

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, July 9, 2019, 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, July 9, 2019, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Mike Dietrich, Kevin Haller, 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, Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Teresa Anderson, Dave Armstrong, Ben Campbell, Jerome Carle and Bob Zientera. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Appearance by Dave Armstrong regarding Economic Development update

BCED Director Dave Armstrong appeared to update the council on the upcoming forums scheduled in each community to discuss a recent housing study.

4. Appearance by Ben Campbell regarding West Wisconsin Inspection Agency Updates

City Building Inspector Ben Campbell appeared to discuss a recent change in the state's requirements for electrical inspections, which will be effective January 1, 2020. The council will weigh the options and take action at a future meeting.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to refer this item to the Ordinance Committee. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Appearance by Jerome Carle in regards to the non-renewal of the Class "B" Beer and Class "B" Liquor license for Riverside Steakhouse, LLC, d/b/a Riverside Saloon, Jerome R. Carle, Agent, located at 439 North Seventh Street, Barron, WI

Mr. Carle appeared to ask for clarification on the non-renewal of his license.

6. Consideration of approval of Claims and Bills

Motion by Tollman, second by Solie to approve the Claims and Bills as presented. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

7. Discussion and Consideration of Kris Wells invoice, Airport Committee recommendation

Motion by Nordby, second by Olson to approve the payment to Kris Wells for repairs to the runway and the Barron Airport. Motion failed by Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Nordby, Olson and Solie.

Voting Nay: Dietrich, Haller and Tollman. As per Ordinance #2-96(e): Mayor will vote in the event of a tie. Mayor voting Nay.

8. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approval of renewal Operator's License to Serve for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
  - i. Melanie J. Herrmann
  - ii. Anastasia E. Bergmark-Grove
  - iii. Ieesha P. Christensen
  - iv. Alicia M. Scherz (Provisional License expires September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
  - v. Ann Matheny (Provisional License expires September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

- c. Consideration of approval of attendance at the League of Wisconsin municipalities 2019 Chief Executives Workshop for Mayor Ron Fladten and City Administrator Liz Jacobson
- d. Approval of Application of Temporary Class B Retailers License for the Chamber of Commerce for the remaining scheduled Music in the Park events.

Motion by Dietrich, second by Tollman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. Discussion and Consideration of application for Operators License to Serve received by Paul O’Flanagan

The background check of Paul O’Flanagan resulted in a non-approval by the Barron Police Department on this application.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to approve the Operators License to Serve for Paul O’Flanagan. Motion failed, all in attendance voting nay.

10. Update on Water Tower #2 project, Anderson Park drainage project, LaSalle Avenue project  
Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Services, appeared to present updates on projects:

- Water Tower #2  
Project continues as scheduled. Maguire has submitted several sets of shop drawings and has also submitted their first pay request. The color scheme is still not determined
- Anderson Park drainage  
Bjugstad Enterprises is making progress towards completion. Topsoil, seed and mulch are in place. Grass growth must be established prior to final payment
- LaSalle Avenue  
The City’s application for a Community Development Block Grant was submitted. Grant award announcements are expected around July 19.

11. Review recommendations from Plan Commission, potentially to include:

- a. Finalize Water Tower Color Scheme
- b. Application for Payment #1 from Maguire Iron

12. Administrator and Committee Reports

13. Consideration of acceptance of resignation for Byron Miller, Chief of Police

Motion by Nordby, second by Olson to accept the resignation of Police Chief Byron Miller, effective December 31, 2019. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

14. The Common Council may convene in 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 discussion of timeline, hiring procedures, interview committee and compensation of replacement Chief of Police

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to convene in 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 Haller, second by Tollman to reconvene in open session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action was taken at this time.

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.