

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, 510 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812

1. Call to order

Mayor Rod Nordby called the regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 6:32 PM on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Joe Johnston, Keith Kolpack, Pete Olson, Kelly Thompson, Faisal Ahmed and Mo Tollman were present. Absent: None. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Rod Nordby, City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Clerk Julie Helstern, Barron Police Chief Joe Vierkandt, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, Barron News Shield representative Ryan Urban and Teresa Anderson*.

* Appeared Virtually

The mayor began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comments

No members of the public registered to speak.

3. Appearance by Robin Wampler, Barron Senior Center Director and Nutrition Site Manager.

Robin Wampler joined and gave a brief overview of activities at the Senior Center and explained and answered questions regarding the county's Meals on Wheels program.

4. Appearance by Bob Kazmierski, Barron County Housing Authority Executive Director – Housing Authority Repositioning

Bob Kazmierski and guest, Scott Koegler, gave a quick presentation on possible housing consolidations within the city. No action taken by council.

5. Appearance by Teresa Anderson, MSA

- a. Approval of Utility Commission recommendation to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 from Market and Johnson, Lift Station Project
- b. Potential Pool Project Design Update

Motion: Alderperson Olson moved to approve \$229,816.66 for payment No. 4 from Market and Johnson Lift Station project.

Second: Alderperson Tollman. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration of Claims and Bills

Motion: Alderperson Kolpack moved to approve the Claims and Bills as presented.

Second: Alderperson Tollman. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of December 9th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes
- b. Approval of new Operator's License to serve for the period ending June 30th, 2026, for:
 - i. Robert Lewis Ritter
 - ii. Xavier Lucas Jilek
- c. Approval of Mayor's appointment of Sue Hanson as Election Inspectors for 2-year term
- d. Approval of Plan Commission recommendation to approve Certified Survey map requested by Synergy Cooperative to divide a mapped parcel of land which is part of Lot 1 of Certified Survey map #2773, volume 19, Page 144, also a part of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, T. 34 N., R. 12 W., City of Barron, Barron County, Wisconsin

Motion: Alderperson Olson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Alderperson Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Surrender of Alcohol Beverage License, Class B, for the premises located at 56 S. 3rd Street, d/b/a Stix, LLC.

Motion: Alderperson Johnston moved to approve the surrender of the license located at 56 S. 3rd St.

Second: Alderperson Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent, Robert L. Ritter as agent, Kwik Trip 748, located at 1456 E LaSalle Avenue, Barron, WI

Motion: Alderperson Tollman moved to approve the approval of the new agent for Kwik Trip.

Second: Alderperson Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Ordinance number 2026-1, An Ordinance to Amend/Revise Chapter 50 ("Traffic and Vehicles"), Article III ("Vehicle Operation, Equipment, and Road Rules"), Division 3 ("Bicycles"), Section 50-154 ("Definitions"), of the City of Barron Code of Ordinances

Motion: Alderperson Kolpack moved to approve to amend the ordinance Chapter 50.

Second: Alderperson Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Mayor, Administrator and Committee Reports

Reports were given from the committees who recently met.

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

- a. 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 Airport Hangar leases and vacant land development projections.
- b. Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. This relates to:
 - i. Dilapidated properties in violation of Safe and Sanitary Maintenance of Properties ordinance
 - ii. M. Davis order for dismissal

Motion: Alderperson Olson moved to convening in closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c)

Second: Alderperson Kolpack. Roll Call vote: Johnston- Aye, Kolpack- Aye, Thompson – Aye, Ahmed- Aye, Olson- Aye, Tollman- Aye. Motion carried 6-0.
Closed session began at 7:30 pm.

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

Motion: Alderperson Johnston moved to reconvene in open session.

Second: Alderperson Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 8:13pm.

Action taken: None.

14. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Julie Helstern,

Clerk/Treasurer, City of Barron