

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 E LASALLE AVE

1. Call to order

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 3:02 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, Dan Thole, Don Peterson and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

Bob Zientara with Barron News-Shield arrived at 3:15 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from July 8, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion by Redlich, seconded by Missling, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills.

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

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports.

Widiker presented the June 2019 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements. She reported she is still working with April Anderson to resolve some previous questions.

5. Plant Operations Reports.

Did not discuss.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business.

Did not discuss.

7. Appearance by Don Peterson with Kiwanis, funding request for playground equipment.

Peterson presented a brief overview of the project. This playground equipment in Anderson Park would be inclusive and accessible for all. Motion by Redlich, seconded by Petersen, to approve the request for the playground equipment and pay \$5,000. per year for years 2019 & 2020, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

8. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA:

a) Water Tower Project Update

Anderson shared a handout and informed the Commission that the on-site start date was postponed. She stated the overall completion date will not change.

b) Change Order 1: Deduct \$12,000 to eliminate cathodic protection Requirements

Motion by Missling, seconded by Redlich, to approve the Change Order 1, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

c) Application for Payment #2: \$90,321.25 for Foundation design and steel fabrication

Anderson stated the correct amount for Payment 2 is \$137,750. Motion by Missling, seconded by Redlich, to approve payment 2 to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$137,750, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

d) LaSalle Project Update

Anderson informed the Commission the CDBG application was unsuccessful, as the DOA considered it incomplete. MSA plans to meet with staff to discuss options for moving forward.

9. Appearance by Dan Thole CLA, discuss financing water tower project and water rate increase.

Thole presented a handout and reviewed with the Commission three different options for funding the water tower project. Thole presented a hand out and reviewed with the Commission possible rate structure billing blocks. He stated the filing should be submitted by September 1, 2019, to the PSC.

10. Discuss replacements and upgrade to the system and system mapping.

The Commission inquired if the utility would be switching overhead lines to underground lines in the near future. Jari reported the more difficult areas to access would be the first to go to underground lines. There was discussion to have the system mapped to be able to hire-out a locating company. Jari stated this is not a good time now, there are limited dependable companies to hire.

11. Discuss and consider garage doors at 14th Street lift station.

Jari reported the doors are not working. A lot of rusting on one door and the other door's opener is not working. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to approve Rick's recommendation to accept the lowest bid, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

12. Projects update.

Jari reported the water department and summer help are cleaning up the storm damage by Well #1. The electric department is trimming limbs, locating, repairing or replacing street lights and miscellaneous line work.

13. Plant Performance Graph.

All is going fine at this time. One possible issue is the ponds are not seeping well. We will try to dig up the bottom to get the seepage moving.

14. Adjournment.

Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 4:45 p.m.

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