

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

Mayor Rennecker called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7 P.M. He then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. All elected officials were present.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the minutes from March meeting and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Terry Beard made a motion to approve payment of bills and Scott Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

John Pennock from Pike County Sheriffs Department gave the police report. There were three arrests: 1 felony, 1 misdemeanor and 1 traffic arrest. Officer Pennock said the only complaint they had was people running the stop sign and not slowing down at the intersection of Tremont Street and Chauncey Street. He said his department will keep an eye on the area. Also someone has been doing donuts in the gravel at Pool Park.

The Committee as a Whole met on March 23 and the following was present: Mayor Rennecker, Debbie Harshman, Bruce Kendall, Steve Schultz, Scott Harris, Bob Dieker and Jeff Hogge. Jeff Hogge gave the report and said they discussed abandoned property and how it affects the City as far as less revenue, population and business and discussed possibility of some type of fine or registration fee for these properties. Committee decided to send letters to the owners of these properties to see what they are planning to do with these properties. They talked about a possible ordinance about boats and trailers parked on properties. The City received a new quote for the Hot Rod metering system in the amount of \$88,000 (down from \$125,000). This new bid does not replace the current water meters and would be wired to the existing meters. Steve Schultz asked how many meters were included in this bid. He said we should go with new meters for the Hot Rod system.

Parks and Recreation Committee met before the City council meeting. Debbie Harshman gave the recommendations for the Pool. She said they need council's approval to purchase a new enclosed slide with spiral staircase for the amount of \$22,000. The Elmo Burkhart trust will be used to purchase this. Committee would also like approval to purchase three security cameras for around \$1200. Terry Beard had checked into the cameras and they would require internet connection to record or send to computer. These cameras are commercial grade and Terry said he and a licensed electrician could install them. They will be password protected and also be allowed to access from laptop in patrol car. Committee also recommended hiring Amy Rhymer and Christina Powell as pool managers with stipulation that one of them would be on site at all times and hiring of seven guards for the 2017 season. Daily reports are to be turned into office daily. Pool parties, admission prices and hours would remain same as last year. The pool still needs to be painted and rust on diving board frame will be touched up. Robert will check on shower curtains and the safety signs have been touched up and ready to go. The Girl Scouts would like to purchase a swing set for Holy Redeemer Park and waiting for scouts to choose swings and need approval for pea gravel and installation done by the City. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the recommendations and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker – yes

Scott Harris – yes
Steve Schultz – yes
Terry Beard – yes
Bruce Kendall – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes

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

Robert Snyder gave the Public Works Directors Report. He said they need to replace fence at sewer plant and need to schedule time for flushing hydrants. Bob Dieker asked if we could get Pittsfield to come and grind down bumps on the old highway.

Jeff Hogge gave City Administrator report. Jeff reported going to Springfield and attending Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, watched seminar on abandoned properties and lead regulation. He attended several other meetings and interview for city worker. Received bids from Aramark and Cintas for workers uniforms. Aramark's bid was approximately \$1200 lower per year than Cintas. This would include all new shirts and pants.

Devin Conkright from the Barry Fire Department requested financial help from the City for a new storm siren to be installed at Fire House. He said now someone has to enter fire house and activate the siren manually. He said the new siren would allow 911 and emergency management the ability to activate the siren remotely. Devin said we are the only ones in the County that does not have this. Devin said they have a bid on the siren in amount of \$2097.51. He stated they could do a fund raiser but that would take longer to get it. Debbie Harshman asked how quick they could get the siren. Devin said they could get now if had the money. Mayor Rennecker stated they are working on new budget and need finance committee to take a look at this. Jeff Hogge mentioned the City funding all up front and when Fire Department has 50/50 they could reimburse the City half of the cost. Debbie Harshman made a motion to pay \$2097.51 for storm siren with 50% to be reimbursed by Fire Department after May 1, 2017.

Council passed a Resolution relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Any elected official that participates in 600 hours a year is entitled to this. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve Resolution and Scott Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Council discussed amending the TIF Façade application to place preference on use of Pike County Contractors. \$25,000 is allocated for the TIF Façade each year and at a recent meeting a member asked if they would place preference to Pike County Contractors. Steve Schultz stated we need to keep priority to anyone needing a new roof. Debbie Harshman made a motion to amend the TIF application and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Wage increase was discussed for Alderman, Treasurer and City Clerk. Steve Schultz said it has been at least 20 years since the last pay increase. The Alderman and Treasurer are currently receiving \$100 a month and the City Clerk \$75.00 a month. Steve Schultz proposed raising pay for alderman, treasurer and clerk to \$125 a month across the board, with pay raise effective in two years from first meeting in May. Steve Schultz made a motion to pay across the board \$125 a month effective in two years and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Pike County Chamber of Commerce golf tournament will be held at Pittsfield with entry fee of \$240. Terry Beard made motion to do same as last year and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to enter a team.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the Resolution for abandoned properties program. He stated this can be used to clean up properties or tear them down. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the Resolution and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Steve Schultz stated that he and Jeff discussed sewer rate increase for the next 4 years on every ones accounts which would be \$1.70 every 2 months. This is to cover the costs of the sand filter rehab and what has to be done in the future. We are required to make the system pay for itself. There are approximately 650 customers. Council will discuss at next months meeting.

The Council approved hiring Cody Hinch as Public Works worker with starting wage of \$10.00 per hour.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Steve Schultz seconded motion and council went into executive session at 8:07 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 8:24 p.m. Terry Beard made a motion to approve 2% raise for all employees with exception of new hire and approve hiring two summer helpers. Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Debbie Harshman made motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk