

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held April 9, 2013 at 7:00 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: Andrew Harrington, Betty Missling, Monti Hallberg and Bob Zientara.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Vruwink.

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

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of March 12, 2013.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of an operator's license for Ruth Anderson, Miranda Argetsinger and Terri Mueller for the period April 9, 2013 thru June 30, 2013.
- d. Approval of the recommendation of the Street Committee to hire Jim Kittleson at Wayside Cemetery at an hourly rate of \$17.00.
- e. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee to hire Marco Valadez and Anthony Weigand as occasional part-time police officers.
- f. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee to purchase two (2) Kustom Signals Raptor RP-1 single Ka-Band antenna radar units for \$3,138.
- g. Approval of the recommendation of Tony Slagstad to have Janet Benseid, Court Clerk attend the annual Quick Clerk User's Group Training session in Wisconsin Dells on June 7, 2013.
- h. Approval to send interested city officials to the 2013 Regional Dinner Meeting in Eau Claire on June 13, 2013 sponsored by the League.
- i. Approval to hire Katie Toews as the second substitute at the senior citizen's center.
- j. Approval to waive the fees for the shelters in Anderson Park for the ADRC volunteer picnic honoring the volunteers from Barron County.

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

Voting against: none. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Rollins to contact Wisconsin Realty to put up for sale the former Verl Maas lot located on South 6th Street. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

The city council decided against contracting with Jon Fields (The Growth Coach) as the utility commission decided against it yesterday.

Monti Hallberg, Superintendent of Schools appeared to discuss the request of the Barron Area School District to use the old city shop property on South 14th Street for their stockpile of chips, shavings and pole ends. The property would be located north of the driveway and east of the hospital property. The school district would bear the entire cost of their project. Liability insurance would need to be in place as part of the school policy. If approved, Andrew Harrington, City Attorney would prepare a lease for approval by the Common Council and the Barron Area School District Board.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Allen to approve the request dated November 1, 2012 from the Barron Area School District to use our property located on South 14th Street and further direct the City Attorney to prepare a lease between the city and school district. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Discussion took place on the request of the school district for another soccer field to be located south of the existing soccer field which is adjacent to East Birch Avenue. Currently, the school district pays for seed and fertilizer and waters the field. Monti Hallberg recommended adding topsoil and roto tilling the existing soccer field and that the field not be used until at least this fall. Monti would like to add a 20' X 24' artificial turf in front of the goals with the school district paying this cost. Possibly, a temporary fence could be installed to keep people off the field this summer. In addition, Monti suggested seeding for a second soccer field to be located south of the existing field. This spring the girls' soccer team will play at the high school football field. Hopefully, the soccer field will be available for boys' soccer in the fall. The city would be responsible for hauling the black dirt of which the majority is being donated by Barron Electric Cooperative, and leveling said fields. The consensus of the members of the city council was to proceed with said projects.

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk