

minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Kevin Haller, Ron Fladten, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Bob Rollins. Absent: Rod Nordby (arrived at 6:08 p.m.). Others present: Andrew Harrington, Maureen Tollman, Mark Thompson, Bob Zientara, Jodie Dantzman, Tammy Wibel, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Don Peterson, Craig Broeren, Mike Freeman, Kevin Morgan, Bob Sworski and Paul Solie.

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

Rod Nordby arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of March 11, 2014.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of an operator license to Dawn M. Schultz for the period ending June 30, 2014.
- d. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's Recreation Council appointments: Kevin Johnson, Chris Knutson and Alicia Wirth.
- e. Approval of Ed Halvorson as a substitute crossing guard.
- f. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee and hire Ken Bates as an occasional part-time police officer.
- g. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee and authorize Assistant Chief Mike Freeman to attend the 2014 Attorney General's Summit on Public Safety "Protecting Our Families" in Wisconsin Dells on June 17-19, 2014.
- h. Approval of the recommendation of the Police Committee and authorize Investigator/K-9 Nathan Emmons compensation time for the federally mandated seven (7) hours per pay period for K-9 care.

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

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

Jodie Dantzman, Agent and Tammy Wibel of Kwik Trip, Inc. appeared to request approval for a Class "A" Combination Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for the period ending June 30, 2014.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Rollins to grant Kwik Trip, Inc. a Class "A" Combination Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for the period ending June 30, 2014 as requested. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays.

Tyler Gruetzmacher appeared to discuss the possibility of removing the dam at the former swimming pool in Anderson Park. The State of Wisconsin has a grant program which provides reimbursement of 100% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$50,000.00 including engineering fees. Mr. Gruetzmacher distributed a hand-out of the existing conditions as well as what the river might look like following the removal of the dam.

Tyler Gruetzmacher and Don Peterson discussed the possibility of a new foot bridge in Anderson Park. Tyler will continue discussing this project with officials of Barron County which may have some grants available. Cost estimates will be generated for further discussion on this potential project.

Craig Broeren, District Administrator of the Barron Area School District appeared to discuss repairs to the tennis court which could include crack filling, re-surfacing and re-painting. It was agreed that the school district and city could share in said costs. Once cost estimates are obtained further discussions will take place.

Mr. Broeren distributed a copy of the Barron Area School District Safe Routes to School Plan. This plan was developed with assistance from the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission thru a planning grant from the State of Wisconsin. Pages 22 thru 24 were reviewed for possible improvements to Memorial Drive/Woodland Avenue; improvements at the entrance to the Woodland School and improvements on North Mill Street and River Avenue. Further discussion will take place at upcoming committee meetings on these possible improvements.

Mike Freeman, Assistant Chief of Police appeared and presented the 2013 police annual report.

Bob Sworski, Architect with CBS<sup>2</sup> appeared and distributed a hand-out and discussed their preliminary findings for improvements to Barron City Hall. Mr. Sworski indicated that he should meet with our Building Committee to further discuss this project and then he can bring back cost estimates at that time.

Mike Dietrich reviewed prices for a new electronic scoreboard for Anderson Park. Donors are being sought to cover the cost of the scoreboard.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Rollins to authorize purchasing the scoreboard at a cost of \$4,995.00. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Fladten to approve the request of the VFW to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a tent adjacent to their building between noon and midnight on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in celebration of Armed Forces Day. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 naves.

Kevin Morgan, D.N.R. Wildlife Biologist appeared to discuss bears and handed out some literature entitled "living with bears in Wisconsin".

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

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Allen to approve the following two Resolutions:

RESOLUTION HONORING  
RON FLADTEN

WHEREAS, Ron Fladten for the past four years has given of his time, knowledge and experience as a member of the Common Council of the City of Barron; and

WHEREAS, his interest in serving his community has exemplified the City's tradition of Representative Democracy and citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fladten has served as a Council representative on the Street Committee, Police Committee, Airport Committee, Insurance Committee, Barron Maple Grove Fire Department Committee, Senior Citizens Center Committee and Wage Negotiation Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Barron that Ron Fladten is to be commended for his time spent in dedicated service to the community, and that the community extend its sincere gratitude for his service.

RESOLUTION HONORING  
BOB ROLLINS

WHEREAS, Bob Rollins for the past six years has given of his time, knowledge and experience as a member of the Common Council of the City of Barron; and

WHEREAS, his interest in serving his community has exemplified the City's tradition of Representative Democracy and citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins has served as a Council representative on the Street Committee, Police Committee, Airport Committee, Barron Area Community Center Committee, Building Committee, Property Committee, Park Committee, Senior Citizens Center Committee and Wage Negotiation Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Barron that Bob Rollins is to be commended for his time spent in dedicated service to the community, and that the community extend its sincere gratitude for his service.

Motion unanimously carried.

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

  
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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk