

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held October 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink, Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: Maureen Tollman. Others present: Byron Miller, Susan Queiser, Andrew Harrington 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 Allen, seconded by Haller to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of September 9, 2014 and September 19, 2014.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of Jared Amundson for seasonal help with the street department at an hourly wage rate of \$12.00.
- d. Authorize the use of the city property located on the north-east corner of USH 8 and North 18<sup>th</sup> Street by the Past Reflections Car Club on September 13, 2015 for their annual car show and swap meet.
- e. Authorize Kiwanis Club and other civic groups to proceed with Veteran's Memorial at Wayside Cemetery as recommended by the Wayside Cemetery Board.
- f. Approval of an operator license for Tina Bates for the period ending June 30, 2015.
- g. Approval of the Police Committee to authorize Byron Miller, Chief of Police to attend the Glock Armorer Training Course in Waunakee, WI on December 11, 2014.
- h. Approval to hire a part-time administrative assistant for the police department. Establish hourly wage rate and number of hours worked.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Dietrich to remove item (h) from the consent agenda. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Voting in favor of the consent agenda, as amended: Nordby, Haller, Dietrich, Allen and Thompson.  
Opposed: none. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Byron Miller, Chief of Police spoke in favor of hiring a part-time administrative assistant for the police department for twenty-one (21) hours per week with an hourly wage rate of \$12.00 to \$12.50 to commence with the start of the 2015 budget.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Allen to approve the recommendation of Byron Miller, Chief of Police and to review the position after one year. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 naye. (Thompson voting naye.)

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Dietrich to approve the proposed City of Barron return to work policy as requested by EMC Insurance Companies. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Dietrich to approve the 50-50 D.N.R. grant for radios (local share of \$3,200. or \$1,067. each); subject to approval by the Town of Barron and Town of Maple Grove Boards. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

The 2014 monthly health insurance rates are as follows: single plan - \$600.00 per month; family plan - \$1,500.00 per month. The proposed 2015 monthly health insurance rates are as follows: single plan - \$620.00 per month; family plan - \$1,540.00 per month. These rates would be with Medica and commence on December 1, 2014. The health plan is the same one that is currently in effect. The percentage paid by the city/utility and the employees will need to be determined at a later date.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Haller to approve said rates effective December 1, 2014 as outlined above. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Haller to approve the listing documents for the potential sale of the lots located in the Industrial Park by Haselwander Real Estate of Eau Claire, subject to two exclusions from interested parties who are working with the Barron Development Corporation. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Haller to approve Mayor Vruwink's appointment of Rod Nordby and Tony Allen to the 2015 Wage Negotiation Committee. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

The 2015 preliminary city budget was reviewed. The public hearing will take place at the November 11, 2014 city council meeting.

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

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

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk