

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held on February 10, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink (by phone), Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Maureen Tollman, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Mark Thompson. Absent: none. Others present: Andrew Harrington, Angela Beranek, Bob Sworski 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 Dietrich, seconded by Haller to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of January 13, 2015 and January 26, 2015.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Authorize Tony Slagstad to attend the spring municipal state treasurer's conference in Waukesha on April 23-24, 2015.
- d. Authorize the Barron Federated Music Club to include their national insignia sign on our Welcome to Barron sign on the east and west sides of the City of Barron on USH 8.
- e. Approval of the proposal dated February 3, 2015 from Mosaic Telecom for a call out button for city hall in the amount of \$675.00.
- f. Approval of an operator's license for Travis Ricci for the period ending June 30, 2015.

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

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

Appearance by Angela Beranek, Barron County District Attorney to discuss her request for support by the Barron City Council for another Assistant District Attorney because of an increased case load in her office. Ms. Beranek distributed an overview of the Barron County District Attorney's Office.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Allen to support the request of Barron County District Attorney Beranek for an additional Assistant District Attorney and that a letter be sent on behalf of the Common Council of the City of Barron. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Kevin Haller excused himself at 6:55 p.m.

Bob Sworski, Architect with CBS squared appeared to present their report dated February 10, 2015 on the city hall/police department project. Cost comparisons between remodeling our existing facility and building a new facility were noted. The conclusion reached by CBS squared is to plan and construct a new facility based upon criteria outlined on page twenty-one (21) of their report.

Discussion took place on whether or not to make improvements to the existing tennis courts with the Barron Area School District with cost sharing of 50-50. Preliminary cost estimates are \$150,000.00 for the project.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Allen to not partner with the Barron Area School District on the tennis court project and that the City of Barron explore other options. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 naye. (Nordby voting naye.)

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Tollman to approve the recommendation of the Codes & Ordinances Review Committee and approve Ordinance No. 2015 - # 1 as follows:

ORDINANCE No. 2015 - #1: Revision to the Barron Code of Ordinances §4-160: Licensed premises inside supermarkets and other stores.

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

- (a) Class "A" and "Class A" licensed premises that are part of a supermarket, convenience store or other premises, not exclusively licensed for Class "A" or "Class A" sales, shall be segregated by walls from the rest of the rest of the premises and shall maintain a separate exit. The walls shall extend from ceiling to floor and shall be constructed of glass or other suitable materials with lockable doors and entry restricted to those of lawful age.
- (b) There shall be only one entrance for the segregated premises coupled with a device designed to prohibit exit from the entrance to the licensed premises.
- (c) Applications for licenses restricted by this section shall be accompanied by a schematic design of the premises to be licensed.

Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Discussion took place on the fact that the City of Barron is eligible for up to \$500,000.00 of block grant funds. The funding is competitive with other projects in Wisconsin. The application deadline is April 10, 2015. Yesterday, the utility commission discussed this program and decided that the city and utility should consider a project next year. It was agreed we would not pursue the block grant for this funding cycle.

Discussion took place on the fact we still cannot have curbside recycling as per Barron County regulations. Barron County officials will be contacted to further address our concerns.

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

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Tony Slagstad, City Clerk