

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to order

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Quorum was declared.

Commissioners in attendance: Marvin Amundson, Gene Redlich, Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

Absent: Joe Johnson

Others present: Utility Manager Rick Jari, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Mayor Ron Fladten, MSA Engineer Erik Evenson.

2. Approval of the minutes from December 10, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-1 Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to approve the December bills, including ratifying late bills, as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-1 Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports

Widiker presented the November 2018 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements. Income is down for L&W department and up for Wastewater Department. Petersen requested more information on gross receipts vs. ad valorem methods for collecting taxes. This would shift the PILT from L&W to property tax levy of all rate payers. This item will be put onto the subsequent monthly (February) agenda.

5. Plant Operations Reports

The plant operations report, profit and loss statements for electric service to City of Barron and Jennie-O Turkey Store, peak demands report and water sold vs. water pumped reports were reviewed. Jari reported electric sales increased 7.3% for the month of November compared to last year. Peak demand was up for this month compared to last month. Water loss was at 0% for the month of December.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business

Jari stated budget will be presented early 2019.

7. Update of Water Tower #2 project and possible consideration of land acquisition, appearance by Erik Evenson - MSA.

Evenson reported that the seller has agreed to sign the Agreement to Purchase and MSA is working with the buyer to fulfill a Partial Release of Mortgage. American Engineering Testing would like to do the geotechnical work on-site soon. Plans and specs are ready to go out for bid. The project timeline remains the same.

8. Consideration of subsidizing Utility cost for water fountain in Yellow River.

Kazmierski informed the Commission of the costs of the water feature. This start-up costs would include installation and two days labor per season. Motion by Missling, seconded by Redlich, to approved \$3,000 annual contribution plus labor costs (for installation) toward electrical costs of the water fountain; voice vote:

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Abstain-1 (Petersen) Absent-1 Motion carried.

9. Projects update

Jari reported that street lighting replacement continues. Metering updates taking place as well.

10. Plant Performance Graph

Jari reported all is going well at WWTP. The BOD levels continue to increase but still within limits.

11. Adjournment.

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 3:48 pm.

Prepared by Bob Kazmierski, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer, City of Barron