

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2023

Mayor Rennecker called the regular monthly meeting of the Barry City Council to order at 7 p.m. He then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. All elected officials were present except Scott Harris.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting and Justin Puterbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Jeremy Walston gave the Public Works Director report. He said that new doors have been ordered for the front of pool house building and salt spreader has been ordered for new dump truck and have put siding on the east end of pool house. They replaced lights at library and got the Christmas lights put up: fixed a water leak on Decatur Street and the transducer at lift station. They have been busy getting the new dump trucks ready to use.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrators report. He sent letters to Tif Joint Review Board for a meeting to be held on December 1st. He took Tax Levy to the County Clerk office to be recorded and helped install transducer at lift station. He and Jeremy went to Fort Wayne, Indiana to purchase small dump truck. Also, worked on insurance renewal and he and Jeremy went to Greenfield, IL to look at another small dump truck and then went to St. Louis to deliver a sewer sample.

Mayor Rennecker amended the agenda to add the Animal Control Contract with Pike County Animal Shelter. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$5200 for a year. Debbie Harshman seconded the motion and roll call was taken:

Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Justin Puterbaugh – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to approve the new contract.

Mayor Rennecker discussed MFT resolution. He said we need to pass a resolution to do oil and chip work that will include the yearly MFT budget plus the money in Rebuild Illinois bond funds that we received. This will include work done on Decatur St, Mortimer St. and Front St. The estimated cost will be \$151,502 and with maintenance cost would be \$158,437. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the maintenance engineering agreement and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Marynel Corton – yes
Justin Puterbaugh – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes

Motion carried to approve the maintenance engineering agreement with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the Highway Authority Agreement. He said this agreement is part of the environmental cleanup at the old Amoco station concerning the leaking of one or more underground storage tanks. This property is now owned by Marvin Sprague. This agreement outlines that any replacement of water infrastructure in this area will be done in a safe manner compliant with IEPA requirements. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the Highway Authority agreement and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Justin Puterbaugh – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Jeff Hogge gave the quotes for insurance. He said they reviewed all properties and the cost has gone up. It is \$9-\$10,000 more than last year. Insurance on everything is \$39,003 and workman's comp is \$19,326 for a total of \$58,329. Jeff stated that next year we should look at other companies. They have been very good to work with but need approval of the cost. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the cost of insurance Bridget Cramsey seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Justin Puterbaugh – yes

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to approve insurance cost.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the ordinance regarding IL Paid Leave Act. He said our current policy for employees provide 40 hours a year of paid leave when hired. Our attorney said since we have year vacation we are in compliance and can opt out by passing the ordinance citing the use of our current policy. Bridget Cramsey made motion to opt out and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Justin Puterbaugh – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to opt out.

Mayor Rennecker gave update on building demolition. He said starting tomorrow; December 5th we can start tearing down the Oitker building. He has contacted two people to give bids on tearing it down.

Marynel Corton discussed Introducing the Freedom Corridor. It is a network of organizations and individuals dedicated to research, education, and celebratory activities

that uplift the tradition of freedom seeking and those that advocate for the dismantling of racism and all form of oppression. The Corridor is established to foster collaboration between historic sires, cultural institutions, and community stakeholders, with the hope of becoming a central voice in the preservation, advocacy, stewardship, and teaching of the region's African American and other diverse histories. Debbie Harshman made a motion to accept mission statement and show support and Justin Puterbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to go into executive session. Justin Puterbaugh seconded the motion. Council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 9:11 p.m. Council discussed giving raises for all employees. Steve Schultz made motion to give \$2 an hour raise to all employees and to raise health insurance payment to \$200 a month. Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Debbie Harshman made motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Mayor

City Clerk