

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Maureen Tollman, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: none. Others present: Andrew Harrington, Susan Queiser, Susan Wojtkiewicz, Mark Klein and Robert Zientara.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

Mayor David Vruwink started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

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

- a. Approval of the minutes of September 8, 2015 and September 24, 2015.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of the joint purchase of the used wood chipper with the electric department with our share \$13,500.00.
- d. Authorize the use of the field next to the cemetery located at the north-east corner of 18th Street and USH 8 for the annual car show and swap on Sunday, September 11, 2016 by the Past Reflections Car Club.
- e. Approval of the Police Committee recommendation to authorize sending Byron Miller, Chief of Police and Mike Freeman, Assistant Chief of Police to the 2016 Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association/Fourth Class Cities, Villages and Townships Mid-Winter Training Conference, in Wisconsin Dells on February 7-10, 2016.
- f. Approval of the Police Committee recommendation to hire David Hibbard as an occasional part-time police officer.
- g. Approval of operator licenses for Jessica L. Powers, Christopher J. Johnson and Mark W. Klein for the period ending June 30, 2016.

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

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

Susan Wojtkiewicz, P.E. with SEH appeared to seek approval of the following tasks:

- a. Apply for the WDNR permit for a new outfall for drainage and also provide biddable plans.
- b. Providing biddable plans for the four bay tennis courts.

- c. Preparing the City of Barron Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- d. Preparing the application for the DNR Stewardship Grant fund.

A telephonic conference call was held with David Carlson of SEH regarding the five year outdoor recreation plan which would allow the city to apply for funding assistance to construct park improvements. This task would cost \$4,000.00 for the plan plus a fee to apply for said grants.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Thompson to approve the proposal dated October 13, 2015 from SEH for preparing plans and specifications for a new stormwater outfall at Anderson Park at a cost of \$5,300.00 and to table the proposals for the outdoor recreation plan and the plans and specs for a tennis court. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Discussion took place on the recommendation of the Plan Commission to vacate that portion of Grace Avenue, an East-West Street running from 18th Street west to the middle of the vacated portion of 17th Street. This recommendation came as a result of a request from United Ag Cooperative, owner of the property on both sides of the street which is proposed to be vacated.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Tollman to introduce the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City of Barron, Barron County, Wisconsin, to abandon Grace Avenue, an East-West street running from 18th Street west to the middle of the vacated portion of 17th Street in the Plat of Riverview Addition to the City of Barron, and

WHEREAS, Notice of Hearing on abandonment of said street is required by law.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby instructed to give proper notice that such resolution is pending before the Common Council and is to be acted upon on the 8th day of December, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Barron City Hall.

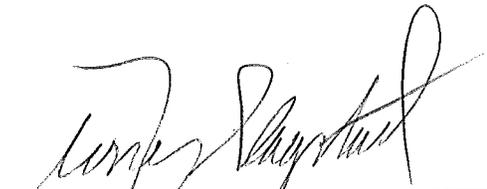
Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Haller to approve the amended and restated easement agreement between the City of Barron and CVS 10772 WI and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said agreement on behalf of the City of Barron. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

The proposed 2016 City of Barron budget was reviewed. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. It was agreed to raise the park outlay budget from \$17,500. to \$40,000. If approved, the city tax levy will increase by 2% or \$23,123.

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.



Tony Slagstad, City Clerk