

CITY OF BARRON
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS FO THE BARRON UTILITY COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 Johnson, Gene Redlich, Ken Petersen and Bob Missling.

Others present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hattie Widiker, Utility Manager Rick Jari, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bob Kazmierski, Mayor Ron Fladten, MSA City Engineer Teresa Anderson, Waste Water Supervisor Mike Romsos, Aaron Weber and Office Coordinator Sande Hause.

2. Approval of the minutes from February 11, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Redlich, to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019, as printed, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

3. Approval of the bills

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

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

4. Review Financial Reports

Widiker presented the January 2019 Electric, Water and Sewer Utilities balance sheets/financial statements.

5. Plant Operations Reports

Jari reported on 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 sold vs water pumped report. The coincidental peak demand for January 2019 was about the same as December 2018. Water loss was at 1% loss for the month of February.

6. Discussion of outcomes of previous business

See Projects update.

7. Consideration of interim financing for Water Tower #2 project (Aaron Weber)

Weber presented the proposal. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Johnson, to accept the proposal as presented, voice vote:

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

8. Appearance by Teresa Anderson MSA - update Water Tower #2 project

Anderson reported the project is out for bids. The CDBG completion date was extended. The land is in the process of acquiring.

9. Discuss and consider Proposed Capacity Revisions for Barron WWTF
Anderson reviewed the letter and reported a few options with the Commission. Romsos requested that a Facilities Plan be done, it was decided to hold off for a year if possible.
10. Discuss and consider install updated VFD controls at Well #3
Jari reported all the wells except Well #3 have VFD controls. It was recommended to install VFD controls on Well #3. Jari received a quote of \$9,785 for the unit and installation. The other quote was \$5,987 for just the unit - the utility would hire an electrician to install. Motion by Petersen, seconded by Missling, to accept Rick's recommendation to purchase a VFD control unit under \$6,100, voice vote:
Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.
11. Discuss and consider Commission pay
Jari shared a handout comparing Commission pay with other utilities. Recommend to forward to the Wage and Personnel Committee to review at the wage and personnel meeting in the fall.
12. Discussion of succession planning of Utility Commissioners
Kazmierski reported Jeff French inquired to join the Commission. Joe Johnson's term ends April 2019 and he has decided to resign at that time.
13. Discuss and consider Utility tax obligation
Mayor Fladten suggested the Commission and City Council have a joint meeting to discuss this and no action to be taken.
14. Projects update
Jari reported the new bucket truck is too high for our tin shed. The company will have to make adjustments to the boom on the truck, this will delay the delivery date. The guys have been cleaning off the dams and the cleaning out the hydrants.
15. Plant Performance Graph
Romsos reported that things are going better than expected.
16. Adjournment
Duly moved to adjourn by unanimous consent at 5:05 pm.

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