

# Barry City Council

Regular Meeting

May 4, 2020

Mayor Rennecker called the meeting of the Barry City Council to order at 7 p.m. by conference call. The following were present: Mayor Rennecker, Sandra Brown, Jeff Hogge, Robert Snyder, Debbie Dell, Bruce Kendall, Bridget Cramsey, Marynel Corton, Steve Schultz, Scott Harris, Bob Dieker, Max Middendorf, Debbie Harshman, David Camphouse and Jim Filbert. All elected officials were present.

Bruce Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes from April meeting and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

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

Jeff Hogge gave the Tif Committee Report. The committee met on April 20, 2020 and the following were present: Shawn Rennecker, Bob Dieker, Bridget Cramsey, Steve Schultz and Jeff Hogge. The Committee met to discuss the applications for the Tif Façade program. There were 9 applications and the committee recommends the following 4 businesses to receive grants for their buildings:

Hart & Wyatt Surveyors - \$9004.69 to replace roof

The Paper - \$7364.29 to replace 2<sup>nd</sup> story windows

Bainbridge Café - \$4460.00 to repair roof

The Barry Café - \$3925.41 to replace front windows

These amounts are just shy of \$25,000 which is what is usually spent on the façade program.

Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the report and expenditures and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Scott Harris – yes

Steve Schultz – yes

Marynel Corton – yes

Bridget Cramsey – yes

Bruce Kendall – yes

Bob Dieker – yes

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

The committee also discussed the 2020/2021 Fiscal year's budget for Tif. The budget is in good shape right now but with the current health situation the committee suggests moving cautiously. The committee also recommends taking \$140,000 from Tif savings to apply towards the loan on the second water tower to help pay it down. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the recommendation to take the \$140,000 from Tif savings to help pay down debt on second water tower and Bridget Cramsey seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Steve Schultz – yes

Marynel Corton – yes

Bridget Cramsey – yes

Bruce Kendall – yes  
Bob Dieker – yes  
Scott Harris – yes

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to approve the recommendation.

Jeff Hogge gave the code enforcement report. He said grass is being mowed and Ryan Throne is in process of getting things done and Loretta Schwalb will be getting a fine because she has not done anything. Code court is not in session since everything is shut down and was told to keep sending fines in and as soon as they are able to open they will have them all in one day. Mayor Rennecker said he received a letter from a concerned citizen about vehicle and trash near him that needs to be taken care. Mayor Rennecker said we need to follow ordinance and make sure vehicles are licensed, insured and operable. We have a couple yards that needs cleaned up. Steve Schultz said he is not opposed to the idea, but need to check some things out. None of the council members had seen the letter that Shawn said he emailed to them so he said they will continue working on code enforcement and revisit in 6 months.

Robert Snyder gave the Public Works Director report. He said they have had two water shut offs, had to be dig up one curb stand because of a lot of mud on it. We have had lots of Julies and a storm came through and will have one day of cleaning up. Seth Stroemer had a big limb come down and torn up his fence. We will start flushing hydrants and mains on the 18<sup>th</sup> and will take about a week and half. We are starting at SW corner of McDonough and Grand Ave.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator's report. Jeff said that Robert forgot to say we purchased a street roller for \$4500. It seems to be a good unit. I turned in the paperwork to USDA for police car and waiting on final approval from that. We have had quite a few building permits and went to Tif committee meeting.

Mayor Rennecker re-appointed the following City Officers: Steve Schultz – Interim Mayor, Jeff Hogge – City Administrator, Robert Snyder – Public Works Director, Sandra Brown – City Collector and Tad Brenner – City Attorney. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the appointments and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Barry City Council Committees for 2020/2021 are as follows:

**Streets and Alleys**

Bob Dieker – Chairman  
Bridget Cramsey  
Scott Harris

**Parks & Recreation & Planning & Zoning**

Bridget Cramsey - Chairman  
Bruce Kendall  
Marynel Corton

**Water & Sewer**

Bruce Kendall – Chairman  
Steve Schultz  
Bridget Cramsey

**Police & Housing**

Scott Harris – Chairman  
Marynel Corton  
Bruce Kendall

**Finance**

Steve Schultz – Chairman  
Bob Dieker

**TIF District**

Marynel - Corton  
Steve Schultz

Scott Harris  
Debbie Dell

Bob Dieker  
Jennifer Ross – JRB at large

**Public Relations**  
Full Council

**Committee as a Whole**  
Full Council

**Revolving Loan Fund**  
Full Council

Mayor Rennecker asked Council to approve a resolution to purchase the used street roller for \$4500. Marynel Corton made a motion to approve the resolution and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and absent.

Mayor Rennecker said at last meeting the council approved action on subdivision agreement ordinance by Bow Lake and after the meeting Attorney found a Claus in Chapter 5, section 1 that he thought should be amended. Attorney Brenner amended the ordinance and asked for council approval. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the changes and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Steve Schultz – yes  
Marynel Corton – yes  
Bridget Cramsey – yes  
Bruce Kendall – yes  
Bob Dieker – yes  
Scott Harris – yes

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

Mayor Rennecker discussed the water/sewer rates. He said they talked about 3% for water and \$1.25 per 1000 gal increase for sewer and would like to have council's comments on this. Would you like to forge ahead with this or if current situation has everyone thinking about it so will leave up for discussion. Bruce Kendall said there is close to 40% unemployment rate and would like to postpone this. There is people out of work that has never been unemployed and it's a bad time to do this. Mayor Rennecker asked how the water bills are coming in. Jeff said about normal and Sandra said that some are later than usual. Bob Dieker said he agreed with Bruce and think we should wait a month or two. Mayor Rennecker said he was thinking we should take some action on the ordinance and change the date for a later time if we can do that. Steve Schultz said he doesn't see why we can't do that and set date at a later time. We could set date for 6 months – 9 months ahead, not sure we are going to know anything in two months. Steve Schultz made a motion to exhaust these rates and go back and review in 4 months and Marynel Corton seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Marynel Corton – yes  
Bridget Cramsey – yes  
Bruce Kendall – yes  
Bob Dieker – yes  
Scott Harris – yes  
Steve Schultz – yes

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

Mayor Rennecker discussed the Right of Way parking Ordinance. You cannot park on city right of way unless vehicle is licensed, insured and operable. Steve Schultz said to table to next month that he would like to read ordinance over and think about it.

Bruce Kendall made a motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk