

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held January 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: David Vruwink and Mike Dietrich. Others present: Andrew Harrington, Byron Miller and Robert Zientara.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Rod Nordby

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

Council President Rod Nordby started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

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

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of December 9, 2014 and December 23, 2014.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of the proposal from Civic Systems for a cemetery management system in the amount of \$2,100.00 + annual support of \$300.00.
- d. Approval of the purchase of a computer for the cemetery management system.
- e. Approval of the proposal from Civic Systems for an accounts receivable program in the amount of \$5,700.00 + annual support of \$750.00.
- f. Approval of a John Deere riding lawn mower for the cemetery at a net cost of \$4,434.00 as outlined in a proposal dated January 6, 2015 from Tractor Central.
- g. Approval of an operator license for Samantha Skrypek and Kolton Vought for the period ending June 30, 2015.
- h. Approval of the quote dated January 6, 2015 from Industrial Safety, Inc. for twenty-four pair of 14" structural fire boots at a city share of \$2,232.00.
- i. Act upon the recommendation of Dave Hanson, Street Superintendent to authorize Ben Cole to attend training in Eau Claire on February 10-11, 2015 to become a certified pool operator.

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

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

Quotes for a new patching kettle for the street department were presented as follows:

1. MacQueen Equipment, Inc. \$18,719.00
2. Envirotech Equipment \$22,178.00
3. Mid States Equipment & Supply \$19,770.00 plus freight (est. cost \$1,000 - \$2,000)
4. Mid States Equipment & Supply \$19,477.50

Quotes for a new pick-up for the street department were presented as follows:

1. Swant Graber Auto – 2015 F-150 Ford \$24,953.00
2. Swant Graber Auto – Dodge \$23,916.00
3. Swant Graber Auto – Chevrolet \$25,664.00

Moved by Haller, seconded by Allen to approve the recommendation of the Street Committee and purchase the patching kettle from MacQueen Equipment, Inc. for \$18,719.00 as outlined in their proposal dated December 10, 2014 and to purchase the pick-up from Swant Graber Auto for \$24,953.00 as outlined in their proposal dated January 8, 2015. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Byron Miller, Chief of Police reported that the committee interviewed five different persons for the newly created administrative position of twenty-one (21) hours per week and are recommending that we hire Mandi Sinclair.

Moved by Tollman, seconded by Allen to hire Mandi Sinclair as recommended with a starting hourly wage of \$12.00 per hour and that after six months of successful completion of a probationary period the hourly wage would be \$12.50 per hour. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion took place on whether or not the city should acquire property for future commercial development so that said property would be shovel ready for any interested party. It was mentioned that we already have property available in our Industrial Park. No action was taken this evening.

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk