

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, January 8, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 1456 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812**

1. Call to order

Mayor Ron Fladten called a regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Tony Allen, Mike Dietrich, Kevin Haller and Mo Tollman were present. Absent: Pete Olson. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Assistant Administrator Kelli Rasmussen, Dave Rasmussen (MSA), Street Commissioner Dave Hanson, Dave Armstrong, BCEDC, Kathy Splett, UW-Extension and Paul Solie. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Presentation of Barron Community Garden program (Kathy Splett)

Kathy Splett gave a presentation on the Community Garden which was established in 2015. Photos were distributed, there are 20 plots at 400 sq. feet apiece with over 2400 lbs. of vegetables and fruit being produced this year with 700 lbs. being donated.

4. Monthly Department Reports

- a. Street Department (Dave Hanson)
- b. Five (5) year vehicle and equipment replacement schedule

Hanson updated the council on Spring 2019 projects as well as completed 2018 fall/winter projects. Lastly Hanson presented the five-year vehicle and equipment replacement schedule.

5. Consideration of Claims and Bills

Motion by Tollman, second by Dietrich to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Operators License to Serve for Teresa C. McCauley for the period ending June 30, 2019
- c. Approval of annual city contribution of up to \$600.00 to compensate Andy Koehn for cropland incurred by ATV trail route
- d. Approval of donating old shed to Community Garden

Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

7. Presentation and Discussion of 2019-2020 City Council Priorities (group exercise)

Kazmierski facilitated a prioritization exercise that identifies common council goals and objectives for 2019-2020.

8. Committee Reports

Brief report on the BACC, no other reports given at this time.

9. Administrator Report

- a. Spring primary election- three candidates filed nomination papers, hence the need for a Spring primary to be held February 19, 2019.
- b. LaSalle Avenue Conceptual Streetscape Design and Downtown Revitalization Plan update- 'Plan to Plan' meeting to be held at Sterling Bank on January 23, 2019 at 1pm
- c. Recreation Director vacancy-no applications received. The Council concluded that each athletic association coordinate athletic teams/events individually without assistance of a recreation director.

10. Update of Water Tower #2 Project and status of Waste Water Treatment Facility-WWTF (Dave Rasmussen-MSA)

- Water Tower #2: MSA has submitted the request for Construction Authorization to the PSC, which have acknowledged receipt and has sent a request for additional data in which MSA has responded. Progress continues toward the property acquisition. Plans and specifications have been submitted to the DNR for review, approval is pending. The Environmental Review for the Tower Project will be submitted this week.
- CDBG- PF Application – LaSalle Avenue: the next round of applications is due May 17<sup>th</sup>. The City is eligible to apply for funding in 2019, looking to apply for funding for the LaSalle Avenue reconstruction from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

11. Consideration of 2019 CDBG-PF application for LaSalle Ave reconstruction project

Motion by Allen, second by Nordby to approve the application as stated. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

12. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1) (e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. This pertains to land acquisition for Water Tower site and an economic development proposal.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Nordby to convene in closed session as stipulated. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

13. The Common Council will reconvene in open session and may act on matters discussed in closed session and to complete the agenda

Motion by Tollman, second by Allen to reconvene in open session as stipulated. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Allen, second by Tollman to authorize, on behalf of the city, the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate land sale for potential economic development prospect.

14). Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.