

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017, 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, December 12, 2017, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Kevin Haller, Rod Nordby, Mo Tollman, Tony Allen and Mike Dietrich were present.

Absent: Mark Thompson. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Dave Vruwink, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Assistant Administrator Kelli Rasmussen, Assistant Police Chief Mike Freeman, Bob Zientara, Susan Glumski, Dave Schofield, Ron Fladten, Lynn Hanse, Linda Martinson and Alex Zamarripa.

All present joined to salute the flag.

Mayor Vruwink began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Public Comments

Lynn Hanse addressed the board with concerns regarding the City Council's decision to discontinue paying the monthly fee for the Cupboard & Closet dumpster – she pointed out the donations they make to various entities which would be severely impacted if they had to begin paying for the dumpster.

Alex Zamarripa spoke in favor of the approval of the liquor license for Gordy's Market.

Sue Glumski addressed the board with concerns regarding the approval of the liquor license application for Gordy's Market.

3. Monthly Department Reports:

Assistant Police chief provided a Police Department Update with a synopsis of the year in review. He reported they've had a very busy year with many activities on top of the normal day-to-day operations.

4. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-13; Recognizing and Honoring Brian & Katherine Rieckenberg for their contributions to the City of Barron.

Brian & Katherine Rieckenberg were honored with a plaque in appreciation and recognition of their years of contributions to the City of Barron.

Motion by Allen, second by Tollman to approve Resolution 2017-13.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-1 Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda:

1. a. Reading and Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Claims and Bills
- c. Approval of Original Application for Class 'A' Beer and Class 'A' Liquor license for Gordy's Market, Inc., d/b/a GORDY'S MARKET, and Alex Zamarripa, Agent, located at 622 E. LaSalle Avenue, Barron, WI
- d. Approval of Operator's License to Serve for Casandra Hilson, Kimberly Ann Huppert, Aaron J.
- e. Approval of Mayor Vruwink's appointment of the following persons to the City of Barron election board as election inspectors for a two-year term, 2018-2019: Deqo Ahmed, Faisal Ahmed, Carol Brown, Laurie Church, Marilyn Gilbertson, Rose Hanson, Judy Holloway, Melissa Kmiecik, Bonnie Knutson, Eva Jean Liden, Daniel McNeil, Carolyn Miller, Terry Miller, Ethel Rasmussen, Carol Romsos, Betty Robinson, Sharon Rollins, Patricia Sirovotka, Patricia

Sundsmo, Reda Thorson, Lori Wells and Mafra Young

- f. Approval of Ann Matheny to the City of Barron Tourism Commission to replace Briana Farb
- g. Approval of EMC Insurance Companies proposal for Workers Compensation, Liability, Property, Inland Marine, Boiler/Machinery and Crime Policies at a premium of \$136,671
- h. Approval of 20-year Billboard Lease with Schubert & Hoey Outdoor Advertising, Inc.

Motion by Nordby, second by Tollman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of one correct to the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes: Item 17 should reflect one “naye” vote (Allen).

Motion Carried, Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller, Tollman and Allen.

Voting No: none.

Absent: Thompson

6. Consideration of Police Committee recommendation to the City Council to change parking Woodland Avenue (north side across from Barron High School and Woodland Elementary School) from two (2) hour parking to no parking during school hours

Motion by Haller, second by Nordby to Deny the Police Committee recommendation to change parking on Woodland Avenue from two (2) hour parking to no parking.

Ayes-4 Nays-1 (Allen) Absent-1 Motion carried.

7. Consideration of purchasing six (6) solar powered LED advanced warning signs for railroad crossings.

Motion by Allen, second by Nordby to deny the purchase of six (6) solar powered LED advance warning signs for the railroad crossings.

Ayes-4 Nays-1 (Tollman) Absent-1 Motion carried.

8. Consideration of Activities Agreement between the State of Wisconsin (Department of Administration) and the City of Barron for the \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant

Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to approve the Activities Agreement between the State of Wisconsin (Department of Administration) and the City of Barron for the \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-1 Motion carried.

Kevin Haller excused himself at 7:15 p.m.

9. Consideration of Design & Bidding Engineering Contract for Water Tower #2

Dave Schofield with MSA reported at he has met with property owners to begin the conversation about possible purchases of land for the water tower site.

Motion by Allen, second by Dietrich to approve the Design & Bidding Engineering Contract for Water Tower #2 as presented.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-2 Motion carried.

10. Consideration of refinancing the 10-year promissory note to the Barron Golf Club, Inc.

Golf Board member and Alderman Tony Allen distributed a financial update on the Rolling Oaks Golf Club. The idea was expressed that as the city actually owns the equipment being covered in the promissory note, a request to forgive the balance of the note could be considered.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Allen that any further action/discussion on the promissory note be tabled

until the November, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-2 Motion carried.

11. Discussion of proposal from Mosaic Telecom for a new server and IT service contract.

Administrator Kazmierski reported on the fact that the demand on the existing server at city hall is too great and a new server is necessary. He obtained 3 quotes with Mosaic being the clear lowest bid by a large margin. The cost to be divided among the: Police Department, Light & Water Department and the City – with each party being responsible for approximately \$6300.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to approve the proposal from Mosaic Telecom for a new server and IT service contract.

Motion Carried, Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Nordby, Dietrich, Tollman and Allen.

Voting No: none.

Absent: Thompson, Haller

12. Consideration of Public & Open Records Policy

A need has been acknowledged for the creation of a policy for the recent influx of open records requests received in the City Clerk's office, which require copies and employees time.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to approve the Public & Open Records Policy as presented.

Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-2 Motion carried.

13. Committee Reports

Tony Allen reported that the Fire Department wishes to sell 2 rescue units. This will be placed on the January City Council Agenda for consideration.

There were no further committee reports at this time.

Kevin Haller returned at 8:00 p.m.

14. Administrator Report:

- a. Somali 101 Workshop
- b. Tourism Commission recommendation for a new website
- c. Tree USA designation
- d. Performance Evaluation of City Administrator

15. Adjournment

Motion by Allen, second by Dietrich to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-1 Motion carried.

Prepared by Kelli Rasmussen, Assistant Administrator
City of Barron

These minutes were taken at a regular meeting held on December 12, 2017

APPROVED