

**CITY OF BARRON, WI**  
**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 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, April 13, 2021, pursuant to due notice. Roll call: Councilpersons Rod Nordby, Kevin Haller, Byron Miller, Peter Olson, and Mo Tollman\* were present. Absent: Paul Solie. A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Mayor Ron Fladten, City Attorney Andrew Harrington\*, City Administrator Liz Jacobson, City Clerk-Treasurer Kelli Rasmussen, Teresa Anderson, Sara Linz, Chad Halverson, Lori Zahrbock, Ann Matheny, Melissa Gillett, Diane Sloan, Hannah Sloan, Mark Servi, El Ahizoune, Dana Ahizoune, Joe Johnston, Tony Allen and Ryan Urban. Mayor Fladten began the meeting with a prayer. All present joined to salute the flag.

\*Virtually Present

2. Public Hearing for Barron County request to Vacate and Discontinue a Portion of East River Avenue directly south of parcel numbers 206-1382-02-000 and 206-1382-04-000

3. Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit requested by the International Church of Foursquare Gospel for one Transitional Home for the purpose of housing the homeless of our community, located at 29 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Barron

Chad Halverson spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit, as did Lori Zahrbock with Benjamin's House. El Ahizoune addressed the council, expressing some concern over the effect on Barron residents.

4. Public Comments

None

Motion by Olson, second by Miller to move Item 9 forward for action at this time. Motion carried, all ayes.

9. Consent Agenda:

- a. Reading and Approval of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Operators License to Serve for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for:
  - i. Annette Louise Collier
  - ii. Matthew Scott Hippler
  - iii. Jonathan Patrick Yamada
- c. ~~Approval of Plan Commission recommendation of site plan for 1482 to 1524 Guy Avenue, Barron, WI, parcel nos. 206-8045-12-000 and 206-8045-12-010, owners Rod Nordby and Rick Miller.~~
- d. Approval of Plan Commission recommendation for Conditional Use Permit for International Church of Foursquare Gospel for one transitional home on property for the purpose of housing the homeless in our community, located at 29 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Barron, WI.
- e. Approval of Resolution 2021-01 to Vacate and Discontinue a Portion of East River Ave. directly south of parcel numbers 206-1382-02-000 and 206-1382-04-000.
- f. Approval of Ben Cole attendance – Fundamentals of Public Works Operations – Virtual Course

- g. Approval of Street, Building, Property and Park Committee recommendation to match funds raised by Isabella Lyste for boat landing project, max of \$3,000 to include the cost of any materials.
- h. Approval to allow amplified music at Anderson Park Shelter - wedding on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, ending at 10 PM.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to approve the Consent Agenda, with Item 9C pulled aside for separate action, later on the agenda. Motion carried, all ayes.

5. Appearance by Barron Chamber – 2021 Planned Events

Ann Matheny addressed the council to provide an update on the 2020 Chamber events, including Music in the Park, Industry Recognition, etc. and reported events planned for this summer season. Ann expressed a desire to have improved communications between the chamber and the city council. Administrator Jacobson advised that she would begin attending monthly chamber meetings.

6. Appearance by Diane Sloan – Barron Pool Committee and Funding Request

Diane Sloan appeared before the council to provide some history on the pool improvements that have taken place in recent years, including fundraising efforts and the slide purchases made. Jennie-O recently made a generous pledge with \$10,000 being received last month and an additional \$10,000 to be disbursed in 2022. The committee wishes to purchase shade structures. The request was made for the city to cover the \$10,000 until such time as the 2022 Jennie-O check is received.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to cover the funds as requested. Motion carried, all ayes.

7. Appearance by Teresa Anderson, MSA Professional Services, Inc. – Project Updates

- a. LaSalle Avenue
- b. Public Info Meeting Scheduling
- c. Recommendation and Approval of LaSalle Avenue Phase I Bid Award

Teresa Anderson appeared with updates as outlined.

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to accept the low bid from Haas for the LaSalle Avenue project at a cost of \$1,366,438.70. Motion carried, all ayes.

8. Consideration of Claims and Bills

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

10. Appearance by Barron Golf Club – request for finance agreement with the City for Fairway Mower

Tony Allen appeared on behalf of the Barron Golf Club with a request for the City of purchase a new fairway mower, with a finance agreement with the golf course to pay the city back with equal payments, six (6) payments per year, over five (5) years.

Motion by Haller, second by Miller to approve the request of a fairway mower for the golf course, at the cost of \$52,780., contingent upon receipt of full payment against the last equipment purchase agreement, which has an outstanding balance of \$31,428.58. Motion carried, all ayes.

11. City Hall, Police Department, and Street Shop rebuild updates as follows:

- a. Update on Redevelopment Committee recommendation for Street Shop rebuild location on Guy Avenue, Industrial Park Lot 1-6.

- b. Approval of Cedar Corp recommendation to proceed with Intertek PSI proposal for subsurface exploration and foundation evaluation for Street Shop site.
- c. Project timeline considerations.
- d. Downtown building demolition and Market and Johnson Construction Management considerations.

Motion by Haller, second by Olson to proceed with Intertek PSI proposal as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to acquire bids for the demolition of the downtown building and contract with Market and Johnson for CM services of the demo project. Motion carried, all ayes.

12. Approval of Resolution 2021-02 – Approving interim financing for Capital Improvement Projects

Motion by Haller, second by Miller to approve interim financing as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

13. Presentation on American Rescue Plan Act – Municipality Funding

Administrator Jacobson presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act

14. Continued Discussion Regarding Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement, Sec. 34-5

No action taken – discussion only.

15. Discussion Regarding City v. Joseph Mastaler and possible action to proceed with demolition

Attorney Harrington provided an update on the status of this issue.

16. Administrator, Mayor and Committee Reports

17. The Common Council may convene in closed session proceedings under the follow Wis. Stat.

- a. §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 the Senior Center Director and Nutrition Site Manager position.
- b. 19.85(1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary considerations of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. This relates to the Library Director position.
- c. 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business. This relates to an offer to purchase N 5.32 acres of Lot 8, Barron Industrial Park and LaSalle Phase I Interim Financing Considerations for the City.

Motion by Haller, second by Miller to enter into Closed Session as outlined. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote, all in attendance voting Aye.

18. The Common Council will reconvene in open session and may act on matters discussed

in closed session and to complete the agenda

Motion by Olson, second by Nordby to approve the Senior Center Director and Nutrition Site Manager position as recommended by the interview committee. Motion carried, all ayes.  
Contract details on file.

Motion by Olson, second by Haller to approve the purchase of Lot 8, Barron Industrial Park as outlined. Motion carried, 1 Abstention (Nordby abstained)

Motion by Nordby, second by Miller to approve the lowest bid from Sterling Bank for interim financing as outlined. Motion carried, all ayes.

Action on Consent Agenda Item 9C:

Approval of Plan Commission recommendation of site plan for 1482 to 1524 Guy Avenue, Barron, WI, parcel nos. 206-8045-12-000 and 206-8045-12-010, owners Rod Nordby and Rick Miller.

Motion by Miller, second by Haller to approve the site plan as presented. Motion carried, 1 Abstention (Nordby abstained).

Duly moved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelli Rasmussen, Clerk