

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2025

Mayor Rennecker called the regular 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 Debbie Harshman and Allie Walch.

Marynel Corton made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Steve Schultz made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Bridget Cramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Jeremy Walston gave the Public Works Director report. They had a water leak in a service line that was out in the country and got it fixed. They installed new water service at the new tiny home on Main Street. We had a surprise visit from OSHA on water and was told they would be back to check sewer. The crew has not had training on OSHA so will have to get that done. Steve Schultz stated that we should specify the tiny home had to be on footings. They had been busy plowing snow. It was such a heavy snow that we had problems with the equipment. The drive shaft busted on small dump truck, the plow on back of the tractor wouldn't work because the cylinder broke and spreader box on truck wasn't working. The old green dump truck was brought back in service to finish with plowing snow.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator report. Jeff said he had been working replacement parts for the lift station; the transducer isn't talking to the pumps. We got the new computers installed and they need to come back and finish a few things. He said OSHA didn't like the eye wash station so have new one ordered. The Appreciation Supper will be on December 20 at 6 p.m. It will be at 755 Haus Restaurant in Barry.

Officer Herron from the Pike County Sheriff's office gave the police report. There was one traffic arrest; one offense referred to States Attorney office for violation of order of protection and two pending investigations.

Jeff Hogge received quotes from Municipal Equipment for Lift Station repair. The check valve - \$2044.80 and the transducer repair - \$2037.00. Marynel Corton made a motion to approve the quotes for repair of the Lift Station and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Adam Donley from ABNG gave the annual audit report via zoom because of the snowy weather. He reported the city finances look good.

Max Middendorf gave the Engineering report. He presented the 1st and final pay request from Vandevanter Engineering for SCADA system. Change order # 1 added \$19,426.00 to the cost making the final cost \$66,363.00. Kevin Garnet has been meeting with Pike County Water District on the emergency water connection. Maguire came back and welded from inside of water tower tank, will monitor for leaks or other issues. Need to send cost of water to Maguire. Max said they need end of year MFT warrants. He said the surge tank is in for the swimming pool but is not hooked up

Mayor Rennecker discussed the MFT Resolution on action of plans for next year. The streets that are projected for next year's chip seal project are McDonough Street-Main Street to Smith Street; Williams Street -Water Plant to Mortimer Street and Hull Street –

Front Street to Mason Street. There is no Resolution ready this month to approve but Mecos will have ready for the January meeting.

Max Middendorf stated we need to re-ratify the change order for SCADA system to add \$19,426 to increase the contract amount for adding SCADA system on water tower in the Industrial Park. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the change order in amount of \$19,426.00 and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Tyler Patterson – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – absent
Allie Walch – absent

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to approve the change order.

Mayor Rennecker stated we need motion to pay the full amount to Vandevanter for the SCADA system. Steve Schultz made a motion to make payment to Vandevanter for SCADA system in amount of \$66,363.00 and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Marynel Corton – yes
Tyler Patterson – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – absent
Allie Walch – absent
Steve Schultz – yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to approve the payment of \$66,363 to Vandevanter for SCADA system.

The 2026 Barry City Council Meeting Dates are as follows:

January 5 (Monday)
February 2 (Monday)
March 2 (Monday)
April 6 (Monday)
May 4 (Monday)
June 1 (Monday)
July 6 (Monday)
August 3 (Monday)
September 8 (Tuesday)
October 5 (Monday)
November 2 (Monday)
December 7 (Monday)

Meetings will be held at 7 P.M.

Mayor Rennecker discussed with Council two fix or flatten houses.

Mayor Rennecker said the volunteers that help with the annual Christmas Time in Barry would like to raise funds for a large commercial tree to be put in Lafayette Park every year. A 14 ft tree would cost around \$5500 and 28 ft tree would cost around \$28,000. They would be asking for donations for a tree thru Liberty Bank and asked if the city would consider taking care of the bank account. If they do not get enough donations for a tree, they would give the money back to the ones that donated. He stated we would

need to take action to open bank account at Liberty Bank (Barry Christmas Tree Fund). Steve Schultz made a motion to approve opening a bank account for the Christmas Tree Fund and Bridget Cramsey second the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Steve Schultz made a motion to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion.

Council returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Steve Schultz made a motion to engage Elizabeth Megli as lawyer to investigate property tax appeal from Ascend. Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Tyler Patterson – yes
Bridget Cramsey – yes
Debbie Harshman – absent
Allie Walch – absent
Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to engage Elizabeth Megli for legal services. She is with law firm of Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder LLP.

Steve Schultz made a motion to adjourn and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk