

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 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, February 11th, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Paul Solie, Mike Dietrich and Mo Tollman were present. Pete Olson arrived at 6:30. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator Liz Jacobson, Police Chief Joe Vierkandt, Lisa Keubli, Tony Allen, and Bob Zientera. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

Lisa Keubli, new Executive Director of the Barron Library was introduced to the Council.

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

a. Water Tower 2 Project Update

Welding is being done weekly, MSA continues to monitor progress, with the schedule on track and finalized completion date expected for 9/30/20.

b. Application for Payment #8 from Maguire Iron (recommendation from Utility Commission)

Motion by Nordby, second by Tollman to approve the pay request to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$111,990.97. Motion carried, all ayes.

4. Appearance by Mike Romsos, Fire Chief, Barron-Maple Grove Fire and Rescue

Mike presented information regarding the department's need for replacement of the Rescue II Engine. This truck is used on every call the department goes on. Numerous repairs have been done by City staff, but the truck is no longer road worthy for various reasons. Communication is being done with Town of Barron and Town of Maple Grove for their 25% share of the cost, with the City's share being the remaining 50%.

5. Presentation by Mo Tollman – Make Music Day in Barron, June 21st, 2020

Barron will be taking part in Make Music Day, a global event. Various venues will be hosting a variety of music and artists. Information will be forthcoming. Participation and promotion of the event is welcome. Mo is working on coordinating the details of the event and recruiting more venues and artists. All events are free for public to participate.

6. Consideration of Claims and Bills

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

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of January 14th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Operators License to Serve for the period ending June 30, 2020 for:
 - i. Nicole C. Steffen
 - ii. Jessica L. Hoisington
 - iii. Sarah M. Hogan
 - iv. Ivy J. Harmon
 - v. Logan W. Blumer
 - vi. Katrina N. Wille
- c. Approval of \$300 donation to Barron Post Prom for 2020
- d. Approval of Police Committee recommendation to hire Micah Lebrun as an occasional part-time officer.
- e. Approval of Police Committee recommendation for Chief Joe Vierkandt's attendance at the Wisconsin Command College Re-Trainer in Wisconsin Dells, March 16th – 17th, 2020.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

8. Consideration of Barron Area Education Foundation podcast sponsorship

Discussion regarding fundraising project.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Olson to sponsor 3 podcasts for \$399 total. Motion carried, all ayes.

9. Discussion of Rolling Oaks Golf Course board recommendation of contract for Golf Course Hole #16 project and results of bid process

Tony Allen presented information regarding bid process and bid from Don Anczak. Bid was received in the amount of \$44,170. Discussion regarding City share of project cost of \$20,000, with Rolling Oaks' covering the remaining \$24,170, with any additional charges being the responsibility of Rolling Oaks. Discussion regarding City capital outlay budget amount determined for this project to be \$15,000.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Haller to accept the bid as presented. Roll call vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

Motion by Olson, second by Dietrich to reclass City budget capital outlay line items by moving an amount of \$4,170 out of the Comprehensive Plan Outlay to the Golf Course Outlay line items, total City Capital Outlay unchanged. Roll call vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

10. Motion to move the May City Council meeting date to Thursday, May 14th due to May Election proceedings scheduling conflict on Tuesday, May 12th.

Motion by Haller, second by Dietrich to move the May Council Meeting date as requested.

11. Consideration of proposed lease between the City of Barron and the Barron Golf Club, Inc.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Haller to accept the proposed lease. Discussion regarding terms of lease, changes to existing lease presented by Tony Allen, considerations of financial and legal matters presented by Liz Jacobson and Andrew Harrington.

Roll call vote as follows:

Nordby – No

Haller – Yes

Olson – No

Solie – No

Tollman – No

Dietrich - Yes

Motion failed.

Motion by Nordby, second by Olson to continue to study possible options for a new lease.
Motion carried, all ayes.

12. Administrator and Committee Reports

13. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. This relates to the potential quiet title action related to City property. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under Wis. Stats. §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 City Crossing Guard staff.

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

Motion by Dietrich, second by Haller to approve a retroactive pay adjustment for City Crossing guards at 2020 approved pay rate for Fall of 2019 school year services.

14. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by Liz Jacobson, City Administrator