

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held December 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, Roberta Mosentine, Bard Kittleson, Claire Fall, Betty Ritchie, Rosemary Tireman, Emil Tireman, Rose Kilmer, Jeff French, Jason Leu, Pauline Kringle, Wendell Kringle, Scott Spiehs, Steve Luu and Cody Herbster.

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.

Discussion took place on the fact that as of January 1, 2015 we will no longer be able to bring stray animals to the facility currently operated by the Humane Society of Barron County, Inc. at 1571 Guy Avenue in Barron. There was discussion regarding the language in the quit claim deed from March of 1997 and whether or not the right of reversion would apply. It is the opinion of Andrew Harrington, City Attorney that the Humane Society's decision to opt out of the County contract does not trigger the City's right of reversion. Effective, January 1, 2015 Barron County municipalities will be using Happy Tales Kennel in Barronett.

Mayor Vruwink called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the request to change the zoning at 21 North 6th Street to C-2 Highway Commercial District. CVS Pharmacy has plans to acquire this property as well as the three other properties located on USH 8 for their project.

Mayor Vruwink invited comments from the public. Rich Dommer, Attorney representing TMC Wisconsin 2, LLC, developer of the proposed CVS pharmacy participated by telephone and spoke in favor of the rezoning. Steve Luu, P.E. Project Engineer with Manhard Consulting and Cody Herbster, VP Real Estate Development with T.M. Crowley & Associates were present to answer questions about the project. A traffic study has been completed and will be sent to the City of Barron as well as the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Mayor Vruwink adjourned the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. and returned to open session at this time.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Nordby to approve Ordinance No. 2014 - # 4, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 - # 4
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 56
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BARRON

The Common Council of the City of Barron do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: The official zoning map of the City of Barron is hereby amended in the following respects:

The following described property shall be part of the C-2 Commercial District:

Lots 7 & 8, Block 9, of Railway Addition to the Village (now City) of Barron except that part described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 8; thence Westerly, along the South line of said Lot 8, 7.0 feet; thence N. 0 degree 42' 01" E., parallel to the East line of said Lot 8, 16.57 feet; thence N. 1 degree 06' 14" E., 83.43 feet, to a point on the North line of said Lot 7 which is 6.41 feet Westerly of the Northeast corner of said Lot 7; thence Easterly, along said North line, 6.41 feet to said Northeast corner; thence S. 0 degrees 42' 01" W., along said East line, 100 feet to the point of beginning County of Barron and State of Wisconsin.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of November 11, 2014.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of an operator license for Elizabeth Roatch, Amber Goertzen, Garrett Gagner, Catherine Poirier, Judith Kohl, Bryan Mueller, Mitchell Jacobsen, Jazmin O'Neil and Lori Balts for the period ending June 30, 2015.
- d. Approval of the renewal of the 2015 insurance policies for worker's comp.; general liability; police professional liability; automobile; public officials liability; umbrella; data compromise; property; inland marine; crime and equipment breakdown with EMC Insurance Companies in the amount of \$145,116.00
- e. Approval to transfer \$1,062.00 from the general fund back to the K-9 fund for 2013 expenditures charged in error.
- f. Write off \$164,548.00 as special assessments receivable from Barron County and transfer said amount as receivable from Tax Increment District # 3 at an interest rate of 5.4%.
- g. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of Peggy Rogers to the elections board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Caroly Dawson.

- h. Approval of the proposal from EO Johnson for a Ricoh Aficio MPc2503sp Color MFD copier for city hall at a net cost of \$4,545.00. Note: the existing copier was purchased in January, 2005.

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

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

Byron Miller, Chief of Police and Nathan Emmons, Investigator appeared to discuss the need to replace the police radios at an estimated cost of \$12,200.00, less trade-in (amount to be determined) from TWC, Inc.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Nordby to table the request for radios and send it to the Police Committee for a recommendation. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 naves.

Mike Dietrich excused himself from the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Tony Allen reported that the Barron Golf Club, Inc. Board would like permission from the City Council to authorize the trade-in of twenty-eight power carts as part of a new lease/purchase with Yamaha Golf & Utility of Burnsville, MN.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Haller to authorized the trade-in of twenty-eight power carts as requested. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

Mayor Vruwink announced that he would entertain a motion to adjourn into closed session as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Moved by Nordby, seconded by Haller to go into closed session as outlined above. Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Allen and Thompson. Voting against: none. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Present: Vruwink, Nordby, Haller, Tollman, Allen and Thompson. Absent: Dietrich. Others present: Andrew Harrington and Tony Slagstad.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss the 2015 wage and benefit package for non-union city/utility employees. Discussion took place on the recommendation from the Wage Negotiation Committee relative to the wage and benefit package as outlined in a letter dated December 9, 2014 from Tony Slagstad, City Clerk-Treasurer to the Mayor and members of the city council.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Haller to return to open session at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Tollman to approve the 2015 wage and benefit package for non-union city/utility employees as outlined in a letter dated December 9, 2014 from Tony Slagstad to the Mayor and members of the city council. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Moved by Nordby, seconded by Haller to approve Ordinance No. 2014 - # 5, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014- # 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 2015 annual compensation, as set forth after the office listed:

OFFICE	ANNUAL COMPENSATION
Mayor	\$ 9,000.00
City Clerk-Treasurer	67,500.00
Municipal Judge	6,127.00
First Ward Alderperson	3,600.00
Second Ward Alderperson	3,600.00
Third Ward Alderperson	3,600.00
Fourth Ward Alderperson	3,600.00
# 1 At Large Alderperson	3,600.00
# 2 At Large Alderperson	3,600.00

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall take effect the 3rd Tuesday of April, 2016 for the Mayor and the Alderpersons of the Third Ward, Fourth Ward and # 2 At Large and the 3rd Tuesday of April, 2015 for the Alderperson of the First Ward, Second Ward and # 1 At Large and the 1st day of May, 2015 for the City Clerk-Treasurer and Municipal Judge.

Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk