

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018, 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, October 9, 2018, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Tony Allen, Mike Dietrich, Kevin Haller, Peter Olson and Mo Tollman were present. Absent: None. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Assistant Administrator Kelli Rasmussen, Bob Zientera, Teresa Anderson and Craig Anderson (arrived at 6:50 p.m.). Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Mr. Kenneth “Kenny” J. Miller

Mayor Fladten read a proclamation in recognition of Mr. Miller’s 100th Birthday.

This will be presented at a celebration on October 28th.

Motion by Olson, second by Tollman to approve the proclamation as read. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Opening and consideration of sealed bids for the 2001 Dodge Ram and the 1967 Ford F-600

Motion by Olson, second by Tollman to approve the high bids:

Dodge - \$525

Ford - \$375

DeLynn Toews was the winning bidder on both vehicles. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Presentation of Annual Financials of the Barron Golf Club, Inc.

Alderman Tony Allen of the Barron Golf Board presented the annual financial status of the club.

Due to the club being a 501.(C)7, they had to switch from calendar year financials to fiscal year. The 2018 profit thus far is \$15,173.26.

6. Update summary of the Water Tower #2 Project and the Waste Water Treatment Facility-WWTF – Teresa Anderson-MSA Professional Services

- Water Tower 2: Continuing to work on property accusation, working on SCADA design to integrate the new tower controls with the rest of the water system. Will be submitting an Intent to Apply and Priority Evaluation Ranking Form which will need to be to Wisconsin DNR by the end of this month to make the project eligible for funding from the Safe Drinking Water Loan in the next fiscal year.
- Anderson Park Drainage Improvements: Bjugstad Enterprises has submitted a request for a progress payment. Rainy/cold weather has caused major delays but anticipating completion within a few days once the weather allows.
- Barron-Cameron WWTF: Continuing to meet effluent limits. MSA is working to complete the energy analysis of the WWTF which will mostly be funded by Focus on Energy and is to the FoE on December 1.

7. Consideration of Pay Request #1 for the Anderson Park drainage improvements.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to approve the Pay Request #1 for the Anderson Park drainage project in the amount of \$46,796.03. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all present voting Aye.

8. Consideration of approval of Claims and Bills

Motion by Tollman, second by Dietrich to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all present voting Aye.

9. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Operators License to Serve for Brandon P. Gehling, Alyssa M. Hassel, Patrick J. Baker, Amber K. Nickell, and Kira J. Hansen for the period ending June 30, 2019
- c. Approve authorization of the use of the field at the corner of 18th Street and HWY 8 for Annual Car Show and Swap Meet by the Past Reflections Car Club on Sunday, September 15, 2019.
- d. Approval of Utility Commission recommendation to hire Chris Nohelty as Full-Time Apprentice Lineman
- e. Confirmation of Mayoral appointment and Police Committee recommendation to hire Matthew Schnider as an occasional Part-time Police Officer
- f. Approval of City Administrator's recommendation to hire Molly Boe as Pool Manager for the 2019 season
- g. Approval of extending Industrial Park Land Listing Contract between Real Estate Solutions and the City of Barron through 2019

Motion by Dietrich, second by Haller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote – all present voting aye.

10. Consideration of terms of Farmland Rental lease of tillable lands known as “Industrial Park/Airport” between the City of Barron and Arvid Herrman.

Motion by Haller, second by Allen to approve a Five (5) Year contract between the City of Barron and Arvid Herrman in the amount of \$50 per acre/per year. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

11. Update of Airport Inspections and consideration of Airport Committee recommendation that the City of Barron provide 20% matching funds of the Department of Transportation/Bureau of Aeronautics Airport Improvement Aid toward purchasing mowing equipment

Moved by Allen, second by Olson to move Item 11 to follow Item 12 in the interest of waiting for Craig Anderson so arrive. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

12. Consider proposed levy and priority capital outlay projects for the 2019 City of Barron Budget

Following discussion of the budget, motion was made by Olson, second by Tollman to return to Item 11 with the arrival of Craig Anderson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Fladten expressed his appreciation to Airport Manager Anderson for his efforts. The manager reported that all fire inspections of the hangars have been completed to the satisfaction of Fire Chief Mike Romsos. Two mowers are being considered at this time, each a Toro from MTI Distributing. The first being a mower only with a 10 ½ - 11' mowing deck for the amount of \$80,784. Also, being considered is a Toro with a 16' mowing deck which includes a snowblower attachment for an approximate cost of \$112,000.

Craig Anderson stated that he would not recommend the snowblower without having it onsite and determining how it handles the snow at the airport.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to approve that the City of Barron provide 20% matching funds of the Department of Transportation/Bureau of Aeronautics Airport Improvement Aid toward purchasing mowing/snow blowing equipment not to exceed \$23,000. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, 1 nay (Haller voting nay).

Returning to Item 12:

Administrator Kazmierski presented a power point of the budget outlining four options of levy increases as well as the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for discussion.

Motion by Allen, second by Olson to reduce CIP Item: "Gateway Signage" from \$90,000 to \$40,000 in the interest of meeting levy constraints. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to approve the 2% option in a levy increase. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all ayes.

13. The Council may convene in closed session proceedings under WI § 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation date 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 Olson, second by Dietrich to convene in closed session as outlined above. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

14. The Council will reconvene in open session and may act on matters discussed in closed session and to complete the agenda.

Motion by Nordby, second by Olson to reconvene in open session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Allen, second by Nordby to approve the Wage Committees proposals as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all ayes.

15. Committee Reports

16. Administrator Report:

- a. 2019 projected Health Insurance Rates-projected at 3.9% increase.
- b. RFP for Community Branding-RFP developed to elicit bid for new community brand/logo
- c. BACC loan repayment-BACC has agreed to increase payments to fully cover interest on loan and will begin paying down both principal in interest in by 2022.
- d. MSA fundraiser for playground equipment-raised \$606.10

17. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Rasmussen, Assistant Administrator