

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 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 Tyler Patterson.

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

Steve Schultz 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 stated the Apple Festival went good and everything is pretty well cleaned up and put away except for the stage and hopefully it will be down in a couple of days. The new SCADA system is up and online. The surge tank for the pool will be installed later this month.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator report. He attended a Library board meeting and they are looking at possibility of going district. Ordered lights for Pool Park and attended Code Court. He helped with fall cleanup and reported 7 dumpsters were filled and hauled away. Jeff has started working on the Tif yearly report and has worked with Sulzer Pumps to get the Lift Station pump repaired. The pump had a faulty seal and backup pump was installed. The faulty pump which weighs 1282 lbs will be shipped to Middleton, OH to be repaired.

Max Middendorf gave the Engineer report. He reported that the SCADA system is installed and working. This system automatically regulates water capacity in the water tower. A warranty repair to address leaks at lower riser attachment on the water tower at Lafayette Park is being dealt with at no cost to the City. There is a crew working at Mill Creek and when they are done they will come back to work on the water tower. Max discussed the wastewater treatment rehabilitation. They have updated rehab cost estimate and priorities. He said filters need repair work soon. He obtained budget estimate for complete filter rehab and updated material costs. The estimated total project cost is \$2,015,000.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the MFT pay request from Diamond Construction. The total amount was \$74,221.50 for road work. Steve Schultz made a motion to pay the \$74,221.50 and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Debbie Harshman – yes

Allie Walch – yes

Steve Schultz – yes

Marynel Corton – yes

Tyler Patterson – absent

Bridget Cramsey – yes

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to pay \$74,221.50 to Diamond Construction.

Mayor Rennecker said we had a donation request for the Barry Apple Festival Queen Scholarship. Bridget Cramsey made a motion to donate \$250 and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mayor Rennecker and Council discussed a request from Phil Marshall to construct some storage units on property on Bainbridge Street. He owns the property and there used to be a house at this location before it burned down. Steve Schultz said we need to check on ordinance. This was tabled to later time.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the wastewater treatment plant. IRWA did a complete sludge judge test and it is filling in. Steve Schultz asked could it be more solid than organic. Jeremy Walston said the old aerators do not do the job anymore. Council decided to let Max Middendorf start process for aerators for wastewater treatment plant.

Officer Brennecke from the Pike County Sheriff office gave the police report. He said there was 1 misdemeanor arrest 1 theft pending and 2 referred to States Attorney.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the Tax Levy Ordinance. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve for publication and send to appropriate people and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance. There was no Truth or Taxation Hearing.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance. It is being considered to allow vehicles to be removed from private property. He sent a copy of the ordinance to Judge Roseberry. The ordinance is tabled to next month.

Mayor Rennecker said the Library is considering becoming a library district. Ginny Lister has been talking to other libraries (librarians) that have done this. The city owns the building that the library is in and Council decided it should stay that way if change is made.

Debbie Harshman said she was asked by several senior citizens that would like to see a sidewalk all the way around Lafayette Park

Marynel Corton said there was a great turnout at the Museum. We had over 132 people. She said with 2 air conditioners and 5-6 fans it was very comfortable in there. Steve Schultz said we probably should add 2 more evac's.

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City Clerk