

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Mayor Rennecker called the regular monthly 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 Bob Dieker.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Steve Schultz made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Terry Beard seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Melvin Gilbert said they have been busy working on sand filters at the sewer plant. One is finished and working getting the other one done. We had to fix the drop box at the NW corner of Lafayette Park so it would not be a hazard. The pool is drained and need to put anti-freeze in the drains. Melvin said a lady called and wants to know what it would like to run water to her house. It is along Rt. 96 and is up from the wells on opposite side of road. She would have to drill under the roadway and not sure she would want to go to that expense. Steve Schultz said in recent years we have been leaning away from that. Mayor Rennecker asked if we are the closest water supplier. Melvin said yes we are. Debbie Harshman said to have her do more research on the cost and then let us know what she wants to do. Mayor Rennecker said he would like to with engineer first. Steve Schultz said to tell her we are checking with engineer and she needs to check on prices. This would include getting permit to drill under the road. Melvin asked if we should remove the blocks from the Cree-mee. Mayor Rennecker said he had a request from the property owner to remove them. Melvin said he also needs to change his retirement date to January 2, 2017.

Jeff Hogge said he helped get some paperwork for the audit and the USDA audit is now complete. He made a trip to Springfield to get document signed for Rodgers Street so Diamond Construction could start. Jeff also met with Gary Camarano about Economic Development for Barry. Jeff said that 10% late charge is added to water bills not paid by the 10th of month. We have had some customers that have not received their bills and some have been returned or destroyed in the postage machines. He said the Nancy suggested adding the 10% on the 25th of month when shut off notices go out. Debbie Harshman and Steve Schultz said they have no problem with the 25th. Debbie Harshman made a motion to change the date from 10th to the 25th of month. Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Debbie Harshman gave the Parks & Recreation Planning & Zoning report. She said on August 9th they had meeting and discussed plans for Pool Park. She asked when the trust money would be given out. Mayor Rennecker said he had talked with them and they are waiting to hear from someone else on the list for the trust. Debbie said they discussed a slide, diving board and a splash pad. When lifeguards are hired for next year the committee plans to meet and talk with them on the rules. They also discussed the management for this year. Adults were not always around to make sure things run the way they should. The attendance was up this year. Debbie asked if they could get costs on everything and get back with council. Melvin said the engineer needs to be involved with certain things. Council agreed for them to check on prices.

Amanda Dunn said when she was at pool one lifeguard was lying on the side holding hands with boyfriend. Terry Beard said it's a liability if they don't do what they are supposed to do.

There were two public hearings held for a variance for building a deck at John & Peggy Rawlings house. There was no public comment at these. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve variance for deck and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mayor Rennecker said a few years the City purchased two trailers and have thought about making a stage out of them to be used at the Apple Festival or other events that would need a stage. We talked about opening up long side of one trailer leaving back, roof and sides and just floor of other one. Would brace both trailers together so they could be taken apart and stage area would be 18 ft. x 28 ft. The current stage is 18 ft. x 26 ft. Steve Schultz said if you are talking about something that comes apart, then how are you going to get it level. Mayor Rennecker said they received a quote of \$1200 and it would come out of Tourist fund. Steve Schultz asked Debbie to check on size and see if it is what they need. Mayor Rennecker said they have been working on a solution to help with getting a different stage. The one they use now is old and is in need of repair.

Mayor Rennecker talked about City wide clean-up. He said Area Disposal partnered with Delevan, IL on doing door to door pick up for one day. They used 2-3 trucks at \$1500 per truck, certain things would not be picked up. Curbside could accommodate more people that aren't able to get to the sewer plant.

Mayor Rennecker asked Council to approve pay resolution for Rodgers Street resurfacing project. The original bid was \$120,567.00 and final pay \$116,267.82 to Diamond Construction. Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the pay resolution and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to approve pay resolution to Diamond Construction.

Mayor Rennecker said we have a donation request for the Barry Apple Festival Queen Scholarship. In the past we have given \$200. Steve Schultz made a motion to donate same as last year and Scott Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent to donate \$200.

Megan Wilson from Ice House Inn asked for a \$500 donation to help cover cost of band and advertizing at the annual event. Debbie Harshman said Tiny's Place has band and we don't help them. Terry Beard said no and Steve Schultz said he don't have problem with advertizing but if going to help one then need to help all. Mayor Rennecker said they are the ones that pay the hotel/motel tax. Terry Beard made motion that we do not give to businesses based on being behind in hotel/motel tax and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Ice House Inn requested for Barry Firemen \$500 for their 1st Annual fish fry during Color Drive. Scott Harris asked who gets the proceeds. Council said they need more clarification on who gets the profits.

Police Report – There were 4 arrests: 3 traffic arrests and 1 misdemeanor.

Jimmy Hodges from the Library said there had been 328 attendances at the library with the computers being used the most. He said we are glad to have a library and need to have a good relationship with the City. The State says at least one library board member needs to be at City meeting.

Terry Beard said we need to amend minutes that says golf carts need to be inspected by police officer. He said they came down to renew their permit and was told it had to be inspected before it could be issued. They have enough to do without including this. Scott Harris stated that John Pennock volunteered to do this.

Steve Schultz made a motion to adjourn and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk