

CITY OF BARRON  
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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 3:05 pm. Quorum was declared.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnston, Gene Redlich

ABSENT: Ken Petersen and Bob Missling (arrived at 3:20pm).

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Fladten, Utility Manager Rick Jari, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, Waste Water Supervisor Mike Romsos, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Redlich, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018 as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-3                  Nays-0                  Absent-2                  Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Bills

Jari reported a few late bills added. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Redlich to approve the June WWTP vouchers and Light and Water bills, dated June 11, 2018, including ratifying late bills, as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-3                  Nays-0                  Absent-2                  Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports

Widiker presented the April 2018 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements. Widiker also presented the monthly property tax equivalent payment amounts that were provided by CLA Auditor, April Anderson. The monthly payments were implemented as a request from the commissioners to eliminate the full amount of the year-end audit payment - thus providing a more accurate monthly report. Discussed if the Utility should file for a water rate case. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Bob Missling arrived at 3:20 p.m.

5. Plant Operations Reports

Profit and loss statement for electric service to the City of Barron and Jennie-O Turkey Store, peak demands report and water sold vs. water pumped were reviewed. Jari reported a 11.6% increase in KWH sales.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business

Jari reported we are waiting for the new pump for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Station to come in.

7. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA

a) Present Water Storage Cost Analysis: Ground Level versus Elevated.

The conclusion of the cost comparison is that the elevated storage would be less expensive to construct, operate, and maintain than ground level storage and associated booster station.

b) Discussion and/or consideration of engineering contract with MSA Professional Services for operational assistance at the WWTP.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Missling to accept the contract with MSA Professional Services.

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

c) Discussion and/or consideration of letter that recommends suspending wastewater collection/treatment service due to user(s) in violation of discharge limits.

Jari shared letter from MSA and it was discussed that there is not enough oxygen in ponds and bugs are dying. Temporary aerators are needed to rehabilitate the lagoons. Referred to the Joint Commission meeting scheduled for June 13, 2018

8. Projects update

Jari reported on the annual AEPEP meeting held June 7, 2018. The Utility is waiting on one more quote for Well #3 rehab. The linemen replaced some overhead lines.

9. Plant Performance Graph

Performance Graph presented.

10. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 4:33 pm.

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