

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 & Texas Flag led by Mayor Williams. The Invocation led by Melvin Strey.
4. **Comments:**
 - a. **Mayor Comments – Mayor Williams provided the following:**
 - **The 07/19/2024 Special Meeting agenda was posted on the city website and bulletin board located at City Hall 72 hours prior to the meeting. Courtesy copies are posted at New Berlin Fire Department, however; agenda did not get posted there. City will make sure courtesy copies are posted at the Fire Department.**
 - b. **County Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Germann provided the following:**
 - **Provided maps for residents to take. Spoke about variances that have recently come across Commissioners Court & how it can legally impact the city.**
 - c. **Fire Chief Comments – Chief Strey provided the following:**
 - **Sausage Fest successful. Thanked everyone. Received a grant for a pump truck and a free military truck.**
 - d. **City Marshal Comments – Chief Marshal Hatcher provided the following:**

Activity report for the dates August 19, 2024, to September 15, 2024:

 - *Total Stops – 153*
 - *Total citations issued – 114*
 - *Warnings issued – 137*
 - *Truck Route Violations – 2*
 - *No/Suspended DL – 29*
 - *Speeding Violations - 12*
 - *No Liability Insurance – 18*
 - *Registration Violations – 20*
 - *Possession Drug Paraphernalia – 1*
 - *License Plate (False/fictitious/Improper use) - 2*
 - *Call for service/incidents – 8*
 - *Medical – 1*
 - *Assist Agency- 3*
 - *Fire- 1*
 - *Total Citations & Warnings to Date – 1041/1301*
 - e. **City Council Members Comments – Council Member Kim Schlichting provided the following:**
 - **Thank you to everyone for your support and help with the Sausage Fest.**
 - 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.

- Wendy Salazar voiced concern about approving Ordinance 2024-004.
- Gary Friedeck voiced concern about approving Ordinance 2024-004.
- Mary Rohde voiced concern about approving Ordinance 2024-004 & 2024-005.
- Wade Pape voiced concern about approving Ordinance 2024-005.
- Jeff Schlichting spoke about the need for city commercial growth.

g. Planning and Zoning Commission Comments: Diana Strey provided the following:

- P&Z approved everything on their agenda to go in front of city council.

h. Other Committee Comments

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

- Would like more residents to know about walking track. Need volunteers to help maintain it.

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 08/19/2024.
- 2. Financial Reports:** August 2024.

Mayor Williams read the above items into record. Council Member Mike Hale motioned to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 2. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

6. Council Discussion/Action:

- a. City Ordinance No. 2024-004-** Consideration and/or action approving Ordinance 2024-004 by the City Council of the City of New Berlin, Texas regarding a variance to plat for subdividing 2.500 acres of property from 40.6000 acres of land out of the Juan Jose Guerrero Survey A-140, City of New Berlin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Being out of the called residue of that certain tract called 96.05 acres in distribution deed from Jacquelyn A. Schultze, independent executrix of the estate of Nelson Wayne Schultze, deceased to Jacquelyn A. Schultze (50% interest) on 12-20-18 in 201899028579.

Mayor Williams introduced item to Council. Council Member Joyce Wolf motioned to approve. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 4-1. Motion carried.

- b. City Ordinance No. 2024-005-** Consideration and/or action approving Ordinance 2024-005 by the City Council of the City of New Berlin, Texas regarding a request for subdividing 2.350 acres of property from 26.648 acres of land out of the Vicenta Duran Survey, Abstract No.19 Guadalupe County, Texas for commercial property.

Mayor Williams introduced item to council. Council Member Mike Hale motioned to approve. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Type B City to Type A City-** Discussion/Action regarding switching the City of New Berlin from a Type B City to a Type A City - Discussion on Dollar General coming into the City of New Berlin.

Mayor Williams introduced item to council. Council Member Beverly Felts motioned to approve. Council Member Mike Hale seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Acadian Ambulance Service-** Discussion regarding Acadian Ambulance Service


Mayor Williams introduced item to council. Fire Chief Strey would like to continue looking into contracting with ambulance services around the county to help assist. Acadian supervisor is currently investigating recent issues. This item was discussion only, no action.

- e. Order of Cancellation -** Discussion/Action by the City Council of the City of New Berlin, Texas approving cancelation of the November 5, 2024 election due to unopposed candidates.

Mayor Williams introduced item to council. Election canceled due to unopposed candidates.

7. **Adjournment**– As there was no future business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Attested by: 
Roxann Pullin, City Secretary


Walter C. Williams Jr., Mayor