

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020, 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 14, 2020, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Peter Olson, Paul Solie and Mo Tollman were present. Absent: Mike Dietrich. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Erik Evenson, Police Chief Joe Vierkandt, Isaak Mohamed, Mohamud Farah, Nancy Pike and Bob Zientera. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

Isaak Mohamed addressed the board to express support for the approval of the Refugee Consent letter which is on the agenda for this meeting

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to move Item 10 forward at this time. Motion carried, all ayes.

10. Approval for submission of City of Barron Refugee Consent letter to Federal Government U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

County Administrator Jeff French appeared and explained the Refugee Consent Letter process of submission, and explained the regulation's verbiage that outlined 'local consent' to be dictated at the County level, and not at the City level. Administrator Jeff French explained that the County Executive Board would be meeting at a future date to vote on whether the County would be providing a letter to opt in for approving U.S. Refugee Admissions placement of individuals within the County. Since the City of Barron would be required to follow the decision made at the County level, a letter of consent issued to the Federal Government by the City of Barron is not a necessary document. Administrator Jeff French asked the City Council to provide a letter of support if its desire is for the County to vote yes to opt into the program.

Motion by Olson, second by Tollman to approve the submission as outlined.

Motion withdrawn by Olson and Tollman.

Motion by Olson, second by Tollman to approve the city's supporting the county opting-in on the submission of the Refugee Consent letter to the federal government. Motion carried, all ayes.

3. Appearance by Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Service, Inc

Erik Evenson appeared in Teresa's absence.

a. Water Tower 2 Project Update

Maguire Iron has almost completed their shop work. There are paint inspections occurring this week by Badger State Inspection. Steel is being delivered to the site and welding has started. Erection is scheduled for early March.

b. Application for Payment #7 from Maguire Iron (recommendation from Utility

Commission)

Motion by Olson, second by Tollman to approve the pay request to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$39,134.65. Motion carried, all ayes.

4. Consideration of Claims and Bills

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

5. Chief of Police, Joe Vierkandt Swearing-in Ceremony

Joe Vierkandt, newly hired Chief of Police, addressed the board and presented a personal statement on ethics and his philosophies, and described what has transpired in his first week on the job.

A Swearing-in Ceremony will be held at the February 2020 meeting.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of December 10th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Clerk/Treasurer attendance for the Clerks and Treasurer's Institute in Green Bay, WI from July 12th – 17th.
- c. Approval of Glenn Herrman 2020-2024 Land Rental Contract.
- d. Approval of Past Reflections Car Club field use, corner of Hwy 8 and 18th Street, for Annual Car Show on September 13th, 2020.
- e. Approval of Operators License to Serve for the period ending June 30, 2020 for:
 1. Victoria Reichenberger

Motion by Tollman, second by Nordby to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

7. Council Member Exercise – Prioritization of Capital Improvement Items

Administrator Jacobson presented the 2019 prioritization – those things that have been accomplished were crossed off and a new outline was created for 2020 improvement items. The board will consider all items and come forth in next months' meeting with their priority of these items.

8. Discussion regarding City Ordinance Sec. 56-107 C-1 Commercial District

Mayor Fladten expressed concerns with residential rentals on the lower floor of buildings on LaSalle and the difficulty in enforcing, when landlords keep utilities in their own names, as opposed to having tenants name on the account, which makes us aware when someone moves away. No action taken, discussion only

9. Approval of 2020 contract with Joel West Consulting

- a. 2020 City of Barron Comprehensive Plan
- b. General Consulting Services

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve the 2020 contract as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

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11. Administrator and Committee Reports

12. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This relates to the City Administrator 6-month evaluation.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to convene in closed session as outlined above. Motion carried, all Ayes.

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

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to reconvene in open session as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to approve the administrator compensation package as recommended by the personnel committee. Details on file. Motion carried, all ayes.

14. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Rasmussen, Clerk