

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2024

Mayor Rennecker opened the meeting at 6 p.m. The following were present: Shawn Rennecker, Jeff Hogge, Debbie Harshman, Steve Schultz, Marynel Corton, Bridget Cramsey and Sandra Brown.

Jeff Hogge sent out 6 requests to insurance companies to put in a bid for municipal insurance. We only had two insurance companies respond. They were RMA Insurance – yearly cost \$39,146 and Assured Insurance – yearly cost \$58,769. Marynel Corton asked why we are being charged for Workman’s Comp. Steve Schultz replied that we have to supply insurance for our worker’s and this is why. Bridget Cramsey made a motion to go with RMA and to add extra cyber protection. Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Tyler Patterson – absent
Bridget Cramsey – yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to approve RMA Insurance for the municipality insurance company.

Mayor Rennecker and Council discussed the water interconnection between Barry and Pike County Water. This agreement is intended to be a permanent agreement between the Parties, or to be otherwise for the longest period of time permitted by law. Should a time period be required, this agreement shall automatically renew for an additional five years unless notice is provided two years prior to the expiration of this agreement. Mayor Rennecker would like to have 150,000 gallons per day instead of 100,000 a day. He said Attorney Beard said we can pass with a Resolution and we will have to figure what the emergency water rate will be, based on calculation of cost of electricity, chemicals etc. Steve Schultz suggested water rate we use.

Mayor Rennecker said Nancy receive an email that we are going to have to change our water software. The company we have now has been bought out so last week we scheduled several webinar: They were with Muni Link –set up cost is \$1500 and yearly fee \$6120, LOCIS - set up cost \$7250 and yearly fee \$2004 and gWorks – set up fee \$0.00 and yearly fee \$3450. The support seemed more organized. Marynel Corton asked if billing cycle would be the same. Debbie Harshman made a motion to go with gWorks software for water and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Jeff said the machine at water plant runs several tests everyday. We send it in every year to have calibrated; we can send in but hope that nothing is wrong because they don’t have parts for it anymore. We can buy a new machine (spectro photo meter) and they will give us a 5% discount. Cost will be \$6646.20 plus \$941 for 2 year service agreement for a total of \$7587.20. Debbie Harshman made a motion to order a new machine and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Tyler Patterson – absent
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to purchase a new machine.

Mayor Rennecker said the bed on truck we purchased from Greenfield won't work. It will not rise up and down. Jeremy checked with Knapheide and a new pump will cost \$1200. Steve Schultz made a motion to purchase a new pump and Bridget Cramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the leak at pool. He said the check valve line may have a crack in it. We purchased a camera so we can check this. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase of camera and Bridget Cramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Mayor Rennecker said he received a bid from Zach (the one that did the sidewalks) for curb cutting from Rocky's to Lohnes Vet Service. It is about 200 feet at \$7200 and 2 light pole bases for \$7.50 each. This will come out of TIF. Marynel Corton is in favor of this being done and made a motion and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Marynel Corton – yes
Tyler Patterson – absent
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to approve the curb cutting.

Jeff Hogge stated that Lora Shepherd wants to start a kennel on her property. She has been boarding small dogs and has had people ask about boarding larger dogs. They would be inside a building. She is asking for \$8,000 to help her out. Steve Schultz said when spring comes and if money is available we will see. Mayor Rennecker said we need to check zoning.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

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