

City Council Special Meeting - Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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. **Comments:**
 - a. **Mayor Comments- Mayor Williams provided the following:**
 - Mayor thanked Jeff and Kim Schlichting for their hard work on the New Berlin City Walking Track.
 - b. **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.
 - Jeff Schlichting asked the council not to take action on the proposed Ordinance regarding commercial permits that is up for discussion/action. Jeff asked the council if they can amend the current ordinance that the city currently has in place for commercial permits. Jeff is concerned about the proposed price for commercial permits and would like the council to look more into the building codes.
 - A New Berlin resident voiced concerns about the Dollar General store that has announced they are building a store in New Berlin.
4. **Council Discussion/Action:**
 - a. **New Berlin Commercial Permits - Discussion/Action regarding commercial permits.**

Mayor Williams introduced this item to the council. Mayor opened the discussion regarding Dollar General. He stated that at this time Dollar General has not submitted plans/permits to Planning & Zoning or City Council for approval. He stated that he researched the water structure to see how it will affect the city. He also stated that he contacted TML and spoke to legal services. Per TML, legal services, only two types of businesses can be prevented from building/opening in the city and those are any sexual oriented business and feed lots. Other than those two, a city cannot prevent/ban/or discriminate a business from building in the city. Per TML, any new businesses coming into the city that would require a building permit would adhere to the current permit/ordinance for that city. Per Mayor Williams, the current permit/ordinance New Berlin has does not cover inspections. For new commercial buildings to cover inspections Mayor Williams presented an ordinance for commercial permits. Per Mayor, TML stated that all current commercial properties in the city will be grandfathered in and will not adhere to the new ordinance as long as they do not require a building permit for any new building additions. Chief Strey spoke about insurance vs inspection. Regarding liability issues, Chief Strey stated the city may consider looking at doing an interlocal with the Guadalupe County Fire Marshal for inspections. Council Member Kim Schlichting called to question to look at the current businesses and how the ordinance may affect them in the future. Council Member Joyce Wolfe asked Mayor Williams to amend the ordinance to add fire hydrants within 500 ft from the building. Council Member Mike Hale motioned to approve. Council Member Joyce Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote of 4-1. Motion carried.

Announcements

5. **Adjournment-** As there was no future business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



Walter Williams, Mayor

Attested by:



Roxann Pullin, City Secretary