

BARRY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 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.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Steve Schultz made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Jeremy Walston gave the Public Works Director report. He said they repaired a couple of leaks and the surge tank is installed at the pool but it needs to be hooked up. The poles and lights are up at the pool and some trees have been taken down that were nuisances. The water tower at Lafayette Park had a few pinholes leaks and was repaired last week. Now we have another leak and they will have to come back and fix it. Max Middendorf said the water tower will have to be drained this time in order for them to repair it. Debbie Harshman said that the new sidewalks really look nice. Christmas Time in Barry is December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator report. He reported he delivered the Tax Levy to County Clerk in Pittsfield. He met with the IMRA representative about next year's insurance costs, attended Library Board meeting and attended Code Court. He said there are rumors that Code Court is going away. Mayor Rennecker said some communities have their own court. They charge us every time a case is presented. Debbie Harshman suggested we add the charge to the fine. Jeff said he has the annual TIF report ready but he just waiting on something from the audit to be able to finish the report. He met with Adams tech about upgrading computers. We have three that won't upgrade to Windows 11.

Max Middendorf gave the Engineer report. Max presented an instructional video on aerator blowers to be considered at wastewater treatment plant. Tyler Patterson asked if we should buy blower now and add more later on. Max said there is one installed at Williamsville and everyone can go tour and see how it works. There are no issues with SCADA and Max will have final invoice for December meeting. Max discussed the emergency interconnect with Pike County Water District. They are trying to capitalize on easements. Discussion on whether a water connection should be made available to Possum Hollow off the main line along old the highway. Council discussed if there would be benefit to have two water connections. Max discussed the water Tower in Lafayette Park. He said Maguire Iron is aware of the water leaks and will get the tower repaired, as the project has a 3 year warranty and is also bonded.

Mayor Rennecker discussed Comp/Vac buyback for employees. We do this every year and they can buyback up to 2 weeks as long as the employees have enough time to do this. Bridget Cramsey made a motion too allow 2 weeks buyback for Comp/Vac and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Max Middendorf presented the invoice from Maguire Iron for the Lafayette Park water tower project. The amount for the Lafayette Park Water Tower Rehab is \$696,000. Steve

Schultz made a motion to pay Maguire Iron and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion.  
Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to pay Maguire Iron for rehab on the water tower in Lafayette Park,

Mayor Rennecker discussed the amending the Inoperable vehicles ordinance. Tyler Patterson made a motion to approve the amended ordinance and Allie Walch seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to approve the amended the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance.

Jeff Hogge was approached by Stroemer Foods to see if the City would cover the cost of a weighing machine for the meat department. When they received the original quote for the Tif grant they were only quoted for 1 but the company said they quoted them for two which is an additional \$690. Debbie Harshman made a motion to pay the \$690 and Allie Walch seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Allie Walch asked if the City could offer any incentives to encourage the development of day care providers. Is there any breaks the City could help with.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to adjourn and Allie Walch seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:35

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Mayor

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City Clerk