

September 14, 2016

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, 6:00 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 6:00 p.m on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Mark Thompson and Mike Dietrich were present. Councilpersons Tony Allen and Maureen Tollman were absent. A quorum of was confirmed. Also present were City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Street Commissioner Dave Hanson, Sheryl Clafin, Dave Wierzba, Makris Shirwa, Abdullahi Garad, Bruce Rasmussen, Aaron Weber, Bob Zientara and members of the public. All present joined to salute the flag. Mayor Vruwink began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition to Makris Shirwa and Abdullahi Garad

Mayor Vruwink a Certificate of Appreciation and 2017 Summer pool pass to Makris Shirwa and Abdullahi Garad for their efforts in rescuing 6-year-old Jossiah Jackson from the municipal pool on July 6, 2016.

4. Cobblestone Hotel Project Update-Dale Harris, Onsite Supervisor, BriMark Builders

Dale Harris could not attend and will present in October

5. Presentation by MSA Professional Services of Wisconsin DNR Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) and possible submission of Intent to Apply by October 31, 2016

Dave Wierzba, from MSA Professional Services explained the Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. There is a need to submit an Intent to Apply application by the October 31, 2016 deadline to be considered for funding in 2017 and 2018.

6. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Reading and Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2016 and August 12, 2016 Council Special Meetings
- c. Approval of Claims and Bills
- d. Approve authorization of MSA Professional Services to submit notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) and a Priority Evaluation and Ranking Formula (PERF) to Wisconsin DNR on behalf of the City of Barron

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- e. Approve appointment of Brenda Beaulieu and Melissa Kmiecik as Alternate Election Inspectors for two-year term
- f. Approve recommendation of Police Committee to hire Eric W. Sowa as an occasional part-time Police Officer
- g. Approval of operator license for Melissa Abbott, the period of September 14, 2016 through June 30, 2017
- h. Approve recommendation of Building/Property/Park Committee to purchase transit/laser level equipment in order to develop layout of Kiwanis Park parking lot
- i. Authorize City Officials to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference, October 19-21, 2016, in Stevens Point, WI
- j. Authorize City Administrator and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer to attend UW-Extension Clerks and Treasurers Workshop, September 15, 2016, in Eau Claire, WI
- k. Authorize Municipal Judge to attend Municipal Judge Traffic Seminar, October 27-28, 2016, in Oshkosh, WI

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich and Thompson

Voting against: None

Absent: Allen and Tollman

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

7. Consider request from Troy and Mary Hom to block and fence the east/west alley south of their building on September 18, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Motion Nordby to approve request from Troy and Mary Hom, proprietors of 5th Street Saloon located at 48 South 5th Street, to block and fence the east/west alley south of their building on September 18, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and allow patrons permission to consume alcoholic beverages within fenced area, second by Thompson, voice vote:

Ayes-4                      Nays-0                      Absent-2                      Motion carried.

8. Consideration of 3rd and 6th Street project

Street Commissioner Dave Hanson expressed the project need and conditions of 3rd and 6th Street. Both the Street Committee and Utility Commission have made recommendations. 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. Also, the Storm Water Fund has a balance of \$160,000. Project will be bid out in early 2017 to be completed in Spring 2017. Motion by Haller to pursue and complete 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street infrastructure project, second by Thompson, roll call vote:

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Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich and Thompson

Voting against: None

Absent: Allen and Tollman

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

9. Consideration to purchase used Barron County 2004 and/or 2005 Peterbilt Dump Patrol Truck(s) with accessories

Street Commissioner Hanson informed the Council that the City of Barron was the only bidder on two used Barron Dump Patrol Trucks with accessories. The bid was a recommendation of the Street Committee to purchase one used Barron County 2004 or 2005 Peterbilt Dump Patrol Truck with accessories. However, the County offered to sell both at minimum bid of \$65,000 or both for \$130,000. Motion by Haller to purchase used Barron County 2004 and 2005 Peterbilt Dump Patrol Trucks with accessories, second by Nordby, roll call vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich and Thompson

Voting against: None

Absent: Allen and Tollman

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

10. Consideration of \$300,000 loan for TID #6 improvements per developer's agreement

Sterling Bank President Aaron Weber and CCF Bank VP of Commercial Lending Bruce Rasmussen presented proposals toward a \$300,000 loan for TID #6 improvements per the developer's agreement. The loan would be secured by a revenue bond which include future increments generated within TID #6. The loan would not be a tax exempt general obligation bond. Motion by Nordby to apply for a \$300,000 general obligation loan for a five-year term at fixed interest rate of 3.25% with CCF Bank, second by Haller, roll call vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich and Thompson

Voting against: None

Absent: Allen and Tollman

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

11. Discussion of Barron Golf Club, Inc. original application for open "Class B" retail license for the sale of fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor

No discussion

12. Rolling Oaks Improvements Project update

CBS2 Consultant Sheryl Claflin provided an update on the Rolling Oaks project. Project deadline is October 21, 2016. Signage still has to be determined. Mrs. Claflin will work with a committee to review sign options and make recommendations.

13. Approval of Pay Request 1# from A-1 Excavating

Sheryl Claflin presented Pay Request 1# in the amount of \$51,076.75. Contained in the Pay Request was a change order of \$14,370 for 2-inch copper water pipe and labor. A credit of \$7,200.00 was applied due to the original material (poly water pipe) not being used. Motion by Nordby to approve Pay Request 1#, second by Dietrich, roll call vote:

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Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich and Thompson

Voting against: Haller

Absent: Allen and Tollman

3 ayes, 1 naves, Motion carried.

14. Council recognition of the efforts put forth by the Master Gardeners toward City Hall garden

Mayor Vruwink acknowledged the efforts by the Master Gardeners in maintaining the gardens at the Barron City Hall. The City is pleased with the annual design, combination of plants and colors.

15. Committee Reports

Councilperson Nordby reported that the Police Committee recommended the hiring of a new part-time police officer. Thompson informed the Council the Personnel Committee will begin meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss labor negotiations.

16. Discussion of Open Meetings Law

City Attorney Harrington presented Open Meetings Law to the Council. Wisconsin has a number of requirements, but two of the most important are: Local government meetings must be open to the public and all topics that are to be considered must be "noticed" 24 hours in advance. The legislative policy and law in Wisconsin favors open government over efficiency. The requirement that meetings be open to the public has the consequence that board members should generally avoid talking or emailing amongst themselves about government business, outside of a properly noticed board meeting.

17. Discussion of Plan Commission Application and new fee schedule

City Administrator Kazmierski presented the need for more land use oversight and larger role of Plan Commission. Kazmierski introduced a Plan Commission Application and new fee schedule. This topic item may be on October 2016 Council Regular Meeting Agenda.

18. Scheduling November Regular Common Council meeting to November 1, 2016

Due to November 8, 2016 General Election and health insurance renewal deadline, November Council Regular Meeting date will be November 1, 2016.

19. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 7:46 p.m.

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

These minutes were taken at a regular meeting held on September 13, 2016 and entered in this record book, October 12, 2016.

**APPROVED**