

Barry City Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 3, 2019

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 Steve Schultz and Scott Harris.

Lance Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Bob Dieker made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

John Pennock from the Pike County Sheriffs Department gave the police report. There were no arrests and no citations for the month of May but John reported he saw a damaged sign at corner of Smith Street and McDonough Street. Bob Dieker said he received a text at 3:15 A.M. that some kids were in the swimming pool. Motion lights and cameras are being installed at the pool.

Water / Sewer Committee report was given by Bruce Kendall which was held on May 14, 2019. He said the committee discussed the ongoing testing and on June 11 thru 13 the Illinois Rural Water Association will be using cameras to check the sewer in certain areas to see if there are any problems. They also discussed raising the water/sewer rates and eliminating the inactive status. The proposed water rates would raise 3% and the sewer rates would raise 25%. Mayor Rennecker said that our rates are so low we would have to double the rates to be eligible for a grant. He said these increases are necessary to help with maintaining both systems. Mayor Rennecker said he shared a spreadsheet with the committee showing the unoccupied houses/buildings in town. He said many of these are on the inactive status and do not pay a water/sewer bill and they should eliminate the inactive status and have owners of unoccupied properties pay the minimum charge for water/sewer service. Bruce Kendall made a motion to have a 3% increase on water and a 25% increase on sewer rates and Lance Kendrick seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker – yes  
Scott Harris – absent  
Steve Schultz - absent  
Marynel Corton – yes  
Bruce Kendall – yes  
Lance Kendrick – yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent to raise the water/sewer rates.

Lance Kendrick made a motion to repeal the inactive status and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Marynel Corton – yes  
Bruce Kendall – yes  
Lance Kendrick – yes  
Bob Dieker – no  
Scott Harris – absent  
Steve Schultz – absent

Motion carried with 3 ayes, 1 nay and 2 absent.

TIF Committee report was given by Lance Kendrick and Committee recommends the following recipients for the Façade grant program:

Debbie Harshman – \$23,653.33 –Replace first story doors, windows and paint

Micah White - \$4,972.50 - Replace remaining portion of roof

Bryon Berry - \$2,750.00 – paint the front of building (Pharmacy)

Lance Kendrick made motion to approve the Tif Façade recipients and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bruce Kendall – yes

Lance Kendall – yes

Bob Dieker – yes

Scott Harris – absent

Steve Schultz - absent

Marynel Corton – yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

The Council discussed the Downtown Place Making. This includes lighting, flowers and art. The committee asks that we focus on some of these projects. \$10,000 is in TIF budget for this. The Committee also discussed Barry Business Booster Program. Mayor Rennecker said this was discussed several months ago in full council meeting and he brought it back up at the committee meeting. The Committee recommends allocating \$10,000 in seed funding to eligible applicants that occupy one of the vacant buildings in down town area and asked Council to approve Resolution of Support for the Business Booster Incentive program to create businesses in TIF District.

Robert Snyder gave the Public Works Director report. He stated two trees need to be removed. Freddie Stockton has another sycamore that is dying. Robert said School closed street sign was flattened, someone run over it. He asked if drop box was ordered for golf course. Jeff said that Max Middendorf has ordered it.

Kelly Craigmiles attended the meeting and asked who works on the ditch by her house. She said with all the rain her basement has flooded and her yard has lots of water in it. She said it has ruined her furnace and would appreciate any help to divert the water away from her house. Robert will look and see what can be done. Thinks water is coming from alley behind her house and the ditch in front.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator report. He has had several meetings with American fresh water fisheries and on June 4, 2019 will meet with Dave Ballintyne from Corkill Insurance. The water truck should be ready the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. He checked on Code violations and conducted tour of City Hall for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mayor Rennecker said we had a request to change the name of Revolution Road to Ascend Road, when annexed into the City limits it no longer had a 911 address. Bob Dieker said it should be a more common name and after council discussed the change they decided to go with something other than a name of a business. Mayor Rennecker asked the council to be thinking of other names and would discuss at next months meeting.

Council discussed the Resolution for Barry Business Booster Program and Lance Kendrick made a motion to approve the motion to help create businesses in the TIF district and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Prevailing wage ordinance was discussed and Marynel Corton made a motion to approve and Lance Kendrick seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker – no  
Scott Harris – absent  
Steve Schultz – absent  
Marynel Corton – yes  
Bruce Kendall – no  
Lance Kendrick – yes  
Shawn Rennecker – yes

Motion carried with 3 ayes, 2 nays and 2 absent. Mayor Rennecker voted yes to break the tie.

Attorney Brenner presented the 2019/2020 Appropriation Ordinance to the Council. The total of budget is \$1,287,881.00 with a tax levy of \$97,973.00. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Marynel Corton – yes  
Bruce Kendall – yes  
Lance Kendrick – yes  
Bob Dieker – yes  
Scott Harris – absent  
Steve Schultz – absent

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Andy Woods appeared before the Council to hear what they had to say about having rabbits in town. Lance Kendrick said they have to be 100 feet from neighbors and Bob Dieker said the ordinance reads no offensive pen. Mayor Rennecker stated he would like to talk about this in committee meeting.

Marynel Corton said on July 13 thru 17 the Baptist Church will be having Bible School and asked if they could get barricades to move when the kids go back and forth across the street to the park. Robert said they would get barricades.

Lance Kendrick made motion to go into executive session and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Council went into executive session at 8:13 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 9 P.M. Mayor Rennecker said that Ross Hull is interested in purchasing lot at corner of Mason Street and McDonough Street. He would construct 25 or 30x50 or 60 ft. building on the lot. He would use shop as a hobby welding and cnc work. It would not be full time business because he has another job. Bob Dieker is concerned how he will keep the building looking. Council will have a public hearing next month concerning this project.

Lance Kendrick made a motion to adjourn and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

