims in the amount of \$530,194.78, all of which represents payment to vendors. Seconded by Alderman Ament.

Motion amended by Alderman Harenda to remove invoice #57694 in the amount of \$11,935.95 due to Ruckert & Mielke and pay the balance and that amount (\$11,935.95) come back to the next council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki.

*At this time, Aldermen Poshepny and Moore arrived.*

Upon voting original motion as amended, motion carried unanimously.

**LICENSES/PERMITS**

**Bartenders**

Motion by Alderman Seidl to approve the Bartender Licenses for the year 2008-2010 to Michele Scherkenbach, Matthew Foster, Michael Tarantino and Joshua Tjelmeland. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

**Outdoor Music/Loudspeaker Permit Variance**

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve the variance for the Loudspeaker Permit for Holy Apostles Parish/16000 W National Avenue for the Family Festival to allow the band to play until 10:30 PM on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27. Seconded by Alderman Moore and carried unanimously.

**Extension of Premise**

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the Extension of Premise for Michele High/Mustang Shellys located at 18540 W National Avenue for an Annual Spring Poker Run for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 10PM. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Presentation by IT Director Nick Roethel on the new City Website status and features.**

IT Director Roethel gave a brief history of the previous website and some of the issues. It was the goal of the Communications Committee to use programs with open standards which does not lock us in to any one vendor.

We now have a highly changeable site. The website is set up based on focus groups and where people are clicking the most. Navigation of the site is easier and it continues to be a work in progress as we listen to feedback to make the site as good as possible for now and the future. We want to get away from relying on paper and more towards using the self-service approach. One of the popular pages is the Property Assessment and Tax Information link which shows the tax payment amount; balance remaining and the next due date. Our goal is to reduce phone calls to city hall while still assisting customers. This was a team effort with additional assistance from Catey Barnish, Melody Styba, Karin Ambrosch and Sherri Schulpus. A special thanks to those persons. This is an investment in the City.

Streaming videos was briefly discussed and is on the agenda at the Communications Committee. The font size was also discussed.

**Presentation by Police Chief Joe Rieder for approval of the Edward R Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.**

Police Chief Rieder read the public notice which is required by the grant. The grant application is available for review by the public at the Public Safety Building and at City Hall. Chief Rieder gave a brief overview of the grant and the process required by the Federal Government to receive the funds. Waukesha County received \$140,708 that is to be divided among several municipalities within the County. This is a joint application that requires all the municipalities to approve in order to be awarded. No matching funds are required. The City of New Berlin fund amount is \$11,970. Chief Rieder indicated the grant funds would cover the following needs: items for the property room, items for the Roll Call Briefing Room and Rapid Response/Tactical Patrol Operations Equipment.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve receipt of the Edward R Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds to the City of New Berlin Police Department. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 09-08 Resolution To Release Restriction on Certified Survey Map No. 8968 (GS Enterprise NA LLC at 5050 Towne Drive) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 236.293**

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve Resolution No. 09-08. Seconded by Alderman Poshepny.

Motion by Alderman Harenda to defer. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki and carried with Alderman Hopkins and Alderman Moore voting no.

**DEFERRED, REFERRED & TABLED ITEMS**

**Disposition of Fire Department property at the intersection of Johnson Road and Cleveland Avenue/TABLED 3-10-09**

Motion by Alderman Harenda to remove from the table. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Mark Blum indicated there are no restrictions on this property per the title company and the City could go ahead and sell the property.

Motion by Alderman Moore to remove this item from the agenda in order to discuss the possible disposition of the property. Seconded by Alderman Ament and carried unanimously.

**Direct the BPW to work with staff and consultant on the 2-lane road design identified as the "2009-A Plan" per the specifications below in order to improve the roadway drivability and safety on Calhoun Road. The BPW to report back to the Common Council within 60 days/Aldermen Ament and Seidl/REFERRED TO BPW/3-24-09**

No action taken.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Alderman Moore to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Seconded by Alderman Seidl and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Gauger, MMC/WCPC  
City Clerk