

CITY OF BARRON, WI
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1456 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI 54812

1. Call to order

Council President Rod Nordby called a regular meeting of the City of Barron Common Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Joe Johnston, Byron Miller and Peter Olson were present. Absent: Mo Tollman. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Attorney Andrew Harrington, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Teresa Anderson, Joe Atwood, Jim Whittinghill, Lisa Kuebli, Jim Swenson, Keith Kolpack, Jason Hagen, Tyler Sheeran, Chris Nelson and Ryan Urban. President Nordby began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

2. Public Comments

Chris Nelson with PSSI (new Jennie-O Turkey Store sanitation partner) introduced himself and gave an overview of their company

3. Appointment of Alderman to Serve until April 2022 for District #2, Wards 2-3

- a. Appearance by candidates
- b. Vote by City Council
- c. Swearing in of appointed Alderman

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to appoint the candidate with majority votes, Keith Kolpack, for the vacant District #2, Ward 2-3 council position. Motion carried, all ayes.

Mr. Kolpack was sworn in at this time.

4. Appearance by Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Services, Inc.

- a. Topographic survey contract for Phase 2 of LaSalle (Mill to 7th)
- b. LaSalle Avenue Phase I Update
- c. Change Order for Haas Sons for LaSalle Avenue Reconstruction
- d. Application for payment from Haas Sons for LaSalle Avenue Reconstruction

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve the topographic survey contract for Phase 2 of LaSalle project. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Johnston, second by Miller to approve Change Order for Haas Sons in the amount of \$14,548. as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve the payment application by Haas Sons as presented in the amount of \$505,394.40. Motion carried, all ayes.

5. Appearance by Joe Atwood, incoming City Building Inspector

Mr. Atwood introduced himself to the council.

6. Appearance by Jim Whittinghill, Republic Services Municipal Manager

Mr. Whittinghill introduced himself as the new municipal manager for Republic Services.

7. Appearance by Lisa Kuebli, Barron Library Director regarding proposed annual award

Library Director Kuebli presented an idea to recognize, annually, an Outstanding Community Member which would include a plaque and prize. She wished to have the blessing of the council to proceed.

Motion by Johnston, second by Miller to support this annual award. Motion carried, all ayes.

8. Appearance by Commonwealth – potential WHEDA project presentation

Tyler Sheeran of Commonwealth gave a presentation on a potential housing project to take place in the city.

9. Consideration of approval of Claims and Bills

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

10. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of August 10th, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Operator's License to serve for the period ending June 30th, 2022 for:
 - i. Clair'dawn M. Wakefield
 - ii. Catherine Ann Smith
 - iii. Anna Marie Ruhl
 - iv. Joseph Lloyd Waite
 - v. Emily Ilene Jung
- c. Approval of Election Clerk, Janet Bendsend attendance at the 2021 Municipal Court Clerk Seminar on October 28th and 29th, 2021.
- d. Approval of Police Committee recommendation to rehire Corinne A. Rizzo as an Occasional Part-time Police Officer.
- e. ~~Approval of Plan Commission approval for modified site plan/setbacks for Big Guy Storage, Industrial Park, Parcel #206-8045-11-000.~~
- f. Approval of Plan Commission approval of Certified Survey Maps requested by the City of Barron as follows:
 - i. To divide part of lot 2, located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 21, T. 34 N., R. 12 W., City of Barron, WI, Parcel #206-8001-02-010.
 - ii. To divide part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T. 34 N., R. 12 W., City of Barron, Barron County, WI, Parcel #206-8045-53-000 (2 CSMs).

President Nordby requested that Item E be removed for separate action.

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, less Item E. Motion carried, all ayes.

Item E.: Plan Commission approval for modified site plan/setbacks for Big Guy Storage, Industrial Park, Parcel #206-8045-11-000.

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to approve Item E of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried, 1 abstention (Nordby abstained).

11. Approval of Class 'B' Beer and Class 'C' Wine Beverage License for Black Bears Barron Inn, LLC, d/b/a Cobblestone Inn, Travis Turner, Agent, located at 430 West Division Avenue, Barron, WI, for the period ending June 30th, 2022

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve the Beverage License for Black Bears Barron Inn as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

12. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-05, National Rail Safety Week

Motion by Johnston, second by Kolpack to approve the Resolution No. 2021-05 as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

13. Approval of City ordinance change for Sec. 50-356 - Parking of Large and Heavy Vehicles.

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to approve the ordinance change as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

14. Presentation of Preliminary Levy Scenarios and General Fund Operating and Capital Improvements Budgets.

Administrator Jacobson presented as outlined. Discussion only.

15. Presentation of Utility Commission intent to proceed with Electric Distribution System Study, Phase II Solutions through Krause Power Engineering.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to support the Utility Commission's proceeding with the electric distribution study as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

16. Administrator, Mayor and Committee Reports

17. The Council may convene in closed session proceedings under:

a. Wis. Stat. WI § 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business. This relates to properties owned by the City of Barron.

b. Wis. Stat. WI § 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 all City staff.

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

18. 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 Johnston to reconvene in open session as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

19. Adjournment

Duly moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Rasmussen, Clerk