

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held on March 10, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: none. Others present: Andrew Harrington, Byron Miller, Floyd Lunde, Susan Queiser, Amanda Queiser, Craig Broeren, Mark Berger, Nancy Murray, Kelli Brunkow, Lexi Brunkow, Jada Brunkow, Demil Richter, Guy Redfield, Charlene Gilbertson and Keith Kappel.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor David Vruwink.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

Pastor Floyd Lunde started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Allen to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of February 10, 2015.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of Lori K. Balts as Agent for Cenergy, LLC., 7 South Mill Street, Barron and Gwendolyn R. Anderson as Agent for Mega CO-OP, 622 E. LaSalle Avenue, Barron.
- d. Approval of an operator license for Sabrina Norwood for the period ending June 30, 2015.
- e. Approval of the use of the lot west of Wayside Cemetery by Arvold Chiropractic for landing a helicopter on March 28, 2015 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson.

Voting against: none. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Craig Broeren, District Administrator of the Barron Area School District appeared to discuss a possible replacement of the existing tennis courts. The school district is willing to partner with the City of Barron and split the costs of a project 50-50. Other speakers urged the city council to proceed with a project citing the current condition of the tennis courts. Most speakers favored re-building the courts in the same location.

Some of the council members felt we should address the space in the park and consider in addition to tennis courts having a basketball court, sliding hill and a skating rink.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Thompson to table action this evening on the tennis court project. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Craig Broeren explained how school finance works in general and discussed the school district's approach to spending.

Sue Queiser, Library Director appeared to update members of the city council on the proposed improvements to the library. Sue handed out a sheet for phase one of the feasibility study which included history, purpose and a timeline. Funds are available for this phase of said project.

Byron Miller, Chief of Police appeared and presented the 2014 annual report.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Nordby to approve the renewal of the airport liability insurance policy with Erickson Agency at an annual cost of \$1,622.00 as outlined in their letter dated February 23, 2015. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Allen to approve the request dated March 4, 2015 from Charlie Haapala for performing the traffic signal rework/relocation as required to widen Division Avenue as requested by the Wisconsin DOT as part of the CVS Pharmacy project. Motion carried 5 ayes, 1 naye. (Haller voting naye).

The cost for the work outlined above will be recovered from the increments in TIF # 4 over time.

Committee reports of meetings held since last month were given at this time.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Tollman to adjourn into closed session at 8:20 p.m. as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating the purchase of public properties.

Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson.

Voting against: none. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Present for the closed session: Vruwink, Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen, Thompson, Harrington and Slagstad.

Discussion took place on whether or not the city should pursue purchasing property at this time. No action was taken.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Haller to adjourn the closed session at 9:00 p.m. and return to open session and adjourn. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk