

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Ron Fladten, Tony Allen & Bob Rollins. Absent: Mike Dietrich. Others present: Andy Harrington, Lynn Struzan, Dan Jirik, Darrell Hoekstra, Elizabeth Trott, Gary Trott, Ernest Ostman, Joe Johnston, John Peterson, Roberta Dzimiela and Shannon Argetsinger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by City Council President Rod Nordby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

A prayer by Alderperson Ron Fladten was given at this time.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Moved by by Rollins, seconded by Fladten to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of January 8, 2013.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of an operator license for Courtney Gravunder at Holiday for the period February 12, 2013 thru June 30, 2013.
- d. Approval of the request from Bill Brown on behalf of the Barron High School Class of 1973 to have beer and music in Anderson Park from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, August 17, 2013.
- e. Approval of the quote from Tractor Central, LLC for a mower and accessories as recommended by the Street Committee at a net cost of \$12,500.00.
- f. Approval of the recommendation of the Street Committee to establish equipment rental rates for the street department.
- g. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee to purchase a rifle for the Investigator/K-9 squad car at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00.

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

Voting against: none. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Joe Johnston and John Peterson appeared on behalf of the Barron/Chetek Youth Hockey Association to request their annual donation. Discussion followed on the number of participants in hockey and of the program in general.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Fladten to approve a \$2,800.00 donation to the Barron/Chetek Youth Hockey Association as requested. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Proposals were due yesterday for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal for the period July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2018 and two proposals were received: (1.) Waste Management & (2.) Allied Waste Services/Republic Services.

The committee met earlier today and have recommended that the city council approve the proposal from Allied Waste Services/Republic Services for carted service. Discussion followed.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Rollins to approve the proposal dated February 11, 2013 from Allied Waste Services/Republic Services for carted service as recommended by the solid waste committee. Motion carried 4 ayes 1 naye. (Haller voting naye).

Roberta Dzimiel, President and Shannon Argetsinger, Vice-President of the Humane Society of Barron County, Inc. appeared to discuss the fact that they are planning on constructing a new facility which will be approximately 15,000 square feet. They would like to know if the City of Barron would donate Lot 3 consisting of 6.685 acres which is located north and west of their current facility for their new facility. Discussion followed on the possibility of using some of the land which is located near our wastewater treatment facility. Ms. Dzimiel will contact Rick Jari, Utility Manager to arrange a tour of the two potential sites near the wastewater treatment facility.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Haller to table the request of the Humane Society of Barron County, Inc. until the March 12, 2013 meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Fladten to approve the proposal from McDonald Construction dated February 5, 2013 in the amount of \$2,400.00 for work at the library. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Haller to direct that the city/utility employees have their entire 2013 HSA contributions placed in their accounts at this time rather than deposited by the month. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Discussion took place on the request from the Swant Graber Auto Group, 1690 East Division Avenue to vacate that portion of Grace Avenue from South 16th Street east to middle of the vacated portion of 17th Street.

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Allen to introduce the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City of Barron, Barron County, Wisconsin, to abandon Grace Avenue, an East-West street running from 16th Street to the middle of the vacated portion of 17th Street in the Plat of Riverview Addition to the City of Barron, and

WHEREAS, Notice of Hearing on abandonment of said street is required by law.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby instructed to give proper notice that such resolution is pending before the Common Council and is to be acted upon on the 9th day of April, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Barron City Hall.

Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Haller to accept the resignation of Lynette Heffner, City Assessor, effective February 22, 2013 due to her pending employment with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the fact that they won't allow her to continue as our Assessor. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Fladten to hire Gene Johnson, Assessor for the period March 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 to succeed Lynette Heffner under the same terms and conditions. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Committee reports of meetings held since last month were given at this time.

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk