

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR**  
**MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, November 13, 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, November 13, 2018, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Tony Allen, Mike Dietrich (arrived at 7:10p.m.) 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, Jeremy Boe, Teresa Anderson, Bob Zientera and Judith Evitch. Dave and Karen Schoonover arrived at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Appreciation of Public Agencies and volunteers regarding Closs Family Tragedy

Mayor Fladten expressed his appreciation for all efforts that have been put forth in the search for missing 13-year-old Jayme Closs and stated that the search will not end until Jayme is found.

4. Monthly Department Reports:

a. Water Department – Jeremy Boe

Mr. Boe read a listing of national water system statistics and reported that in comparison to national averages, Barron is sitting in a good position. We currently have 4 wells, 1 of which is offline at this time for routine maintenance and inspection and should be back and running by early December. We average 3 water main breaks per year, again lower than the national average.

5. Consideration of approval of new/annual Taxi Cab License to Judith A. Evitch, d/b/a Arrow Taxi & Delivery, LLC

Judith Evitch addressed the board to explain her reasoning for requesting a taxi cab license in the city of Barron.

Motion by Nordby, second by Olson to approve a new/annual Taxi Cab License to Judith A. Evitch, d/b/a/ Arrow Taxi & Delivery, LLC. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Haller, second by Olson to move Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10 for action before Item 6 and 7. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. Update summary of Water Tower #2 Project and Waste Water Treatment Facility-WWTF (Teresa Anderson-MSA Professional Services)

Water tower 2:

MSA has submitted the request for Construction Authorization to the PSC which have acknowledged receipt and the project has been assigned a docket number. MSA has also

submitted a high structure application to the Bureau of Aeronautics. They have requested additional information which they've been provided. MSA is working with utility staff to make sure the SCADA improvements match the City's needs. Progress continues towards property acquisition. On track to submit a Safe Drinking Water Loan Application to DNR before June 30, 2019.

Barron-Cameron WWTF:

MSA is working on the Energy Assessment associated with the Focus on Energy grant, and per the grant conditions, intend to complete the report by the end of November.

Anderson Park Drainage Project:

Storm sewer has been installed, grading is complete and topsoil, seed and mulch have been spread.

9. Consideration of Change Order #1 for the Anderson Park drainage improvements.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to approve the Change Order #1 for the Anderson Park drainage improvements. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

10. Consideration of Pay Request #2 for the Anderson Park drainage improvements.

Motion by Nordby, second by Tollman to approve the Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$14,149.58 for the Anderson Park drainage improvements. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

6. 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing on City of Barron proposed 2019 Budget

Motion by Allen, second by Tollman to open a Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to close the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. due to no one present from the public. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2018-07; Formal Adoption of 2019 City Budget and Tax Levy

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to approve RESOLUTION 2018-07 formally adopting the 2019 City Budget and Tax Levy. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

11. Consideration of Approval of Claims and Bills

Motion by Nordby, second by Tollman to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

12. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Original Application for Class 'B' Beer and Class 'B' Liquor license from Oaks Legacy, LTD, d/b/a ROLLING OAKS SUPPER CLUB & LOUNGE, and David Schoonover, as Agent, located at 450 W. Division Avenue, Barron, WI
- c. Approval of Operators License to Serve for Tina M. Gassama, for period ending June 30, 2019
- d. Approval of Temporary Class 'B' Picnic Beer License for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event (Barron Snow Bears) on December 1, 2018 at 471 N. Mill Street

- e. Approval of Chief Byron Miller and Assistant Chief Mike Freeman to attend the 2018 Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association/Fourth Class City's, Villages and Townships Mid-winter Training Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI, February 10-13, 2019
  - f. Approval of adding Street Lighting (1) to Mill Street Alley (adjacent to Riverview School Parking Lot) per neighbor and school requests.
  - g. Acceptance of Park & Recreation Director (David Smith) effective February 28, 2019
- Motion by Tollman, second by Nordby to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

13. Discussion of process and recommendation toward appointed Park & Recreation Director position

The current Park and Recreation Director, Dave Smith, has submitted his resignation effective February, 2019. Administrator Kazmierski has been directed to place an ad in the local paper to fill this position.

14. Discussion and consideration of application toward WDNR Tree Inventory Program

Motion by Tollman, second by Haller to approve the application toward the WDNR Tree Inventory Program.

Alderman Mike Dietrich arrived at this time (7:10 p.m.)

Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

15. Consideration of Police Committee recommendation to accept a bid from Swant Graber Motors to replace the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe

Motion by Olson, second by Allen to approve the recommendation of the Police Committee and accept the bid from Swant Graber Motors to replace the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe with a 2019 F-150 at a cost (after trade-in) of \$28,680. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

16. Consideration of the Police Committee recommendation to accept a bid from Air Communications for equipment and installation of new squad car.

Motion by Allen, second by Haller to approve the recommendation of the Police Committee to accept the bid from Air Communications for equipment and installation of new squad car at a total cost of \$7,035. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

17. Consideration of recommendation by the Insurance Committee to Renew 2019 Health Plan-Option 4 (Embedded) with the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium-WEA Trust

Motion by Allen, second by Tollman to approve the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and renew the 2019 Health Plan-Option 4 (Embedded) with the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium-WEA Trust. Motion carried by Roll Call vote, all in attendance voting aye.

18. Consideration of recommendation by the Insurance Committee to maintain City's contribution to existing HSA accounts (single and family)

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve the recommendation of the Insurance Committee to maintain the City's contribution to existing HSA accounts (single and family). Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

19. Committee Reports

Council members had little to report either due to no meetings held, missed meetings or information being shared in prior discussions. Council President Nordby expressed his desire for more consistent committee meetings. The possibility of regular updates from department heads (street commissioner, etc.) was considered.

20. Administrator Report:

- a. November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election & Nomination Papers
- b. Status of RFP's
- c. Evaluation of 2017-2018 City Council Priorities & Issue Identification Homework
- d. Barron / Maple Grove Fire Department Annual Fall Dinners (November 12 and December 17<sup>th</sup>)

David and Karen Schoonover, new owners of Rolling Oaks Restaurant, had arrived at 7:00 and were introduced to the council after the Administrator's report.

21. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by Kelli Rasmussen, Assistant Administrator