

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 3:07 p.m. Quorum was declared. Commissioners in Attendance: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnson, Gene Redlich, Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

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 and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

2. Approval of the minutes from October 8, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion by Missling, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2018, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills

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

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports

Widiker presented the September 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. Jari reported the purchased power was up 4% compared to last year.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business

Jari reported the apprentice lineman was hired. The Bucket truck's completion date is the end of February 2019. The OCR replacement job started today.

7. Discuss and consider amendment for property acquisition, appearance by Teresa Anderson – MSA

Anderson reported the property owner requested to sell 3 acres rather than the 0.52. Motion by Redlich, seconded by Amundson, to approve the amendment.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

8. Discussion of 2019 Budget

Jari to present budget early 2019 (after meeting with auditors). He is waiting on the auditors for a preliminary proposal for rate adjustments, it was noted that this may need to be done after the new tower completion.

9. Discussion of the APPA Conference

Jari stated Barron Light & Water is a member of MEUW, not APPA, and usually attend the MEUW Conference.

10. Projects update

Jari reported pump house #3 rehab is in progress. There is a crack in the bowl and this will be replaced. The 18th street lift pump was replaced. A blower motor broke down and will be replaced. The Focus on Energy assessment was performed at the WWTP and waiting for the results.

11. Plant Performance Graph

Jari reported everything going well. Cameron flow is up just a bit.

12. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 3:50 PM

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