

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 10, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812

1. Call to order

Mayor David Vruwink called a regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Tony Allen, Mike Dietrich, Kevin Haller, Rod Nordby, Mo Tollman and Mark Thompson were present. Absent: None. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Dave Vruwink, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Assistant Administrator Kelli Rasmussen, Peter Olson, Mark Klein, Dave Rasmussen, Dave Armstrong, Bob Zientera, Jenifer Mason, Dave Hanson, Deanna Aubart, Selene Wosepka, Pat Bjelland, Lynn Kolpack, Gerri Cowley and Tony Cowley. All present joined to salute the flag. Mayor Vruwink began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Oath of Office of Newly Elected Officials

City Clerk Kazmierski administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals:

- Mo Tollman, Alderperson
- Mike Dietrich, Alderperson

4. Presentation of Boys and Girls Club of Barron County (Riverview Middle School Club)

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Deanna Aubart and Board member Selene explained how the club outcomes, number of members, daily activities, goals of the club and current financial status.

5. Barron County Economic Development Corporation Annual Report (Dave Armstrong)

Executive Director Dave Armstrong addressed the council with details on three areas of concern:

- Business Services: Start-ups, expansions of existing businesses and work force issues
- Tourism: coordinating the “goings on” in Barron County – dollars spent on a video promoting Barron County
- “Live Here/Work Here”: coordinating a housing study to show the needs of Barron County and what can be done to retain our population as far as employment and housing needs

6. Monthly Department Reports

Mark Klein, Barron Municipal Court Judge spoke of 5 topics:

- Background of the Municipal Court
- Changes he has seen in his 2 years as Municipal Judge
- Statistics that support legal violation trends
- Distributed/explained the bond schedule
- Needs to update certain Codes – brief discussion which will be revisited at a later date

7. Update on Water Tower #2 Project (Dave Rasmussen-MSA Professional Services)

Dave Rasmussen, MSA Professional Services provided updates on the Water Tower #2 Project is progressing, 30% of the plans have been completed, plan to be ready for bids in August. Small issue with the site in regards to the Rice Lake Airport, will need obtain a waiver or variance to proceed from both the City of Barron and the City of Rice Lake.

8. Discussion and consideration of bid award towards Anderson Park Drainage Project

Six bids were obtained for the Drainage Project in the Anderson Park. Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to award the bid to Bjugstad Enterprises in the amount of \$67,432.34. Motion Carried, Roll Call Vote: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Absent-0 Motion carried.

9. Discussion and consideration of bid award for brush cutter

Street Commissioner Dave Hanson addressed the Council with an explanation of which brush cutter would best suit departmental needs. Motion by Haller, second by Nordby to approve the purchase of Diamond 72" rotary mower/skid steer attachment from Bobcat Plus at a cost of \$11,995.00. Motion carried, Roll Call Vote: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Absent-0 Motion carried.

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Reading and Approval of the March 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting minutes.
- b) Approval of Claims and Bills
- c) Approval of Operators License to Serve for Candace Clark, Richard Teetzel, Barbara Siiter and Scott Epperly for the period ending June 30, 2018
- d) Approval of registrations for all interested elected officials to attend Local Government 101 Workshop offered May 11, 2018 in Eau Claire, WI
- e) Approval of Fair Housing Month Proclamation by the City of Barron
- f) Approval of Annual Arbor Day Proclamation by the City of Barron for Tree City USA
- g) Approval of request by Tessa Trumble to allow amplified music at the Island Shelter in Anderson Park on June 16, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Allen, Dietrich, Haller, Thompson and Tollman

Voting against: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

11. Discussion of Solid Waste and possible Recycling Removal Services

Jenifer Mason, Sales Manager with Republic Services provide answers to questions and supply information on the upcoming RFP for waste disposal services. Discussion included concerns over recycling pick-up options. Ms. Mason stated that Republic Services would be willing to extend the expiring contract for one (1) year in order to research recycling options and develop curb-side recycling pickup options. No action will be taken at this time.

12. Committee Reports

Tony Allen: Update of Police Commission

Mark Thompson: Extraterritorial – met to approve two new large barns to house turkeys in ETZ.

Mo Tollman: Library Board – hired an assistant director and some additional staff – looking to hire someone to coordinate youth services. The MORE system is looking at going to a “fine free” system and the board of trustees will begin Strategic Planning with assistance from City Administrator

Administrator Reports:

- a. Workshop for Planning Commission and Elected Officials (May 31, 2018)
- b. Impacts of Barron County WTE pricing on Spring clean-up day (May 12, 2018)
- c. Community Home Again, Inc. update
- d. Organizational Meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by Kelli Rasmussen, Assistant City Administrator