

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 1456 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812**

1. Call to order

Mayor Ron Fladten called a regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Byron Miller\* (arrived at 6:20), Peter Olson\*, Paul Solie\* and Mo Tollman\* were present. Absent: None. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington\*, City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Teresa Anderson\*, Andrew Sloan, Diane Tremblay, Sara Hinz\*, Cory Scheidler\*, Sheryl Claflin\*, Mark Servi, Lori Zahrbock\* and Ryan Urban\*. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

\*Virtually Present

2. Public Comments

Administrator Jacobson shared a message from Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald in which he wished to convey support for the ordinance revision in regard to the Tiny Homes project.

3. Appearance by Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Services, Inc.

a. Update regarding LaSalle Avenue Reconstruction Project

An informational letter has been mailed to property owners and residents in the project area. WE Energies plans to relocate gas mains in the area, prior to the City's project. MSA met with City staff in January to review preliminary plans.

4. Appearance by Barron Area School District – Referendum Presentation

BASD Administrator Diane Tremblay and Andrew Sloan, Business Manager appeared to present information on 2 referenda for the school district which will be on the ballot for the April 6<sup>th</sup> election.

5. Appearance by Cedar Corporation – Updates regarding City Hall, Police Department and Street Shop Projects

Sara Hinz with Cedar Corp presented a mock-up rendering of the proposed city hall/police department.

6. Consideration of Claims and Bills

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

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Reading and Approval of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of Kelli Rasmussen attendance at the Clerk's and Treasurer's Institute from July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Virtual Conference)

- d. Approval of Plan Commission recommendation to approve the Certified CSM requested by the City of Barron to divide part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T. 34 N., R. 12 W., City of Barron, Barron County, Wisconsin, 1227 E Division Avenue.
- e. Approval of Operator's License to Serve for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for:
  - i. Zachery L Kahl
  - ii. Bailey Marie Wallin

Motion by Nordby, second by Tollman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

8. Consideration of Barron County Highway Department Construction Plans

- a. Approval of Plan Commission recommendation to approve Barron County Highway Department Site Plan
- b. Approval to initiate process to vacate East River Avenue, Resolution No. 2021-01
- c. Approval of storm water management system maintenance agreement

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve Items 8 (a), (b) and (c) as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Tollman, second by Nordby to bring Agenda Item 12 forward for discussion/action at this time. Motion carried, all ayes.

12. Approval of proposed Ordinance to Amend Various Portions of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Barron to Allow the Location of Transitional Homes as a Conditional Use.

Motion by Tollman, second by Nordby to approve the proposed Ordinance as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

9. Approval to allow amplified music at Anderson Park Shelter - wedding on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ending at 9 PM.

Motion by Olson, second by Tollman to approve the amplified music as requested. Motion carried, all ayes.

10. Approval of Redevelopment Committee recommendation to accept Proposal for Consulting Services – Downtown Redevelopment and Attracting Developers and Investors through West Consulting Agency.

Motion by Nordby, second by Tollman to approve the Redevelopment Committee recommendation as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

11. Discussion concerning the salvaging of materials from building located at 508 E LaSalle Avenue, Owner City of Barron.

Council President Nordby has been in contact with businesses to determine if there was any interest in recycling various building materials/fixtures in the property, no one willing to come in at this time. It was discussed to have pictures put on online selling platform, the intention is not to greatly profit from any sales but to repurpose materials and keep out of landfills. Nordby agreed to look into this further.

13. Administrator, Mayor and Committee Reports

14. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under the following Wis. Stat:

- a. §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 City staff hiring and City staff wage adjustments.
- b. §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 parcel #206-8045-79-000.
- c. §19.85(1)(g) conferring 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 the City's ongoing litigation in City of Barron v. Joseph Mastaler, et al., Barron CO 21CCV02.

Motion by Haller, second by Nordby to enter into Closed Session as outlined. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

15. The Common Council will reconvene in open session and may act on matters discussed in closed session and to complete the agenda.

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to reconvene in Open Session as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to hire David Hibbard as an occasional part-time police officer. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Haller, second by Solie to hire James Slattery for a full-time position with the Street Department. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Tollman, second by Miller to approve Jeremy Boe as the Utility Manager. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve the wage adjustment for the City Administrator. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to approve the sale of parcel # 206-8045-79-000 at a cost of \$1.00, contingent upon approval by the city attorney and contingent upon the utility easement being granted. Motion carried, all ayes.

16. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Rasmussen, City Clerk