

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held November 12, 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: Andrew Harrington, Susan Queiser, Todd Volk and Robert Zientara.

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 Rollins to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Consent agenda.

- a. Approval of the minutes of October 15, 2013.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of the operator licenses for Megan B. Hashbarger and Michelle Bajan for the period ending June 30, 2014.
- d. Approval of the 2014-2015 agreement between the City of Barron and Barron Police Association/Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Leer Division.
- e. Approval of Medica to provide health insurance coverage to employees effective, December 1, 2013 at the following monthly rates: single plan \$600 & family plan \$1,500.
- f. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of Gene Redlich to the City of Barron Utility Commission.

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

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

Todd Volk, Barron County Emergency Management Director appeared to discuss a table top exercise for planning purposes in the event of a chemical spill within the City of Barron. Department heads will be invited; interested alderperson; a representative from the Jennie-O Turkey Store and the Superintendent of Schools or his representative will be invited to a planning meeting in the future.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Fladten to hire Dalton Hilbert to assist with snow removal this winter as needed, without fringe benefits at an hourly wage of \$12.00.

Discussion took place on whether or not we should amend our Ordinance to allow deer hunting within the City of Barron with a bow and arrow. The committee has met on four separate occasions to establish rules for the proposed hunt which would take effect on December 2, 2013 and conclude on January 5, 2014. Andrew Harrington, City Attorney has prepared a proposed revised Ordinance for

consideration. The Codes & Ordinances Review Committee will need to review said document and make their recommendation to the city council for action. If this hunt is allowed to start December 2, 2013 the Ordinance must be approved no later than noon on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 to allow time for it to be published on November 27, 2013.

Moved by Fladten to stop the process for allowing deer hunting within the City of Barron with a bow and arrow. There being no second to the motion it died for a lack of a second.

Mike Dietrich who serves on the city recreation committee outlined the advantages of transferring the 7th & 8th grade tackle football program to the Barron Area School District. The recreation council is recommending this transfer.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Nordby to authorize the 7th & 8th Grade Tackle Football program be transferred from the City of Barron recreation program to the Barron Area School District program. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Discussion took place on establishing the 2013 and 2014 airport hangar rental.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Haller to set the 2013 airport hangar rental at \$40. and to set the 2014 airport hangar rental at \$225. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Mayor Vruwink called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2014 City of Barron budget.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk-Treasurer highlighted the proposed budget and indicated that the proposed 2014 tax levy of \$1,160,111. was \$6,845. less than the 2013 tax levy. The proposed levy is as follows: General fund \$671,758; Special Revenue Funds (library) \$205,789. and Debt Service Funds \$282,564.

There being no persons from the public wishing to comment on the proposed 2014 budget the public hearing was closed by Mayor Vruwink.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Dietrich to approve Ordinance No. 2013 - # 3 an Ordinance appropriating the necessary funds for the operation of the government and administration of the City of Barron, Wisconsin for the year 2014.

Motion carried 5 ayes 1 naye. (Fladten voting naye).

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Nordby to approve the City of Barron tax levy as follows: General fund \$671,758; Special Revenue Funds \$205,789 and Debt Service Funds \$282,564 for a total tax levy of \$1,160,111. Motion carried 5 ayes 1 naye. (Fladten voting naye).

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk