

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held September 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: none. Others present: Andrew Harrington, Byron Miller, Nathan Emmons 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.

Mayor David Vruwink started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

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

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of August 12, 2014 and August 29, 2014.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval to send Janet Bensed, Court Clerk to the 2014 Municipal Court Clerk Seminar in Elkhart Lake on October 15-17, 2014. Note: Mandatory training at minimum every other year. Did not attend last year's training.
- d. Approval of the sign location lease as proposed between Lamar Central Outdoor LLC, d/b/a Lamar Advertising of Central Wisconsin and the City of Barron.
- e. Approval of Bruce Rasmussen to the Revolving Loan Committee (façade improvements) to replace Becky Hurth.
- f. Approval of Paul Lytle to the Library Board of Trustees.

Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson.

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

Moved by Allen, seconded by Thompson to approve an operator license for Paul O'Flanagan for the period ending June 30, 2015. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Byron Miller, Chief of Police and Nathan Emmons, Investigator/K-9 Officer appeared to discuss the creation of an administrative position in the police department. Chief Miller distributed a survey of area wage rates for said position and whether or not the position was full-time or part-time as well as a copy of a job description which could be modified for our needs. This proposed 20 hour per week position will be included in the 2015 police budget for consideration at the budget hearing in November.

Rod Nordby reported that the school district is interested in working with the city in constructing six new tennis courts north of the Yellow River on a 50-50 cost sharing basis. Preliminary cost estimates for the project is \$200,000.00 to \$225,000.00. Discussion took place on a possible grant for the project as well as fund raising for the project. There was also discussion on where this proposed project would fit in relation to other needs of the city. No action was taken this evening.

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

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Tollman to adjourn into closed session at 7:15 p.m. as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of discussing compensation for employees under our jurisdiction.

Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson.

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

Present: Mayor Vruwink; Alderpersons Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson; City Attorney Harrington; Chief of Police Miller and City Clerk-Treasurer Slagstad.

Discussion took place on the compensation paid to the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police. A wage survey was reviewed. No action was taken this evening.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Haller to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk