

December 13, 2016

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY December 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, December 13, 2016, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Mark Thompson, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Maureen Tollman were all present. Kevin Haller was absent. A quorum of 5 was confirmed. MSA employee's Dave Rasmussen, Dave Schofield and Dave Wierzba, as well as, Vance Powers with SEH made an appearance. City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Bob Zientara, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Hattie Widiker were also present. All present joined to salute the flag. Mayor Vruwink began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Public Comments

Dave Wierzba introduced his colleague Dave Schofield to the council as he is going to be leading the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Motion by Thompson, second by Tollman to move the consent agenda, voice vote:  
5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

3. Rolling Oaks Improvements Project Update (Sheryl Claflin)

a. Consideration of final punch list

Sheryl provided the council with a Request and Certificate for payment handout from A-1 Excavating. The handout demonstrated Claflin's plan of payment as projects are not completed to their entirety. Projects included for payment reconsideration are the curb, light poles, electrical work and landscaping. The total payment amount requested is \$359,681.15. Claflin's recommendation is to make a payment of \$289,579.90. Project recommendations and suggestions will be made and will be re-visited in spring.

b. Approval of Pay Request # 3 from A-1 Excavating

Motion by Nordby, second by Allen to accept the pay request.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Haller

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

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c. Consideration of Signage Options and “Olson’s” dedication sign

Clafin provided the council with a design and cost list for the Restaurant and Golf course sign, as well as, the Olson’s dedication sign.

A recommendation was made to reverse the color order of the dedication sign.

The council provided feedback such as options to reduce cost, consideration of brick to be used and the tree design for the Restaurant and Golf course sign. Clafin will share the tree design with the respective people and get feedback from them as well.

4. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Reading and Approval Minutes from November 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Reading and Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2016 Council Special Meetings
- c. Reading and Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2016 Special Council Meeting
- d. Approval of Claims and Bills
- e. Consideration of EMC Insurance Company proposal for Workers Compensation, Liability, Property, Inland Marine, Boiler/Machinery, and Crime Policies at an estimated premium of \$158,238.00
- f. Consideration Class “A” Combination Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for United Ag Cooperative, DBA Travel Plaza, 1710 E. Division Avenue, David Schoonover, Agent
- g. Consideration of Class “B” Combination Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License and Cigarette and Tobacco Retail License for Skips Entertainment Inc., DBA Skippy’s Bar, 51 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Katie Ann Bienike, Agent
- h. Consideration of formal adoption of Cemetery Rules and Regulations effective 01/01/2017
- i. Approval of City contribution to health care premiums (87% for non- residents, 90% for residents) for all employees/spouse/dependents that are eligible to participate in Medicare or Medicaid
- j. Approval of three-year labor agreement between the City of Barron and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association for 2017-2019
- k. Consideration of 2 % increase in pay to non-union City/Utility employees effective January 1, 2017

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Haller

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5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

5. Consideration of Personnel and Wage Negotiation Committee recommendation one –time salary adjustments for Clerk of Court, Utility Clerk, Lineman, Lineman Supervisor, Water and WWTP operators, Water and WWTP Supervisor, and Office Coordinator

Kazmierski provided the council with a handout that illustrated the one-time salary adjustments and its impact. Motion by Nordby, second by Allen to accept, voice vote:

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

6. Per offer of employment, consideration of Personnel and Wage Negotiation Committee one time compensation modification recommendation for City Administrator

Motion by Tollman, second by Thompson to accept the recommendation of Personnel and Wage Negotiation Committee of salary modification and performance payment of \$3,000; and extending employee relocation allowance to thirty (30) months from date of hire (06/20/2016) to January 1, 2019, roll call vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Haller

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

7. Consider Ordinance No. 2016-04; Approaching the necessary funds for the operation of the government and administration of the City of Barron for 2017

Motion by Allen, second by Tollman to accept, roll call vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Haller

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

8. Approval of Board of Appeals recommendation to approve Variance for pre-existing, non-conforming two car garage at 409 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Motion by Nordby, second by Dietrich to approve the variance, voice vote:

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

9. Approval of Board of Appeals recommendation to approve Setback Variance for IntegriCare Assisted Living at 25 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Motion by Allen, Second by Tollman to approve the Setback Variance, voice vote:

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

10. Consider Ordinance No. 2016-05; Rezone: Zoning Change from C-2 to R-3 for 660 East Birch Street and Zoning Change from C-1 to R-3 for 25 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

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Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to make zoning changes for both locations, Roll Call:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Haller

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

11. Draw of twenty-year term construction loan with Sterling Bank

Kazmierski requested that the City starts to draw from the twenty-year construction loan to save on the General Fund.

Motion by Allen, second by Thompson to approve the draw, roll call vote:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Haller

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

12. Approval of sale of Fire Department Tanker for \$9,000.00 pending Town of Maple and Town of Barron approval.

Motion by Tollman, second by Dietrich to approve the sale of the fire truck, voice vote:

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

13. Consideration of Ipad/Tablet purchase for future meetings and telecommunications

Kazmierski presented the council with the opportunity to provide each council person an iPad in place of the paper packets they currently receive. Thompson motioned to table the proposal, seconded by Allen voice vote:

5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

14. Committee Reports

Tollman reported that the Library Committee met and discussed goals for the library moving into the New Year. Nordby presented the idea of committee's meeting monthly, with the suggestion of department heads being in attendance.

15. Administrator Report- RFP for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> St.; Capital Improvement Planning; Signage at Soccer Fields; Mentor Program; Prioritization of 2017 initiatives

Kazmierski shared that a special meeting will be held Thursday December 22nd, 2016 at 5:00p.m. Kazmierski also discussed the Signage at the Soccer Fields, as well as, the Mentor Program that is being implemented. Each council person was given the opportunity to contribute their ideas of initiatives for 2017. Kazmierski compiled a list of the ideas and then invited each council person to prioritize the list according to what they deemed most important.

16. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

**APPROVED**