

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, May 8, 2018, 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, May 8, 2018, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Mike Dietrich, Kevin Haller and Peter Olson were present. Absent: Mo Tollman and Tony Allen. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Assistant Administrator Kelli Rasmussen, April Anderson, Don Peterson, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Teresa Anderson, Dave Hanson, Bruce Rasmussen, Bob Zientera and Jon Snyder. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Mayoral recognition of Street Department Employees

Mayor Fladten presented the Street Department employees with a letter of appreciation for a job well done during this past winter with higher than normal accumulations of snow.

4. Presentation of 2017 Annual Audit and Financials Statements by April L. Anderson of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLC

The presentation by April Anderson included an explanation of an Internal Control letter which noted 3 items: The Limited Segregation of Duties; Material Audit Adjustments and Oversight of Financial Reporting Process. The City received a qualified rating.

5. Consideration of proposals to refinance General Obligation Bond (CCF Bank and Sterling Bank)

Aaron Weber, Sterling Bank and Bruce Rasmussen, CCF Bank were present to field any questions about their respective proposals.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to accept the proposal from CCF Bank for refinancing the General Obligation Bond.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller and Olson

Voting against: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

6. Presentation and consideration of new way signage throughout the City of Barron

Don Peterson and Tyler Gruetzmacher addressed the council, presenting several images of directional signs to be placed throughout the city in replacement of existing way signage.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to move forward with the signage project, to be presented to the Tourism Committee for further approval. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. Update on Water Tower #2 Project

Teresa Anderson with MSA Professional Services presented an update on the Water Tower #2 project: The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) application deadline is June 30, 2018.

Due to recent impact study mandated by FAA and the close proximity to the Barron Municipal Airport, an alternative site is being explored. The SDWLP application will be delayed until 2019.

8. Monthly Department Reports:

a. Dave Hanson, Street Department

Street Superintendent Hanson reported on various projects throughout the previous year as well as street projects planned for 2018. Currently, old tennis courts have been removed and several large projects being completed. Dave commended his crew on their work ethic in getting through a winter season with unusually high snow accumulations.

9. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Nordby, second by Haller to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2018 Council Organizational Meeting
- c) Approval of Claims and Bills
- d) Approval of Poppy Proclamation by Mayor Fladten
- e) Approval of Building/Property/Parks (BPP) Committee recommendation to apply \$10.00 fee per unit to Spring Cleanup Day on May 12, 2018.
- f) Approval of BPP Committee recommendation to hire Leila Coleman, Carson Kurtz, Wyatt Boe and Zach and Sam Beckendorf as seasonal employees
- g) Approval of Street Committee recommendation to hiring 'backfill' seasonal employees for limited term
- h) Approval of bids, as recommended by Street Committee, for: blacktop, crack filling, painting and concrete projects
- i) Approval of bids for chip sealing projects that include traprock as material
- j) Approval of Recreation Council recommendation to hire following seasonal swimming pool employees: Pool Director-Katie Mizer; Assistant Pool Director-Molly Boe; Lifeguards-Taylor Weis, Rachel Peterson, Catherine Murray, Keisha Kappel, Clara Babler, Halycon Jerome, Jasmine Mlejnik, Tyrone Smith, Bailey Turgeson, and Elliott Borgen
- k) Approval of Recreation Council recommendations of wage adjustments for seasonal outdoor pool employees
- l) Approval of the Recreation Council revisions to the Barron Area Youth Parent/Volunteer Associations Bylaws
- m) Approval of Mayoral committee appointments of Lyndsey Kurtz, Rod Nordby and Mark Vruwink to serve on Recreation Council
- n) Approval of Mayoral committee appointment of Rosella Amundson to Board of Review
- o) Approval of Mayoral committee appointment of Larry Johnson to Board of Appeals
- p) Approval of Mayoral committee appointment of Dan Stephens to Joint Review Board
- q) Approval of Mayoral committee appointment of Jake Schneider to Codes and Ordinances
- r) Approval of Wayside Cemetery Board's recommendation to amend Cemetery Rules and Regulations
- s) Approval of request by Barron Chamber of Commerce to use City property to host Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on July 17, 2018.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Olson to amend the Consent Agenda Item(i) to include "Barron County Highway Department" as the winning bidder and; to amend Consent Agenda Item (j) to include the names Emily Linsmeyer and Peyton Wager as Outdoor Pool employees. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller and Olson

Voting against: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

10. Discussion and consideration of bids for Fire Protection System updates for Municipal Complex

Simplex Grinnell submitted the sole bid for the Fire Protection System in the amount of \$6,347.00. The Library Board has agreed to use the feasibility study funds within the CIP to finance this update.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to accept the bid from Simplex Grinnell for the Fire Protection System updates. Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller and Olson

Voting against: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

11. Discussion and consideration of bid to relocate internet services from Cemetery to Street shop

Internet service at the cemetery shop will require updates that will increase the monthly fees. It has been determined that having wi-fi at the street shop will result in a cost-effective savings and better serve the street and cemetery employees.

Motion by Haller, second by Dietrich to relocate the internet services from the cemetery to the street shop.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller and Olson

Voting against: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

12. Discussion of BPP recommendation and consideration of one (1) year extension of Solid Waste Collection Contract with possible Recycling Removal Services with Republic Services

Jon Snyder with Republic Services presented a 1-year proposal to extend the Solid Waste Collection Contract, in the interest of allowing time to negotiate the inclusion of a recycling program and continue the RFP process.

Motion by Nordby, second by Dietrich to grant a 1-year extension of the current Solid Waste Collection contract with Republic Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller and Olson

Voting against: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

13. Discussion of Community Home Again, Inc. project

Mayor Fladten expressed that he would like to separate city resources from developer in regards to the Community Home Again project and similar projects going forward.

The mayor felt it was not good use of city assets to become involved with this project until an engineered site plan is ready to be presented to the Plan Commission.

14. Review and update of City Council Priorities

Administrator Kazmierski presented a status update on the annual City Council Priorities. The Common Council will revisit the disposition of each goal/objective at a subsequent meeting.

15. Committee Reports

Haller: BACC-ongoing issues with roof leaking.

Dietrich: expressed concerns regarding youth associations purchasing insurance, this may be redundant and an unnecessary expense as these should be covered under the city liability umbrella. He is waiting for a response from the insurance company.

Pool: Katie Hanson-Mizer will be providing a monthly usage report on the outdoor pool.

Other committee topic items were covered in the consent agenda.

Administrator Report

a. Outcomes of City “hosting” of State and Federal Agencies (May 4, 2018)-Kazmierski reported that this was an effort to educate agencies on City needs, connect local issues with funding programs and build relationships.

b. Biometric Health Screening (May 4, 2018)-acknowledged and commended high participation of staff to create awareness of overall individual health and lifestyles as well as promotion of health workforce.

c. Workshops for Planning Commission and Elected Officials (May 11 & 31, 2018)

16. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1) (c) and/or Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and/or to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Haller to convene in closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting in Favor: Nordby, Dietrich, Haller and Olson

Voting against: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

Discussed:

A. The airport manager

Motion by Haller, second by Nordby to Reconvene to Open Session.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Haller to authorize City Attorney Harrington to compose a letter to Mr. Wells, Airport Manager, informing him of the council’s intent to permanently remove him as Airport Manager based upon the April 11, 2018 incident and to offer Mr. Wells the opportunity to address this issue at a special meeting of the common council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

17. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.