

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held August 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Ron Fladten, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Bob Rollins. Absent: none. Others present: Andy Harrington, Craig Broeren, Pamela Clark, Renee Stokes, Larry Johnson, Susan Quieser, Susan Wojtkiewicz, Troy Hom, Dave Armstrong, Chris Straight, Fran Felber, Peter Olson, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Aaron Weber and Dave Wiehe.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

Aldersperson Ron Fladten started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

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

Consent agenda.

- a. Approval of the minutes of July 16, 2013.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Authorize Maureen Tollman and David Smith to sign the checks for the Barron Skate Park checking account at Sterling Bank.
- d. Approval of the offer from Kadinger's II to purchase our 2005 Ford police vehicle for \$2,500.00.
- e. Authorize Tony Slagstad to attend the Fall Municipal Treasurer's Conference in Eau Claire on September 26-27, 2013.
- f. Authorize city officials to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities in Green Bay on October 16 – 18, 2013 at the Hyatt on Main.
- g. Approval of the operator license for Stephanie Peterson for the period ending June 30, 2014.

Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Fladten, Dietrich, Allen and Rollins.

Opposed: none. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays.

Larry Johnson, Fire Chief for the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department appeared and reported on recent inspections conducted by the fire department and city building inspector at the Birch Street apartments owned by Tom Kite. Mr. Kite will advise Mr. Johnson when necessary repairs have been completed so another inspection can be done.

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Allen to table a decision this evening on the operator license applications submitted by John Davidson and Kevin Walton for the period ending June 30, 2014.

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays.

Renee Stokes and Pamela Clark, 332 North Mill Street appeared to request permission to have three dogs at their residence. They reside there with Renee's adult son and three minor children. The third dog is a service dog for their adult son.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Fladten to grant permission for a third dog as requested by Renee Stokes and Pamela Clark. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Susan Queiser, Library Director appeared to update the members of the city council on their plans for their 100th anniversary celebration. The library board has decided that they will celebrate the entire month of September with a different theme each week.

Susan Wojtkiewicz, P.E. with SEH appeared to discuss the site investigation report for the former sanitary landfill and the comments from Carrie Stoltz of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Stoltz has indicated that she's sticking with quarterly sampling of all monitoring wells. In addition, she wants to see private sample results from 2013. Lawrence Lyste is planning to collect samples this week. Test results from the monitoring wells show very little change since the last test results.

Discussion took place on a letter dated July 24, 2013 from Nancy Kasper, a resident of South Third Street, in which she requests that the city council authorize bow hunting to reduce the number of vermin (deer) within the City of Barron. Mayor Vruwink will contact the Wisconsin D.N.R. to find out how we could legally proceed with such a hunt and then the city council can decide whether or not to proceed with such action.

Committee reports of meetings held since last month were given at this time. Cameron Diesel has a used chassis for sale for \$10,000.00 which could be used on our fire department tanker. This will be further investigated assuming someone else does not buy it before the city and townships authorize said purchase.

Troy Hom, owner of the 5th Street Saloon, 48 South 5th Street appeared to request permission to block off the alley south of their building on Sunday, September 8, 2013 for a tailgate party. They would like permission to drink alcohol within a fenced in area from 9:00 a.m. to midnight. They would be using a few parking stalls in the parking lot located south of the alley and owned by Martinson/Williams.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Rollins to approve the request of Troy & Mary Hom as outlined in their letter received August 6, 2013 and as explained this evening by Troy Hom. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Dave Armstrong, Executive Director of the Barron County Economic Development Corporation and Chris Straight from the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission appeared to make a placemaking presentation. Also present were members of the Barron Chamber of Commerce and the Barron Development Corporation.

Duly move to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.



Tony Slagstad, Clerk-Treasurer