

Regular City Council Meeting - Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** City Secretary Roxann Pullin provided the roll call with Mayor Williams, noting a quorum of the following Council members Present: 1) Mayor Pro Tem Erika Gonzales 2) Council Member Joyce Wolfe, 3) Council Member Beverly Felts, 4) Council Member Kim Schlichting, 5) Council Member Mike Hale
3. **Opening:** Pledge of Allegiance US Flag and Texas Flag was led by Mayor Williams. The Invocation was also led by Jeff Schlichting.
4. **Comments:**
 - a. **Mayor Comments – Mayor Williams provided the following:**
 - Mayor stated he previously spoke with someone regarding the current sequence when discussing action/discussion items on the agenda. He asked the council if they would prefer to have the sequence as follows: motion, second, then discussion. Currently, the sequence is discussion, motion, then second. Council member Beverly Felts stated that it would be better to discuss, motion, then second so they would not have to amend the motion. Mayor Walt in agreement.
 - b. **County Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Germann:**
 - The County Commissioner was not present for the meeting.
 - c. **Fire Chief Comments – Chief Strey:**
 - Chief Strey was not present for the meeting.
 - Melvin Strey provided the following:**
 - The fundraiser will be held on July 13, 2024. There will be dinner, dance, and raffle drawings. Tickets are \$125.00 each, which will admit two people.
 - Planning and Zoning Rae Flippo Howell provided the following:**
 - Fundraiser is only for those 21 years of age or older.
 - d. **City Marshal Comments - Marshal Hatcher provided the following:**

Activity report for the dates April 15, 2024, to June 16, 2024:

 - *Total Stops – 422*
 - *Total citations issued – 185*
 - *Warnings issued – 397*
 - *Truck Route Violations – 20*
 - *No/Suspended DL – 29*
 - *Speeding Violations - 75*
 - *No Liability Insurance – 11*
 - *Registration Violations – 25*
 - *Possession Drug Paraphernalia – 7*
 - *License Plate (False/fictitious/Improper use) - 3*
 - *Call for service/incidents – 2*
 - *Arrests – 1*
 - *Assist Motorist- 1*
 - *Total Citations & Warnings to Date – 799/818*

e. City Council Members Comments –

- The Community Club meeting is on Friday night.

f. Public Comments: This time is provided for the public to address the City Council on issues or concerns. **NO CITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.** Please add your name to the sign-up list **BEFORE THE MEETING.** Public comment(s) may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. You will be called upon by the Mayor during the meeting. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be directed to leave the meeting.

- No one spoke during this time.

g. Planning and Zoning Commission Comments: Rae Flipppo Howell provided the following:

- P&Z is working on a comprehensive plan and ordinances.

h. Other Committee Comments

1. PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Melvin Strey, Chairperson provided the following:

- Melvin will wait to speak on agenda item 6C.

5. Consent Agenda:

a. Discussion/Action on these Consent Agenda items to be acted on in a single motion.

- 1. Minutes:** City Council Meeting – Regular Meeting 04/15/2024.
- 2. Financial Reports:** April 2024 & May 2024.

Mayor Williams read the above items into record. Council Member Joyce Wolfe motioned to correct/change the word “trial” to “trail” in the regular meeting minutes 04/15/2024. It should read “walking trail”, not “walking trial”

Mayor Williams recognized Council Member Joyce Wolfe who moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 2, with corrections. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

6. Council Discussion/Action:

- a. November 5, 2024 Election-** Consideration and/or action for the City Council of the City of New Berlin, Texas to call/order the November 5, 2024 City of New Berlin Joint General Election with Guadalupe County, approving the Guadalupe County Election contract to elect Mayor position whose term is expiring November 5, 2024, which is Mayor Walter Williams and Alderman positions whose terms are expiring November 5, 2024 which are Alderman Member Kim Schlichting and Alderman Beverly Felts.
Mayor Williams introduced this item to the Council. Council Member Mike Hale motioned to approve. Council Member Erika Gonzales seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. City of New Berlin City Hall Building Safety Concerns and Proposed Alterations-** Consideration and/or action.

Mayor Williams introduced this item to the council. Council Member Mike Hale motioned to amend the current discussion of the \$10,000.00 construction contract bid to \$13,000.00. This \$3,000.00 increase is to add the following to the construction contract bid: removal of sliding glass door/frame it/add siding on the outside wall and to add electric to the digital sign pole located outside next to the parking lot. Mayor Williams recognized Council Member Mike Hale who moved to approve. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. New Berlin Playground Walking Path-** Discussion/Action regarding construction of a walking track at City Hall Park.

Mayor Williams introduced this item to the council. Jeff Schlichting asked if we could add outside lights on the walking path. Council Member Kim Schlichting provided bids that Jeff obtained from three separate companies. Council Member Kim Schlichting motioned to approve the bid from Coats of Armor. Council Member Joyce Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

d. **New Berlin Road Plan** – Discussion/Action of a draft road plan for the City of New Berlin and repairs on Linne and Schwab roads

Mayor Williams introduced this item to the council. Council Member Kim Schlichting provided a map of city-maintained roads along with three bids from contractors to repair parts of Schwab and Linne Road. Kim would like a long-term plan on road maintenance and asked for suggestions so she can take back to the county for discussion. Mayor Williams stated that he along with Mayors across the surrounding area will be getting together with the county commissioners to discuss future road plans and changes. Since, City of New Berlin is responsible for less than one mile of road on Linne we may consider working up a deal with the county to repair Linne Road and add sections of S. Santa Clara Road into the agreement. Council Member motioned to approve the bid from Coats of Armor to patch sections of Schwab and Linne Road. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

e. **City Public Safety Screening Camera's-** Discussion/Action regarding Flock Safety Solutions.
Website: www.flocksafety.com

Mayor Williams introduced this item to the Council. Representative Hayden from Flock gave a brief discussion on how the cameras work and why they are beneficial for the city. Currently over 7 surrounding cities/counties are using this system. Council Member Beverly Felts motioned to approve. Council Member Mike Hale seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

Announcements

8. **Adjournment**– As there was no future business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Attested by:


Roxann Pullin, City Secretary


Walter C. Williams Jr., Mayor