

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to order.

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Quorum was declared.

Commissioners in Attendance: Marvin Amundson, Joe Johnston, Gene Redlich, Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

Others present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Utility Manager Rick Jari, Mayor Ron Fladten, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, City Administrator Elizabeth Jacobson and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

2. Approval of the minutes from September 9, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting and September 23, 2019 Special Meeting.

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019 and September 23, 2019 as corrected item 2 to "The water rate structure was discussed and the Commission made recommendations. No formal action taken", as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Redlich, to approve the October bills, including ratifying late bills, as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports.

Widiker presented the August 2019 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements. She reported increases in Misc Distribution Expense from additional locates and Misc Lines with expenses from the storm. Detail of Sewer for Flushing & Repair was up due to a manhole replacement.

5. Plant Operations Reports.

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 pumped vs water sold reports were reviewed. Jari reported a decrease in kwh purchases compared to last year. Water pumped vs water sold average for the year is at 1% loss with the correction applied from the 6" water meter that was registering incorrectly in the previous months.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business.

Jari stated nothing to report.

7. Approve truck bid.

Bids were opened and Jari stated the Utility should accept the high bid from Meyers Electric in the amount of \$15,300. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to accept the Utility Manager's recommendation, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

8. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA:

a) Water Tower Project Update

Anderson shared a handout. She reported the foundation and water main extension is complete. Due to the historic rain amounts, the erection start date has been delayed.

b) Application for Payment #4 from Maguire Iron

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Petersen, to approve payment 4 to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$244,173.75, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

c) Discuss and consider the logo on the tower

Anderson reported the logo will be on two sides of the tower. She stated Maguire offered a reduced price if the City will extend completion date by a month. Motion by Johnston, seconded by Petersen, to extend the completion date by a month. Cost to be paid by is to be determined, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

9. Discuss and consider extending rental for south property to Kevin Herrman.

Jari presented a request from Kevin Herrman to extend the rental agreement for the south property at the same price for 3 years. Motion by Missling, seconded by Redlich, to rent to Kevin Herrman for 1 year (2020) but to go out for bids next year (for year 2021 rental), voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

10. Discuss and consider Sewer Forgiveness for 517 Candy Lane.

Ron Fladten reported he left his water running on an outside hose bib, he used an additional 17,488 gallons that ran out on his lawn. He is requesting sewer forgiveness. Motion by Johnston, seconded by Petersen, to forgive sewer charge of \$75.37 at 517 Candy Lane, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

11. Projects update.

Jari reported the water department replaced a hydrant and the electric department is fixing street lights, but are now waiting for the fiberglass poles. There was a lot of storm damage done at the WWTP, Jari is contacting a logger to look at the woods.

12. Plant Performance Graph.

Jari reported everything is going well. SAIP flows and BOD have gone way down. Ponds are good compared to a year ago. Seepage ponds are not seeping as much as we would like due to the excessive rainfall. We hope to dig them up by end of the month.

13. Closed session proceedings under 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 pertains to wage recommendations from the Personnel Wage and Negotiation Committee.

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to convene in closed session, roll call vote: Amundson-aye, Johnston-aye, Redlich-aye, Missling-aye, Petersen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Johnston, to reconvene in open session, voice vote:
Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

14. Adjournment.

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sande Huse, Office Coordinator – Barron Light & Water