

Minutes of a joint session of the Common Council of the City of Barron and the Board of Commissioners of the Barron Municipal Utilities held December 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman (by telephone), Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: none. Commissioners present: Marvin Amundson, Bob Missling, Joe Johnson and Gene Redlich. Absent: Randy Severson. Others present: Andrew Harrington and Dan Thole.

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

Discussion followed about the fact that Tony Slagstad, City Clerk-Treasurer will be retiring effective, June 30, 2016 and whether or not we should hire a city clerk-treasurer or if we should hire a city administrator and combine it with the clerk-treasurer position. In November, 2015 the city council voted to change the clerk-treasurer position from an elected to an appointed position. The consensus of the members of the city council and the utility commission was to hire an administrator/clerk-treasurer or a similar combination. An ad hoc committee of representatives from the city council and utility commission will be created to work on a job description for approval in March, 2016. Andrew Harrington, City Attorney will need to prepare a contract next spring. Dan Thole, C.P.A. with Clifton Larson Allen would be willing to assist the committee.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Allen to adjourn into closed session at 6:38 p.m. as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen, Thompson, Amundson, Missling, Johnson and Redlich. Opposed: none. Motion carried 10 ayes 0 naves.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:28 p.m. Members of the utility commission and Dan Thole excused themselves at this time.

Discussion took place on the drainage issues in Anderson Park and the December 18, 2015 e-mail from Vance Powers, P.E. with SEH to Tony Slagstad which summarized two different alternatives.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Dietrich to authorize Vance Powers to bid alternate # 1 with the concrete pipe system for Anderson Park. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.



Tony Slagstad, City Clerk