

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to order

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Quorum was declared.
Commissioners in Attendance: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnston, Gene Redlich,
Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

Others present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Utility Manager Rick Jari, Mayor
Ron Fladten, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, City Administrator Elizabeth Jacobson,
and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

2. Approval of the minutes from June 10, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019
Regular Commission Meeting, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills.

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to approve the June bills, including ratifying
late bills, as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports.

Widiker presented the May 2019 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance
sheets/financial statements. She reported she visited with April Anderson, auditor from
CLA, and discussed the allocation of labor may need changing. The Commission discussed
to review the time allocation of employees in the near future.

5. Plant Operations Reports.

Jari reported on the plant operations report, profit and loss statement for electric service
for the City of Barron and Jennie-O Turkey Store, peak demands report and water sold vs
water pumped report.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business.

Setting a date for the Special Joint Meeting with the Commission and City Council to
discuss ad valorem taxation vs. gross receipts tax was discussed and the Mayor will follow
up with the City Council.

7. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA:

a) Project update (water tower)

Anderson reported the project continues as scheduled. Jari stated he talked to
Tom from Energenecs and they are ready to start the SCADA.

b) Confirm Tower Paint/Colors

The Commission discussed and decided on Option 1.

c) Application for Payment #1 from Maguire Iron

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Missling, to accept MSA Engineers recommendation to make payment to Maguire Iron as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

8. Approve Power Purchase Extension for 2028-2029 and Capacity for 2020-2025.

Jari reported on the meeting with AEPEP for power purchase and capacity. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to accept Rick's recommendation to approve purchase of power and capacity, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

9. Discuss and consider 3 entry door replacements at the Power House.

Jari presented 2 bids. Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to accept low bid from Nordby Construction, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

10. Projects update.

Jari reported the linemen are doing pole replacements, water department will be flushing hydrants. A starter needs to be replaced on the irrigation controls at WWTP. The new bucket truck was delivered and when it is completely switched over the old truck will be put out for bids.

11. Plant Performance Graph.

Jari reported all is ok at WWTP. The oxygen level was low in a pond, aeration was increased and the pond oxygen level is improving.

12. Adjournment.

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sande Hause, Office Coordinator – Barron Light & Water