

CITY OF BARRON  
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019, 3:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to order

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. Quorum was declared. Commissioners in Attendance: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnson, Gene Redlich, Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

Others present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Utility Manager Rick Jari, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Mayor Ron Fladten, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, Office Coordinator Sande Hause and Bob Zientara with Barron News-Shield.

2. Approval of the minutes from January 14, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion by Ken Petersen, seconded by Gene Redlich, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5                  Nays-0                  Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills

Motion by Bob Missling, seconded by Ken Petersen, to approve the February bills, including ratifying late bills, as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-5                  Nays-0                  Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports

Widiker presented the December 2018 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements.

5. Plant Operations Reports

Jari reported on the plant operations report, profit and loss statement for electric service for the City of Barron and Jennie-O Turkey Store, peak demands report and water sold vs water pumped report. The coincidental peak demand for December 2018 was lower than December 2017. Water loss was at 1% loss for the month of January.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business

Jari stated nothing to report from last month.

7. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA - update Water Tower #2 project

Anderson handed out a schedule. She reported the CSM was approved last month. Waiting on approval from DNR and PSC. The land has been acquired, purchased 3 acres rather than the 0.52 parcel. The CDBG grant deadline is October 31, but there is an alternate deadline next year.

8. Discuss and consider recommending Council to authorize going out for bids on the Water Tower #2 project

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Petersen, to recommend to City Council to authorize going out for bids on the Water Tower #2 project, voice vote:

Ayes-5                  Nays-0                  Motion carried.

9. Discuss and consider sending 1 employee to the meter workshop in March

Jari informed the Commission he would like to send an employee to an electric meter workshop. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Johnson, to approve sending one employee to the meter workshop, voice vote:

Ayes-5          Nays-0          Motion carried.

10. Discussion of ad valorem taxation vs. gross receipts tax

Kazmierski presented a brief overview of the report. It was decided to create a committee to look more into ad valorem taxation for a better understanding and how it may affect the City. Ken Petersen, Joe Johnson and Bob Missling will be on the committee.

11. Projects update

The Barron/Cameron Joint meeting was discussed. Jari stated that SAIP was in attendance and are doing testing to try to figure the level of effluent they need to meet. Jari reported the ponds are getting the needed aeration and this is working fine.

Joe Johnson left the meeting at 4:35 pm.

12. Plant Performance Graph

Jari presented the plant performance graph and gave comparisons to last month.

13. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 5:00 pm.

Prepared by Sande Hause, Office Coordinator – Barron Light & Water