

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held November 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: Rod Nordby (arrived at 6:20 p.m.). Others present: Andrew Harrington, Lisa Scamehorn, Susan Queiser, Craig Broeren, Vance Powers, Marshall Powers 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 was taken and a quorum was declared.

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

- a. Approval of the minutes of October 13, 2015.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of Alex Zamarripa as the agent for Mega Co-Op, 622 East LaSalle Avenue, Barron, Wisconsin.
- d. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of Gerald Juve as an alternate member of the Board of Appeals.
- e. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of Mark Klein to the library board.

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

Voting against: none. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Lisa Scamehorn, CEBS with Strategic Employee Benefit Services of the Bohannon Group appeared to review the recommended health insurance plan for the City of Barron with an effective date of December 1, 2015.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Haller to go with the Medica plan as of December 1, 2015 with blended rates as follows: single plan \$800.00 per month and a family plan \$2,100.00 per month with the same employee contribution (10% in town and 13% out of town) and a city/utility contribution of \$750.00 per year towards a single plan and \$1,500.00 towards a family plan paid quarterly. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Rod Nordby arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Discussion took place on the proposed standard six (6) bay tennis court to be located north of the Yellow River between Kittleson field and the soccer field and south of East Birch Avenue. The proposal should include engineering, site preparation, gravel base course for 3" asphalt pavement, fencing, net posts and color system. The Barron Area School District will pay 2/3 of the cost with the city paying 1/3 of the cost. Originally, the costs were going to be split 50-50 on a four bay court and the school district has recommended a six bay court. There was no objection if the school district would like to pay the city \$75,000.00 on or before June 30, 2016 as a down payment on their share of said project.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Tollman to advertise for a four and a six bay tennis court and request that the project be complete no later than August 1, 2016. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Mayor Vruwink announced that it was 6:45 p.m. and that he would call the public hearing to order for the purpose of hearing any interested persons regarding the proposed 2016 City of Barron budget.

No one from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed budget.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk-Treasurer reported that in order to qualify for expenditure restraint our general fund budgeted expenditures must be less than 0.5% over last year's budgeted amount. Therefore, we need to reduce our general fund expenditures by \$17,000.00 in order to qualify for a 2017 erp payment. It was agreed to reduce the contingency fund by \$15,000.00 and reduce the sidewalks outlay by \$2,000.00.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Allen to approve the amended 2016 City of Barron budget with the two changes outlined above which result in the following local tax levy: General Fund \$707,834.00; Special Revenue Funds (Library) \$185,000.00 and Debt Service Funds \$270,487.00 for a total tax levy of \$1,163,321.00 and approve Ordinance No. 2015 - # 6. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Allen to approve the proposal dated October 29, 2015 from Tom Richie of Real Estate Solutions for services to the City of Barron Industrial Park. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Haller to approve Ordinance No. 2015 - # 5 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - # 5

Revision to the City of Barron Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-175 (b) and (c), regarding City Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council of the City of Barron do ordain as follows:

Revised Ordinance:

Section 2-175 City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby amended as section 2-175(b) and (c) to read as follows:

“(b) Combined offices. The offices of city clerk and city treasurer are hereby consolidated, and the duties of both offices shall be performed by the person appointed as city clerk-treasurer.

(c) Term. Section 2-175 (c) is hereby repealed.”

Those provisions of Section 2-175 not amended by this revised ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall take effect May 1, 2016.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Barron, Wisconsin this 10th day of November, 2015 on a vote of 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Nordby to appoint Tony Slagstad as the City Clerk-Treasurer for the period May 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2016. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Cost estimates for the South 3rd Street; South 6th Street and the widening of LaSalle Avenue between 7th & 9th Street were reviewed. The street committee will meet with a representative from CBS Squared to see whether or not the widening of LaSalle Avenue can be changed in order to reduce the cost of that project. If we receive grants for the 3rd & 6th Street projects it would delay construction until 2017.

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

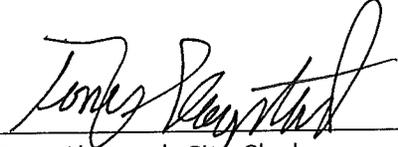
Moved by Tollman, seconded by Nordby to adjourn into closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Note: the sole purpose of the closed session was to review and authorize a Development Agreement be sent to the Barron Hotel Group, LLC for their consideration and approval.

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

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.



Tony Slagstad, City Clerk