

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held September 10, 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, Dave Hanson, Sean Lentz, Kevin Morgan, Nancy Kasper, Sandra Olson, Todd Picknell, Dale Bryan and Becky Bryan.

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

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of August 13, 2013 and August 16, 2013..
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of the operator licenses for Bailey Feidt, Denise Gruenberg and Jennifer Bayliss for the period ending June 30, 2014.
- d. Approval of the request from Julie Peterson to allow music in the shelters in Anderson Park until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2013 for her daughter's graduation party.
- e. Approval of the appointment of Shane Massie to fill the vacancy on our Recreation Council.

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

Voting against: none. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Sean Lentz, CIPFA, Financial Advisor, Executive Vice-President with Ehlers appeared to discuss refinancing our 2003 and 2005 bonds. Mr. Lentz reviewed a pre-sale report for a proposed \$2,180,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A. This report estimated our savings at \$80,000.00 over the life of the bonds. The bonds would be paid off at the same time as the original bond issue. Interest rates have been on the rise since earlier this summer. If we would get the same interest rate in a year from now we could expect to save about \$160,000.00 if we refinanced. We will consider refinancing local debt issues if allowed. It was decided to discuss this matter again at the October 15, 2013 city council meeting.

Kevin Morgan, D.N.R. Biologist appeared to answer our questions relative to our interest in a bow and arrow deer hunt within the City of Barron. Mr. Morgan suggested establishing rules, what kind of deer can be harvested, who can hunt, whether or not to use a lottery, how many hunters can be hunting at one time and any other rules we may deem appropriate. Questions and answers from members of the city council and the public were done at this time. Mayor Vruwink would like to establish a deer hunting committee to bring back a recommendation as to how to proceed and asked for volunteers to

sit on the committee. The following persons agreed to be on the committee: David Vruwink, Todd Picknell, Dale Bryan, Sandy Olson, Nancy Kasper, Kevin Haller and Bob Rollins. Mayor Vruwink will call a meeting of this group in the near future. The committee will bring back their recommendation to the members of the city council at a future meeting.

Discussion followed on the need for a new slide at the outdoor swimming pool. We have interest from some people in doing a fundraising effort to raise the necessary funds for a new slide. Some funds have already been pledged for the project.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Rollins to authorize Dave Hanson to proceed with some engineering for a new slide in order to determine what the State of Wisconsin will approve. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Discussion followed on our existing two (2) hour parking throughout the City of Barron. It was agreed that the police committee will review this matter at a future meeting to determine whether or not to remove some of our parking restrictions.

Discussion followed on the changes to the ATV laws effective as of June 23, 2013. Mayor Vruwink reported that he had a recent conversation with an employee of the D.N.R. who indicated we can still enforce the 10 mile per hour speed limit. Discussion followed on whether or not we should increase the speed limit for ATV's. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Codes & Ordinances Review Committee which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

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

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Rollins to expel Steven Elliott from the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department as recommended by Larry Johnson, Fire Chief and Andrew Harrington, City Attorney. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk