

CITY OF BARRON  
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018, 3:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to order

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. Quorum was declared. Commissioners in Attendance: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnson, Gene Redlich and Bob Missling.

Commissioner attending remotely: Ken Petersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Utility Manager Rick Jari, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Mayor Ron Fladten, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, Office Coordinator Sande Hause and Bob Zientara with Barron News-Shield.

2. Approval of the minutes from September 13, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2018, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5                      Nays-0                      Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills.

Motion by Missling, seconded by Johnson, to approve the October bills, including ratifying late bills, as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-5                      Nays-0                      Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports.

Widiker presented the August 2018 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements.

5. Plant Operations Reports.

The plant operations report, profit and loss statements for electric service to City of Barron and Jennie-O Turkey Store, peak demands report and water sold vs. water pumped reports were reviewed.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business.

Jari contacted the Auditors to look into Electric, Water and Waste Water preliminary proposal for rate adjustments. They acknowledged the request and will look into it.

7. Discuss and consider Sewer Forgiveness for 107 W. LaSalle Avenue.

Letter from Mike Townsend at 107 W. LaSalle Avenue requesting sewer forgiveness was discussed. Missling mentioned looking into having a minimum amount forgiven, no action taken at this time. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Redlich, to forgive sewer charge of \$12.64 at 107 W. LaSalle Avenue, voice vote:

Ayes-5                      Nays-0                      Motion carried.

8. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA:

a. Water Tower #2 update

Anderson reported that MSA is still in the process of the property acquisition and the next step is the appraisals. They are working on the tower design and the SCADA is in progress.

b. WWTP update

Anderson reported working on capacity revisions and the Barron/Cameron Joint meeting was discussed.

9. Discuss and consider hiring new apprentice lineman.

Jari reported that 4 candidates were interviewed and Chris Nohelty was selected. Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to recommend hiring Chris Nohelty, voice vote:

Ayes-5            Nays-0            Motion carried.

Bob Zientara left the meeting at 3:55 pm.

10. Projects update.

Jari reported the linemen finished putting in a house service. The November 12 meeting is on an observed holiday, the meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 13.

11. Plant Performance Graph.

Jari reported everything looks good, flows going down for SAIP. BOD's for Barron going down. The new irrigation was installed and ran well.

12. **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 wage recommendations from the Personnel Wage and Negotiation Committee.**

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Missling, to convene in closed session, roll call vote: Amundson-aye, Johnson-aye, Redlich-aye, Missling-aye, Petersen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Missling, to reconvene in open session act on matters discussed in closed session, voice vote:

Ayes-5            Nays-0            Motion carried.

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen to approve Personnel and Wage Negotiation Committee recommendation to employ Office Coordinator to full-time status effective immediately and upon Council approval, voice vote:

Ayes-5            Nays-0            Motion carried.

13. Adjournment.

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 5:07 PM