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**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2016, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Mark Thompson and Mike Dietrich Tony Allen and Maureen Tollman were all present. A quorum of 6 was confirmed. Also present were City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Sue Queiser, Ron Fladten Sheryl Clafin, Bob Zientara, Dale Harris, the onsite Supervisor for Cobblestone Hotel and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Hattie Widiker. All present joined to salute the flag. Mayor Vruwink began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Cobblestone Hotel Project Update-(Dale Harris, Onsite Supervisor, Brimark Builders)

Harris provide all in attendance with an update on the Cobblestone Hotel Project. He explained that the project is on schedule, but mentioned that they are behind on getting utilities in the ground. They are temporally hooked up with power and that the transformer is coming in at the end of the month. All within the next week, trusses will be coming in; they plan to have windows and doors, siding and roofing. The framing is scheduled to be done by October 18<sup>th</sup> and then the finishers will be in. Hoping for a finished product by the end of March. Harris commented that he is impressed with all of the city departments that they have been working with.

4. Presentation from Barron Youth Hockey Association- (John Peterson)

John Peterson was not able to attend, however, councilperson Mark Thompson spoke on the association's behalf. Thompson shared that the city currently contributes \$2,800 a year to the association. Over the next three years, the program is projected to spend \$300,000 in projects such as a mezzanine and purchasing a Zamboni. Currently the arena is filled with 70-80 skaters, including kids from Cumberland and Spooner. The association provides the helmets and skates. The arena attracts up to 100 people per game and around 300 for a U8. They currently have open skate every Friday night with a \$2.00 entry fee and \$2.00 charge for skates. The association requested an increased contribution of \$2,200 for a total yearly contribution of \$5,000. Motion by Haller to contribute \$5000.00/year for the next five years, second by Dietrich, roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich and Tollman

Voting against: Allen

Abstained: Thompson

Absent: None

4 ayes, 1 naves, Motion carried.

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5. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Reading and Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2016 Council Special Meetings
- c. Approval of Claims and Bills
- d. Approval of Street Committee recommendation of bids received for 1988 Dodge Ram 100 Pickup, 2007 Ford F-350, 1994 International 2554 Plow Truck, and 1995 International 2554 Plow Truck
- e. Approve authorization of the use of the field at the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and HWY 8 for Annual Car Show and Swap Meet by the Past Reflections Car Club on Sunday, September 10, 2017
- f. Approval of the Police Committee recommendation to authorize Chief of Police Byron Miller and Assistant Chief of Police Mike Freeman to attend the 2017 Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association/Fourth Class City's Villages and Townships Mid-Winter Training Conference, in Wisconsin Dells, WI, on February 12-15, 2017
- g. Authorize City Utility Clerk and Election Clerk to attend the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin (MTAW) to attend MTAW District meeting, October 14, 2016 in Rice Lake, WI
- h. Approval to amend minutes and proceedings of the August 9, 2016 Common Council # 5 agenda item to read; "fixed for ten years on payback schedule of 20 years."
- i. Approval to amend Section XVIII of the City of Barron Employee Handbook to read; any active employee's/spouse's/children who are eligible for Medicare have the option to transition off the group health insurance policy and onto a Medicare Supplement and the City of Barron will contribute a certain percentage via payroll.
- j. Approve authorization of the use of the Senior Center for the family of Kenneth Miller for birthday party on date to be determined.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

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6. Discussion of Use Agreement for municipal facilities

Queiser was present to discuss the use of the Library for a Patron Citizenship. Queiser said it would be the responsibility of a library employee to unlock and lock the building. Queiser is in charge of getting a committee together, as well as, a facility deed.

7. Consideration of Plan Commission Application and fee schedule

Kazmierski presented a Plan Commission Application and fee schedule. Motion by Allen to accept, Second by Tollman, voice vote: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Absent-0 Motion carried.

8. Discussion of Sec. 4-27 of City Code regarding the maximum number of "Class A" retail licenses

Kazmierski introduced the current situation of the City's Class A retail licenses. He mentioned, according to the city ordinance, the city is only allowed to distribute two Class A licenses, however, there are four issued. Attorney Harrington provided information that specified that there is no state law that limits the amount of Class A retail licenses that can be issued. Harrington recommended removing the restriction. Motion by Haller to remove the limit, seconded by Tollman, roll call vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

9. Rolling Oaks improvements Project update- (Sheryl Claflin)

Cbs<sup>2</sup> Consultant Sheryl Claflin provided information in regards to the Rolling Oaks improvement project. According to Claflin, they are finishing up on the electrical project and the curb and gutter project later in the week. Scheduled to grate the NE corner of the lot and the SE side of the hotel. A problem arose with restaurant owner, Justin Olson, having concern over his parking space. Sheryl suggested sitting down with Olson to resolve the issue. She is going to go over a layout of the parking lot that she thinks would work well.

10. Presentation and consideration of Signage Options along with options for the "Olson's dedication sign

Claflin presented sign ideas for both Rolling Oaks Golf Course and Restaurant, as well as, a dedication plaque for the Olson's.

11. Approval of Pay request #2 from A-1 Excavating- (Sheryl Claflin)

Pay request of \$51,184 was presented. Motion by Allen to approve request, second by Nordby, roll call vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

12. Consider priority capital outlay projects and proposed draft of the City of Barron 2017 Budget

Kazmierski shared the committee's recommendations to reduce the outlay budget for Anderson Park bathroom project from \$40,000 to \$8,000

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Kazmierski also presented a drafted 2017 budget and discussed a levy increase of 2%. The goal is to present the final budget at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Haller motioned to accept the 2% levy increase, second by Dietrich, roll call vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

### 13. Committee Reports

Councilperson Nordby reported that the Police Committee met the new K-9 dog, Duke. Haller shared that the BACC committee discussed maintenance is needed for the BACC wooden weight room floors due to moisture. Allen shared that the Fire Department committee discussed replacing their tanker, as well as an increase in firemen wages. Tollman shared on behalf of the Library committee and reported that they discussed improvements to the children's area at the library.

### 14. Administrator Reports

Kazmierski shared that within the next three years our Public Protectors will contribute full WRS contribution. Also, Kazmierski shared Health plan options and HSA contribution plans.

### 15. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 9:10 p.m.

Prepared by Hattie Widiker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Barron

These minutes were taken at a regular meeting held on October 11, 2016 and entered in this record book, November 2016.

**APPROVED**