

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

Mayor Rennecker called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7 p.m. Then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. All elected officials were present Scott Harris and Debbie Dell.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting and Debbie Harshman 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.

Jeff Hogge gave the Public Works Director report for Jeremy. He stated they replaced motor for lift on bed of truck and received a call at 1:50 a.m. that pump 2 had quit at sewer lift station; they got it working in the afternoon. The crew has been trying to patch in front of the school but keeps getting called away. They found a spot in pipe at the pool that may be where it is leaking, looks black and moldy- the place is toward the pump house). We are planning on lining like we did the sewer lines.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator report. He ordered the new water tester from Hach and traveled to Red Bud, IL to pick up new trash can. He attended PCCEDC meeting in Pittsfield and a Special Council meeting. He said we have a resolution to approve for insurance with RMA.

Officer Brennecke from the Pike County Sheriff's Department gave the police report. There were 7 arrests: 1 misdemeanor and 6 traffic arrests.

Max Middendorf gave the engineer report. Brotcke is mobilizing and going to initiate repairs first, install new samplers and repair deficiencies found during inspections of well 4 and 6. The IEPA permit has been submitted for the water tower. A minor leak at wet riser/bowl interface will be addressed during rehabilitation or sooner if leak worsens. O'Brien's are in process making the surge tank for the pool. IDPH permit has been prepared for the diving board and a permit will be required if we go with a pool liner. We need to evaluate liner/repaint options and costs.

Mayor Rennecker and Council discussed Insurance Resolution to approve RMA. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the Resolution and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to approve the Resolution to go with RMA for City's insurance.

Jeff Hogge discussed the vacation/comp time buy back. We do this every year and if the employees want to use some of their time they can. Steve Schultz made a motion to

approve the vacation/comp back and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the 5 acres in the business park that we approved the bid last month. The developer may or may not do Bitcoin as part of project. He is looking into working with Solential Energy for this project. They are projecting some long lead times on the project based on state incentives and Ameren interconnection. Council is ok with the timeline for the project.

A proposal for Intergovernmental agreement with Pike County Water District will be presented in December for approval.

Mayor Rennecker discussed three major infrastructure projects. They include downtown water tower rehab at an estimated cost of \$500,000; Emergency water interconnection with Pike County Water – current estimate \$1,102,000 and waste water facility improvements - estimated cost is 1.5 million dollars. We are looking at other options to keep from raising taxes or increasing the water/sewer rates. Other funding options would include applying for a block grant which is hard to come by. Another option would require the council to give serious consideration to changing the TIF District boundaries to include the wastewater facility property and Pool which would allow TIF funds to be used on this sewer project. It would take a couple of months and cost \$20-\$30,000 to extend our TIF District. Adding this to the TIF District would allow us to use future revenue to pay for this rehab.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to adjourn and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk