

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held December 10, 2013 at 5:30 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, Sheryl Claflin, Lori Richter, Sue Wojtkiewicz, Dave Wierzba, Lynn Struzan, Rick Jari, Diane Sloan, Sue Hanson, Stacy Cole and Robert Zientara.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

Sheryl Claflin and Lori Richter appeared representing CBS Squared, Inc. to discuss our city hall study followed by Sue Wojtkiewicz of Short Elliott Hendrickson followed by Dave Wierzba of MSA Professional Services. Each representative reviewed their proposal for what their firm could do for the City of Barron. No action was taken this evening.

Lynn Struzan, Office Supervisor/Municipal Sales of Allied Waste Services appeared to discuss our carted garbage service which commenced earlier this summer. Allied Waste Services is working with the Solid Waste Committee of Barron County to work out an agreement in which Allied can implement our curb side recycling program in the City of Barron.

Rick Jari, Utility Manager appeared to update members of the city council on our first year of purchasing power from AEP. We have realized a cost savings to our customers and should continue to realize a savings as prices have been locked in thru calendar year 2019.

Mike Dietrich excused himself at 7:05 p.m.

Stacy Cole, Sue Hanson and Diane Sloan appeared to discuss a proposal for replacing the old slide at the outdoor pool as part of phase one which would also require extending the cement and extending the fence. The estimated cost of this phase is \$53,500 which they would fund raise and hopefully have this slide installed this spring. Future projects/ideas include a kiddie slide; zero depth kiddie pool; extend the fence on the park side of the pool, add concession stand, handicap accessible bathrooms and a pool lift.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Haller to approve the fund raiser for the project(s) at our outdoor pool with donations going to the City of Barron and further that the City of Barron contribute \$20,000. towards the project(s). Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

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

Consent agenda.

- a. Approval of the minutes of November 12, 2013 and November 25, 2013.
- b. Approval of the bills.

- c. Approval of the 2014 quote from EMC Insurance Companies for liability, worker's compensation and property insurance at an estimated annual premium of \$121,130.00.
- d. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee to authorize Byron Miller, Chief of Police and Mike Freeman, Assistant Chief of Police to attend the 2014 Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Mid-Winter Training Conference in Wisconsin Dells on February 9, 2014 to February 12, 2014.
- e. Approval of operator licenses to Kelsey Steinmetz, Cristie Turner and Jurnee Uetz for the period ending June 30, 2014.
- f. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointments of the following election inspectors: Carol Romsos, Caroly Dawson, Ethel Rasmussen, Betty Robinson, Marilyn Gilbertson, Carol Brown, Marge Thompson, Eva Jean Liden, Mafra Young, Patricia Halvorson, Reda Thorson, Patricia Sirovatka, Laurie Church and Patricia Sundsmo.

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

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

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Rollins to approve the recommendation of the Wage Negotiation Committee regarding the 2014 wage and benefit package to non-union city/utility employees and the HSA contribution for police union members as outlined in the letter dated December 6, 2013 from Tony Slagstad, City Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Rollins to approve Ordinance No. 2013 – # 5, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013- # 5  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BARRON

SECTION I. COMPENSATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS. The following officers of the City of Barron shall be entitled to a 2014 annual compensation, as set forth after the office listed:

OFFICE	ANNUAL COMPENSATION
Mayor	\$ 8,280.00
City Clerk-Treasurer	65,477.00
Municipal Judge	5,978.00
First Ward Alderperson	3,000.00
Second Ward Alderperson	3,000.00
Third Ward Alderperson	3,000.00
Fourth Ward Alderperson	3,000.00
# 1 At Large Alderperson	3,000.00
# 2 At Large Alderperson	3,000.00

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall take effect the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014 for the Mayor and the Alderpersons and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014 for the City Clerk-Treasurer and Municipal Judge.  
Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk