

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held August 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. 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, Mark Klein, Aaron Weber, Jeremy Griesbach, Craig Broeren, Jen Clemens, Scott Stralka, Paul Solie, Susan Queiser, Vance Powers and Robert Zientara.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor David Vruwink.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

Aldersperson Maureen Tollman started the meeting with a meditation.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Craig Broeren, Superintendent of Schools appeared to introduce the two new principals whom were recently hired at the Barron Area School District: Jen Clemens, Woodland Elementary School and Scott Stralka, Riverview Middle School. Ms. Clemens and Mr. Stralka both spoke about their background in education.

Jeremy Griesbach, President of Development for BriMark Builders, LLC. and Aaron Weber, representing the Barron Development Corporation appeared to update members of the city council on the proposed Cobblestone hotel project. The project developers intend to purchase property from Justin Olson and the First Baptist Church for the hotel. They propose to acquire property from the city in the existing golf course parking lot and in exchange for that property will purchase property from the church (east of the existing cart sheds) to be used for golf course parking. A hand-out was reviewed for the project. The city will hire a surveyor to do a site plan and certified survey map. Mr. Griesbach requested that a TIF district be created to assist in the development of the project.

Vance Powers, P.E. with SEH appeared to explain a change to our existing contract with them. For many years we paid \$200.00 per month for a retainer which included attendance at meetings. SEH is proposing to eliminate the monthly charge and replace it with a time and material charge which should save the city money.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Dietrich to authorize Mayor David Vruwink to sign the master agreement effective June 9, 2015 between the City of Barron and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. which reflects this change. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Haller to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes of July 14, 2015.
- b. Approval of the bills.

- c. Approval of an operator license for Emily Dau, Ema Johnson and Sasha Provencial for the period ending June 30, 2016.
- d. Approval of granting permission to the Barron High School Class of 1975 to drink fermented malt beverages until midnight on Saturday, September 19, 2015 in Anderson Park.
- e. Approval of a beer permit to St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the 2015 Fall Fest in Anderson Park on Friday, September 11, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 12, 2015 from noon to 11:00 p.m. with permission to have live music until 10:00 p.m. on both evenings.
- f. Approval to authorize the sale of the old asphalt patching kettle to Wirth Bros. Excavating at a cost of \$500.00 as recommended by the Street Committee.
- g. Authorize city officials to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities 2015 annual conference in Milwaukee on October 28-30, 2015.
- h. Approval of the request of Tony Slagstad, City Clerk-Treasurer to attend the fall state treasurer's conference in LaCrosse on September 24-25, 2015.
- i. Approval to set aside \$200,000.00 towards the city share of street improvements for South Third Street and South 6<sup>th</sup> Street which is scheduled for 2016 construction.
- j. Approval of the request to have music until 11:00 p.m. and beer until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015 in the Anderson park shelter for a wedding reception.

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

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

Mayor Vruwink received a request on the suggestion to purchase flashing stop signs at the four way stop on LaSalle Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Thompson to deny the request for flashing stop signs as outlined above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Vruwink requested support from the City Council to request that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation raise the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. on Highway 25 from the southern city limits to Wisconsin Avenue. Mayor Vruwink reported that he has had many objections to the current 25 m.p.h. speed limit.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Dietrich to approve the recommendation of Mayor Vruwink and to request that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation raise the speed limit from 25 to 35 m.p.h. on South Mill Street from the southern city limits north to Wisconsin Avenue. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Kevin Haller and Mark Thompson will serve with Mayor David Vruwink on the 2016 wage negotiation committee along with Joe Johnson and Randy Severson from the utility commission.

A meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at city hall on Wednesday, August 26th with some engineering firms to discuss our South 3rd & 6<sup>th</sup> Street projects scheduled for 2016 construction. The street committee would like to include widening LaSalle Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street which would reduce the likelihood of vehicular accidents.

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk