

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812

1. Call to order

Mayor Rod Nordby called a regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Joe Johnston, Keith Kolpack, Isaak Mohamed* and Dallas Sloan were present. Absent: Byron Miller and Pete Olson. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Police Chief Joe Vierkandt, Teresa Anderson, Jason Valerius*, Dave Armstrong, Ryan Johnson, Gary Trott, Sara Hinz, David Schoonover, Jeff Schoonover, Chris Straight, Amanda Feldt-Smith, Dalton Brown* and Ryan Urban. The Mayor began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

*Virtual Attendance

2. Public Comments

David Schoonover and Tony Allen addressed the council to express their thoughts on the application from Rolling Oaks Golf Club for a liquor license.

3. Appearance by Jason Valerius, MSA Placemaking Planning Team Leader

Jason Valerius, Senior Planner with MSA appeared to explain the scope and objectives of their placemaking services.

4. Appearance by Dave Armstrong, Barron County Economic Development Corporation and Chris Straight, Regional Planning

Director Dave Armstrong with BCEDC appeared to present his annual recap on Tourism, Business Services and Community Development. With the Small Business Development Center the key issues are lack of: workforce, housing and childcare. Currently county wide there are approximately 1000 jobs to be filled. How can we sell Barron? Look at bringing in winter events to the area. Chris Straight, Senior Planner with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission presented plans for a reboot of the 2015 Placemaking efforts. He is intending to set up a 3-4 hour session to revisit strategies, i.e. how to bring graduates back to Barron, how to draw people into the community, etc.

5. Appearance by Cedar Corporation and Market and Johnson Representatives – City Hall, Police Department and Street Shop Rebuild Project Updates

Update: Municipal Center is in the home stretch. Punch list and cleaning will take place early next week, city should have to keys to begin move-in on January 20.

Public Works: Electrical and plumbing fixtures are in the installation process, along with finishing of painting. Should have keys early in February.

- a. Approval of pay request for Barron Municipal Center payable to Market & Johnson, \$202,337.01

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to approve Municipal Center pay request to Market & Johnson. Motion carried, all ayes.

- b. Approval of Contractor payment request for Barron Municipal Center payable to Berghammer Builders, Inc., \$42,311.70

Motion by Sloan, second by Kolpack to approve the Municipal Center pay request to Berghammer Builders. Motion carried, all ayes.

- c. Approval of pay request for Barron Public Works payable to Market & Johnson, \$287,361.96

Motion by Sloan, second by Kolpack to approve the Public Works pay request to Market & Johnson. Motion carried, all ayes.

- d. Approval of Contractor payment request for Barron Public Works payable to Berghammer Builders, Inc., \$12,965.40

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to approve the Public Works pay request to Berghammer Builders. Motion carried, all ayes.

- e. Approval of Contractor payment request for Barron Public Works payable to Midwest Tile, LLC., \$7,663.50

Motion by Sloan, second by Johnston to approve the Public Works pay request to Midwest Tile. Motion carried, all ayes.

Additional item brought forth by Dalton Brown. Request for monies from the contingency fund to correct an issue with asphalt coming in contact with the siding on the east side of the building, which would hinder the warranty.

Motion by Sloan, second by Kolpack to approve \$2,598.00 from the contingency fund to cover the cost of PVC trim board to remedy the situation. Motion carried, 1 nay. (Johnston voting nay)

6. Consideration of Claims & Bills

Motion by Kolpack, second by Sloan to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of December 13th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Operator's License to serve for the period ending June 30th, 2023 for:
 - i. Jodanna Bergerson
 - ii. Michael Steven Dietrich

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

8. Approval of Proposed Amended Vaping Ordinance, an Ordinance to Amend/Revise Chapter 36, Article II, Division 1, Section 36-26 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Barron.

Motion by Johnston, second by Kolpack to approve the Amended Vaping Ordinance as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

9. Approval of new Class 'B' Beer and Class 'B' Liquor license from Rolling Oaks Golf Course, Jonathan Yamada, Agent, located at 440 West Division Avenue, Barron, WI for the period ending June 30th, 2023.

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to approve the new Class 'B' Beer and Class 'B' Liquor license as requested by Rolling Oaks Gold Course.

Motion by Johnston, second by Sloan to postpone action until the February 9th regular council meeting in order to have all council members in attendance. Motion carried, all ayes.

10. Discussion regarding Tourism Commission request to reduce City of Barron Room Tax Rate

Tourism member Kelli Rasmussen reported that the Tourism Commission questioned the possibility of reducing the room tax rate in order to help the collecting entities. Administrator Jacobson explained that the current rate has already been adopted into the 2023 city budget, therefore suggested that we table discussion until planning for the 2024 budget begins.

11. Mayor and Committee Reports

12. The Council may convene in closed session proceedings under the following sections:

- a. Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. This refers to an internal investigation in the police department.
- b. Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business. This relates to 1456 E. LaSalle Avenue and 510 E LaSalle Avenue.
- c. Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This relates to all City staff.
- d. Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(b) to consider the dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, or considering the grant or denial of tenure for a university faculty member, and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the faculty member or other public employee or person licensed is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the person has the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session. This paragraph and par(f) do not apply to any such evidentiary hearing or meeting where the employee or person licensed requests that an open session be held. This is in regard to the denial of Hope Peterson's operator's license application.

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to enter into closed session proceedings as outlined.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

13. The council will reconvene in open session and may act on matters discussed in closed session to complete the agenda.

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to reconvene into open session.

Motion by Johnston, second by Kolpack to allow the Chief, City Administrator, and City Attorney to send a written request for a hearing examiner to the division of hearings and appeals under Wis. Stats Section 15.103(1) in accordance with City of Barron Ordinance Sec. 30-26. Motion carried, all ayes.

14. Motion to adjourn

Duly moved to adjourn at 9:38 pm.

Kelli Rasmussen

City Clerk