

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to Order

President Marvin Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Quorum was declared.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnston, Gene Redlich, Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Utility Manager Rick Jari, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, CLA Auditor April Anderson, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, Waste Water Supervisor Mike Romsos and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

2. Motion by Missling, seconded by Johnson, to amend minutes to move up appearance by Harrington and Romsos and appearance by April Anderson, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

3. Appearance by Andrew Harrington and Mike Romsos to discuss and consider options to reduce loading at wastewater plant and upcoming meeting.

Discussed the excess loading at waste water plant. Agreed to work with Village of Cameron on options to reduce loading. Referred to the Joint Commission meeting scheduled for May 16, 2018

4. Appearance by April Anderson CLA Auditor to review Financials

Missling and Johnson expressed some concerns with the financials, April and Hattie will work together to provide additional information.

5. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA

a) Moved forward with water storage project and agreed to look at additional sites because of conflict with airport. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Johnson, for Option 3 to look for another site for the tower, further from the airport and look into O&M evaluation for a ground storage facility, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

b) Teresa Anderson presented 4 funding options for the water storage project. No action was taken at this time.

6. Plant Operations Reports

March kwh sales increase of 12.9% from last year mostly due to 28 days last year in billing compared to 31 days this year. Jennie-O P&L \$2,717.09 profit for the month was discussed.

7. Discuss and consider pump replacement at 14th Street Lift

Jari reported we are unable to get parts for the current style pump. The bid from Barns is the same style as 2 other lift station pumps. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Petersen, to purchase the Barns pump, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

8. Annual review of Charter

Discussed the current expenditure limit. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Petersen, to raise the expenditure limit by 25%, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

9. Projects update

Sludge removal is 2/3 done and hope to be completed by end of this week.

10. Plant Performance Graph

Jari reported all seems good except for the CBOD limits are still high, but hopefully will improve with the sludge removal. The sludge removal cost is shared with the Village of Cameron.

Bob Missling left the meeting at 5:33 PM.

11. Approval of the bills

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Redlich, to approve the WWTP vouchers and Light and Water bills, dated May 14, 2018, as presented, voice vote:

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

12. Approval of the minutes from April 9, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting and Annual Meeting

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018 for Regular Commission Meeting and Annual Meeting as printed, voice vote:

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

13. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 5:50 PM.

Prepared by Sande Hause, Office Coordinator - Barron Light & Water