

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, March 12, 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, March 12, 2019, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Tony Allen, Kevin Haller and Mo Tollman were present. Absent: Mike Dietrich and Pete Olson. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Police Chief Byron Miller, Assistant Administrator Kelli Rasmussen, Dave Rasmussen and Paul Solie. Larry Johnson arrived at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Hearing: The City of Barron is holding a Public Hearing regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant for Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) grant program. This project involves the construction of a new water tower. The public is invited to review the program performance and to express citizen views.

Motion by Allen, second by Tollman to open the Public Meetings. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The agenda for the public hearing is as follows:

- I. Review of program performance
- II. Citizens views on the program
- III. Other CDBG issues

Dave Rasmussen, MSA Professional Services, appeared to present materials on the above-named agenda items in regards to the Water Tower 2 project.

3. The City will also hold a second public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities (CDBG-PF). The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, to help identify additional community development needs, and to comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

The agenda for the public hearing is as follows:

- I. Identification of total potential funds
- II. Eligible CDBG activities
- III. Presentation of identified community development needs
- IV. Identification of any community development needs by the public
- V. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application, including potential displacement
- VI. Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities

Dave Rasmussen further provided updates on agenda items as specified. There were no persons present from the public to provide input as outlined in agenda item VI.

Motion by Tollman, second by Nordby to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Update of Water Tower #2 Project and status of contractor bidding

Dave Rasmussen provided the following update:

The project is out for bids. CDBG is in the process of approving an amended completion date of October 31, 2020. The current schedule is base bid final completion of July 31, 2020. The property owner has signed the warranty deed. A professional services agreement will be presented to the council for their

consideration at the April meeting. A schedule of tentative target dates for the various stages of the process was distributed, with construction projected to take place between May 2019 and July 2020.

5. Public Comments - none

6. Consideration of approval of Claims and Bills

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting aye.

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and approval of Minutes from February 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Retail License Transfer for Class 'A' Beer and Class 'A' Liquor license from GORDY'S MARKET, INC d/b/a GORDY'S MARKET, to Michael S. Polsky (Receiver-Benefit of Creditors), Alex Zamarripa, Agent, located at 622 E. LaSalle Ave., Barron, WI
- c. Approval of Operators License to Serve for Phillip R. Auchampach, Brittany N. Dennis and Lindsey A. Musil for the period ending June 30, 2019
- d. Approval of Airport Liability Insurance annual premium of \$1,284.00

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

8. Update and possible consideration of May 18th Armed Forces Day event planning

This agenda item is deferred until such time as Larry Johnson arrives.

9. Monthly Department Reports

a. Police Department

Chief Byron Miller appeared to present the 2018 Annual Report of Activities of the Police Department. Each item was discussed/explained with comparisons to the previous year. Chief Miller expressed his gratitude to the council for their continued support of the police department.

10. Consider approval of Police Committee recommendation to hire Chad Thompson and Andres Meza as occasional part-time Police Officers

Motion by Tollman, second by Allen to approve the hiring of the two occasional part-time officers as outlined above. Motion carried by voice vote, all in attendance voting aye.

At this time, Larry Johnson provided an update on the events of May 18, 2019 which will include a parade. Mr. Johnson reports he is getting positive feedback from various cities wishing to participate. Larry also explained that the expenses involved were much more than anticipated (approximately \$1800 for advertising, postage, etc.)

Motion by Haller, second by Tollman to provide funds of \$1000 to the Veteran's Armed Forces Day events. Motion carried by Voice Vote, all in attendance voting aye.

11. Discussion and/or adoption of 2019-2020 City Council Priorities

Administrator Kazmierski prepared a presentation outlining the City Council Priorities as voted on previously. These included 3 Goal Categories: Promotion of the City, ways to increase efficiencies and long-term planning. It was agreed that no action was required and these items will be revisited every few months for consideration.

12. Committee Reports

13. Administrator Report

- a. Tree Management Grant Award – WDNR
- b. April 2, 2019 Spring Election
- c. March 26, 2019 “Celebration Unity” event at the Barron High School
- d. May 17, 2019 Local Government 101 registration
- e. Recreation Director applicants

14. 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 pertains to the evaluation of the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

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

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

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to reconvene in Open Session as stated. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Allen, second by Haller to accept resignation of City Administrator and to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to begin the process of hiring replacement.

16. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Prepared by Kelli Rasmussen, Assistant City Administrator