

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:30 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 510 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, August 8, 2023, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Joe Johnston, Keith Kolpack, Byron Miller, Isaak Mohamed\*(arrived 7:00pm), Pete Olson and Dallas Sloan were present. Absent: None. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Rod Nordby, City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Police Chief Joe Vierkandt, Teresa Anderson, Kianna Lindh, Brandon Willger and Ryan Urban. The Mayor began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

\* Appeared Virtually

2. Public Comments - none

3. Appearance by Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Services

a. Barron-Cameron Joint Wastewater Commission Facility Plan

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve the Utility Commission recommendation to submit the Facilities Plan to the DNR. Motion carried, all ayes.

4. Appearance by Two Rivers Accounting – 2022 Audit Summary

Brandon Willger of Two Rivers Accounting appeared to present the 2022 Audit Summary.

5. Consideration of Claims and Bills

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

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of new Operator's License to serve for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for:
  - i. Tobias River Padilla
  - ii. Kaylee Rose Kurtz
- c. Approval of Plan Commission recommendation to approve a request to rezone 110 E River Avenue, Parcel #206-1045-70-000 from R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential, Owner Kathy Oleson

Motion by Sloan, second by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

7. LaSalle Phase II Project Considerations

- a. CDBG Grant Award – Kianna Lindh, MSA Professional Services
- b. Potential Funding Sources – Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Services
- c. Financial Impact – City Administrator
- d. Approval of MSA Professional Services Agreement for Project Bidding and Construction

Motion by Olson, second by Sloan to approve the MSA Professional Services Agreement for Project Bidding and Construction as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

- e. Approval of MSA Professional Services Agreement for City of Barron 2023 CDBG Administration

Motion by Kolpack, second by Johnston to approve the MSA Professional Services Agreement for the 2023 CDBG Administration. Motion carried, all ayes.

- f. Approval of MSA Professional Services Agreement for City of Barron Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Application and Administration

Motion by Johnston, second by Olson to approve the MSA Professional Services Agreement for the CWF and SDW applications and administrations. Motion carried, all ayes.

- g. Approval of Resolution 2023-16, Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

Motion by Kolpack, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2023-16 as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

8. Approval of additional available Reserve “Class B” Liquor License.

Motion by Olson, second by Sloan to approve the addition of a Reserve “Class B” Liquor License as allowed by population increase. Motion carried, all ayes.

9. Approval of City of Barron Emergency Operations Plan, Supplement to the Barron County Emergency Operations Plan

Motion by Miller, second by Johnston to approve the City EOP as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

10. Approval of Police Committee recommendation to hire an additional Full Time Officer

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve the Police Committee recommendation as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

11. Approval of pay requests for Barron Municipal Center and Barron Public Works, payable to Market and Johnson.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve a portion of the pay request for the Public Works building in the amount of \$80,000.00. Motion carried, all ayes.

12. Mayor, Committee and Administrator Reports

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

- a. 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 police department and pool staffing.
- b. Wis. Stat. § 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 dilapidated properties noticed:
  - i. 234 W Franklin
  - ii. 156 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street
  - iii. 100 E Wisconsin Avenue
  - iv. 121 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street
  - v. 41 S Mill Street
  - vi. 427 E River Avenue
  - vii. 1481 E Division Avenue

viii. 65 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Motion by Olson, second by Kolpack to enter into closed session as outlined. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

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

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to reconvene in open session and act on matters discussed in closed session. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Miller, second by Kolpack to approve the hire of Wyatt Olson as full-time police officer. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to allow City Attorney to serve an Order to Repair or Raze for 234 W. Franklin Avenue and 100 E. Wisconsin Avenue. Motion carried, all ayes.

Duly moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Rasmussen, City Clerk