

August 10, 2016

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812

1. Call to order

Mayor David Vruwink called a regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Tony Allen, Mark Thompson and Mike Dietrich present. Councilperson Maureen Tollman was absent. A quorum of was confirmed. Also present were City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, resident Jack Krahenbuhl, Police Chief Byron Miller, Aaron Weber, Bob Zientara and members of the public. All joined to salute the flag. Mayor David Vruwink began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Public Comments

Jack Krahenbuhl of 325 Oak Street expressed issues with his neighbor who is accessing his lot using Mr. Krahenbuhl's portion of driveway that lies within city right-of-way. Municipal Attorney Andrew Harrington will look into this issue and provide resources.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Nordby, seconded by Dietrich to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION: by Haller, seconded by Thompson to strike consent agenda item g.

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Motion by Haller, seconded by Nordby to amend minutes' agenda item number 9
- b. Approval of Claims and Bills
- c. Approval of Temporary Class B 'Picnic' Beer Licenses for Fall Festival (St. Joseph Church)
- d. Approval of Temporary Operators licenses for JoAnn B. Mizer for Fall Festival
- e. Approval of operator license for Dennis E. King, the period of August 10, 2017 through June 30, 2017
- f. Approval of Plan Commission recommendation to reduce 25' feet setback to 18' feet for 1710 East Division Avenue
- ~~g. Approval of Street Committee recommendation of four way stop at the intersection of Woodland and Pine Street~~
- h. Approval of Street Committee recommendation of School Crosswalk on River Avenue (contingent on two signs)

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- i. Approval of Addendum 1# of Development Agreement between City of Barron and Barron Hotel Group, LLC

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson

Voting against: none.

Absent: Tollman

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried unanimously

4. Approval of construction bid and contract of Rolling Oaks Golf Course Improvements Consultant Sheryl Clafiln presented the Common Council with four (4) construction bids for the Rolling Oaks Golf Course Improvements Project. Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordby to award the project to A-1 Excavating for \$498,541.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich and Allen

Voting against: Thompson and Haller

Absent: Tollman

3 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried

5. Financing options for Rolling Oaks Golf Course Improvements

Several options have been explored regarding the financing of the golf course improvements project including the possibility of borrowing from the city's public utility reserve funds. At the August 8, 2016 Utility Commission joint meeting with the Street Committee, several commissioners were concerned about not having the necessary capital in the event of an emergency and the fees associated with accessing the funds. Borrowing from a local lender might be easier to avoid levy limits and the current rates from the private lending sector are favorable. Discussion of using cash reserves from the general funds to pay for early part of project and save interest cost of the loan. Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordby to use cash reserves, not to exceed \$200,000, and apply for a construction loan up to \$500,000 for a twenty-year term at interest rate of 2.99% with Sterling Bank.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson

Voting against: Haller

Absent: Tollman

4 ayes, 1 nays, motion carried

6. Discussion of purchasing 429 W Division property from Barron County

City Administrator/Clerk Treasurer Bob Kazmierski presented options for the purchase of 429 West Division Street. Current owners have right to repurchase by August 31, 2016. One option is to purchase parcel #206-1514-16-000 for \$11,026.36 plus write-off any delinquent utilities. Discussion about how to raze property. Other option is to wait until property is available at public auction.

7. Discussion of Street Committee recommendations of 3rd and 6th Street projects

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The Street Committee met and discussed 3rd and 6th Street projects. Most grants are not guaranteed and usually do not subsidize street portion of the project. The Common Council set aside \$200,000 in 2015 for these projects and the Utility Commission has committed \$175,000 (for 3rd Street) and \$150,000 (6th Street) in total outlays to these projects, not to exceed \$350,000. LRIP and TRIP programs may be other options for financing. Committee recommended that this topic be part of September meeting.

8. Discussion and action of traffic control options at LaSalle and 5th Street intersection.

Mayor Vruwink will explore future alternatives for traffic control. Discussion of high accident counts of other intersections. No action taken.

9. Appointment of two (2) councilpersons to Personnel Committee

Councilperson Mike Dietrich and Mark Thompson appointed to personnel committee for labor negotiation with public protection and wants and needs of non-union departments. Attorney Mindy Dale from Weld-Riley will provide consultation.

10. Approve 2016-01 Resolution to acknowledge Tony Slagstad for 38 years of service

Motion by Allen, seconded to approve Resolution 2016-01

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson

Voting against: none.

Absent: Tollman

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried unanimously

11. Committee Reports

Mark Thompson shared with the Common Council August 9 street committee discussion.

Golf Club Inc. will rescind class B liquor license. Allen expressed displeasure on how July council meeting was facilitated. Dietrich requested a discussion regarding a liquor license and requested that this topic be a future agenda item.

The Police committee has immediate needs that require council approval. A special meeting on Friday, August 12 will be scheduled at 7:00 a.m.

The B.A.C.C meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016.

12. Motion to convene in Closed Session

13. Closed session proceedings under WIS. STAT. §19.85 (1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

14. Motion to adjourn from Closed Session and possibly take action on matters as discussed in Closed Session

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Motion by Haller, seconded by Dietrich to begin closed session proceedings at 8:06 p.m. under WI §19.85(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson

Voting against: none.

Absent: Tollman

5 ayes, 0 naves, Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Haller, seconded by Nordby to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Haller to compensate Kelli Rasmussen \$125.00 and Janet Bensed \$350.00 plus one day of vacation (to be used in 2016) as a one-time compensation for performance of extra duties.

15. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 8:36 p.m.

Prepared by Bob Kazmierski, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer
City of Barron

These minutes were taken at a regular meeting held on August 09, 2016 and entered in this record book, September 14, 2016.

APPROVED