

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2024

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 September meeting and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Debbie Harshman made motion to approve payment of the bills and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Officer Brennecke from the Pike County Sheriff's office gave the police report. He said there were 2 misdemeanor arrests.

Jeremy Walston gave the Public Works Director report. A small leak was discovered in the water tower at Lafayette Park; it is on west side- bottom of bowl. Hopefully it will hold until the tower is repainted next year. Jeremy said we need new water pump for when we have a water leak to pump water out of the hole. We had to borrow one from Bryan Bower. They run around \$1500. Steve Schultz asked if we need two and if so he authorized him to purchase two pumps so they don't have to borrow one.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator report. Jeff said he helped with the Fall City clean up. We only had 5 dumpsters full this time. We received two loads of salt for the streets for winter so we should have more than enough. We were only expecting one load. Helped with putting the stage up for Apple Festival, helped with tree removal, met with BK electric on pool issue and attended Library board meeting. Also, the City received two bids for municipal insurance. They were from IL Municipal League in amount of \$39,146, and Corkill Insurance in amount of \$58,769. Council will have a special meeting later this month to review the insurance renewal.

Max Middendorf discussed the rehab on the wells and they are clear to go. The leak in the water tower will be part of the rehab work on it unless its gets worse then it will have to be repaired sooner. The bid letting for the water tower will be done in December. The IEPA permit application has been submitted for review. MFT Chip Sealing has been completed and Kevin has sent updated application. O'Brien is proceeding with fabrication of stainless steel surge tank for the pool. They are adding four lifting lugs to facilitate placement by crane. Mayor Rennecker said we have advanced 50% of cost. Max stated plans and IDPH permit has been prepared for diving board and have been evaluating liner and repaint options for the pool. Epoxy paint won't require painting every year. We need to find leak, still loosing water below inlets. Water system SCADA was discussed. The grant has been approved to procure SCADA system. It will require three proposals: contract has been prepared and forwarded for signatures.

Mayor Rennecker asked when the Intergovernmental water agreement will be done. Max said it is done it just needs to be looked at.

Mayor Rennecker and Council discussed bid on surplus property; 5.147 acres of property in Section 24 on Kendall Ave, Barry, IL. City received one bid on the property

from APS Group Inc and/or assigns in the amount of \$40,000 for development of a solar energy project contingent upon the following:

1. Local zoning authority approving solar development on the site
2. Local zoning authority approving zero setback request
3. Seller providing documentation showing site is accessible from a city street
4. Buyer completion of an interconnection agreement with Ameren
5. City of Barry IL agreeing to maintain property easements.

Mayor Rennecker stated they requested we mow water line easement. Steve Schultz made a motion to sell the property for \$40,000 and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mayor Rennecker said we had an extra section to repair on sidewalk and need to approve an extra \$300 for sidewalk repair. We were \$300 over budget. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the \$300 and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

SCADA system grant was discussed; engineering estimated fee for contract will be \$7,000 for MECO. Scott Harris made a motion to approve the contract and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to approve engineering fees.

Jeremy Walston said the (RTZ) back flow preventor has to be inspected every year and it failed this year. It needs to be rebuilt and the cost will be \$1500. Scott Harris made motion to rebuild and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to rebuild.

Mayor Rennecker stated we need to revise the MFT Maintenance estimate. The original approved amount was \$158,437.08 which included \$86,861.40 in RBI funds and \$71,575.68 in MFT funds. The revised amount is \$192,401.40, which includes the same \$86,861.40 in RBI funds and \$105,540.00 from MFT funds. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the revised total of \$192,401.40 and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Scott Harris – 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.

Mayor Rennecker discussed supplemental 2024 MFT Maintenance Resolution. Resolution authorizes an additional \$33,946.32 MFT funds to be used on MFT

maintenance activities. Tyler Patterson made a motion to approve the Resolution and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to approve the MFT Maintenance Resolution.

Motion was made to pay Diamond Construction. Scott Harris made a motion to pay Diamond Construction and Tyler Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mayor Rennecker said he is getting a quote for better dirt for ball field at YMCA Park. Steve Schultz and Jeremy said that rocks will still come up if we don't take some of the junk dirt out first. Jeremy said take 4-6 inches out and Scott Harris 2-3 inches would help. This is tabled to another meeting.

Bridget Cramsey made a motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk