

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held December 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: Mike Dietrich (attended by telephone from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.). Others present: Andrew Harrington, Byron Miller, Mike Freeman, Robert Zientara, Betty Kurtzahls, Bob Kurtzahls, David Schoonover, Rus Steffen, Kay Zabka, Doug Trott, Mike Davis, Gary Gill, Betty Dodge, Aaron Weber and Jeremy Griesbach.

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

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of November 10, 2015.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of Kathy Fladten to the City of Barron Housing Authority to replace Janelle Gruetzmacher.
- d. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of the following persons to the City of Barron election board as elections inspectors for calendar year 2016-2017:  
Carol Romsos, Ethel Rasmussen, Betty Robinson, Marilyn Gilbertson, Carol Brown, Marge Thompson, Eva Jean Liden, Mafra Young, Reda Thorson, Patricia Sirovatka, Laurie Church, Patricia Sundsmo, Peggy Rogers, Carolyn Miller, Terry Miller, Mohamed Sharif, Mohamed Abdi and Abdalla Ali.
- e. Authorize hiring Dennis Lindloff to assist with snow plowing at \$15.00 per hour.
- f. Approval of the proposal from EMC Insurance Companies for the worker's compensation, liability, property, inland marine, boiler and machinery and crime policies at an estimated 2016 premium of \$158,001.00.
- g. Approval of the tentative settlement between City of Barron and Wisconsin Police Professional Police Association/LEER Division for a 2016 agreement.

- h. Approval of the 1% increase in pay to the non-union city/utility employees effective January 1, 2016.
- i. Approval of Ordinance No. 2015 - # 7 an ordinance establishing the compensation of municipal officers of the City of Barron

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- # 7  
 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF  
 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BARRON

SECTION I. COMPENSATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS. The following officers of the City of Barron shall be entitled to a 2016 annual compensation, as set forth after the office listed:

OFFICE	ANNUAL COMPENSATION
Mayor	\$ 9,000.00
Municipal Judge	7,390.00
Aldersperson – First Aldermanic District	3,600.00
Aldersperson – Second Aldermanic District	3,600.00
Aldersperson – Third Aldermanic District	3,600.00
Aldersperson – Fourth Aldermanic District	3,600.00
Aldersperson – At Large # 1	3,600.00
Aldersperson – At Large # 2	3,600.00

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall take effect the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April, 2016 for the Mayor and the Alderspersons of the Third Aldermanic District, Fourth Aldermanic District and # 2 At Large and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2016 for the Municipal Judge.

- j. Approval of an operator license for Stephanie Boortz for the period December 8, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to completing the necessary course.

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

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

Mayor Vruwink announced that it was 6:15 p.m. and that a public hearing was scheduled on the vacating and discontinuing of that portion of Grace Avenue, an East-West street running from 18<sup>th</sup> Street west to the middle of the vacated portion of 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the Plat of Riverview Addition to the City of Barron.

Robert & Betty Kurtzahls, 1635 Riverview Drive appeared to comment that when a portion of Grace Avenue was vacated and discontinued a few years ago that the requestor promised to install a fence. To date, said fence has not been installed. The Mayor indicated he will follow up on this matter.

David Schoonover, General Manager of the United Ag Cooperative appeared to speak in favor of the vacating and discontinuing of said street as described above.

No other persons wishing to speak for or against this matter, Mayor Vruwink closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Thompson to approve the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Barron, 1456 East LaSalle Avenue, Barron, Wisconsin, has received a recommendation from its Plan Commission for the vacating and discontinuance of a street located in the City of Barron; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing has been given, and a lis pendens filed as required by state statutes;; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that the public interest requires that the street be vacated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The street which is described as follows be and hereby is vacated and discontinued:

That portion of Grace Avenue, an East-West Street running from 18<sup>th</sup> Street West to the middle of the vacated portion of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Plat of Riverview Addition to the City of Barron.

Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Haller to approve the recommendation of the Police Committee and purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer from Swant Graber Auto at a net cost of \$9,912.00 + installation and equipment at an estimated cost of \$7,000.00. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mayor Vruwink announced it was 6:35 p.m. and that a public hearing was scheduled on a rezoning matter involving land being sold by the First Baptist Church for the Cobblestone Hotel project.

This land is currently zoned R-1 Residential District and is being requested to be rezoned to C-2 Commercial District.

Betty Dodge, 404 West LaSalle Avenue indicated that she did not oppose the Cobblestone Hotel project. Mrs. Dodge expressed her concern over the proposed driveway off of LaSalle Avenue in to the new parking lot at the golf course. She was concerned for the safety of the young children living on LaSalle Avenue with the increase in traffic to the golf course.

There being no other persons wishing to speak for or against the rezoning Mayor Vruwink closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Thompson to approve Ordinance No. 2015 - # 8, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - # 8  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 56  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BARRON

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

SECTION 1. The official zoning map of the City of Barron is hereby amended in the following respects:

The following described property shall be part of the C-2 Commercial District:

That part being the West 100 feet and the West 125 feet of the North 195 feet and the South 50 feet of the described parcel: Commencing at the intersection of the South line of USH 8 and the center line of St. Marie Street, thence West along said South line of USH 8 626 feet and 7 inches to the point of beginning, thence West 250 feet, thence South to the Center line of LaSalle Avenue extending westerly, thence East 250 feet, thence North to the point of beginning, located in the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 28, T34N, R12W, City of Barron, Wisconsin.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mike Dietrich joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m. by telephone. Discussion took place on the request of the Barron Golf Club, Inc. Board for the city to purchase a Toro 5410 Reelmaster at a cost of \$42,000.00 and the Jacobsen 311 for \$56,450.00. Tony Allen who is the President of the Barron Golf Club, Inc. Board reviewed the financial condition of the golf course and indicated that the course had made money this year. Discussion took place on the annual debt service at the golf course. Discussion took place on whether or not the golf club could lease equipment on a lease/purchase similar to the power carts that were leased this year.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Haller to table action this evening on the request for the golf equipment. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mike Dietrich left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Prices for materials and labor to construct two sheds to house twenty (20) power carts at the golf course were presented as follows:

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| 1. McDonald Construction | \$11,030.85 |
| 2. T&A Construction      | \$16,571.00 |
| 3. T&A Construction      | \$17,140.00 |

Moved by Haller, seconded by Allen to approve the proposal from McDonald Construction in the amount of \$11,030.85 as outlined in his proposal dated November 30, 2015. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Haller to adjourn into closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (b) for the purpose of deliberating on whether or not to commence action by the council to suspend or revoke an operator's license.

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

Opposed: none. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Return to open session at 7:45 p.m.

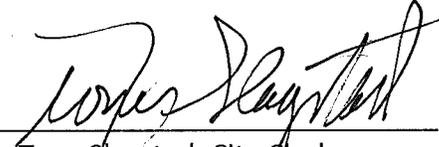
Moved by Nordby, seconded by Allen to adjourn into closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining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

Note: A development agreement will be reviewed between the City of Barron and Barron Hotel Group, LLC for approval so it can be sent to said developer.

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

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

Return to open session at 8:25 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Tony Slagstad, City Clerk