

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018

Mayor Rennecker called the regular meeting of the Barry City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. All elected officials were present except Kay Brown.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the December minutes but asked that CIETEN Plaza be added as name of street by Barry Travel Plaza. Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

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

There was no officer present to give police report. Mayor Rennecker gave the report and there were 5 arrests: 1 felony and 4 misdemeanor arrests.

Jeff Hogge gave the Police Committee report. The following were at meeting: Bruce Kendall, Scott Harris Marynel Corton, Shawn Rennecker and Jeff Hogge. They discussed the outstanding code violations and talked about the trailer on Decatur Street owned by Chris Wood. The Committee read comments from Attorney Brenner and recommends that the trailer and all materials related to the trailer be removed by January 22, 2018. If not removed a fine will be imposed starting January 23, 2018 of \$100 per day. The committee also discussed the need for new housing. The City has been approached to find suitable lots to build new homes. Jeff Hogge has talked to Two Rivers trying to put together a grant to help with housing that needs tore down or rehabbed. They also discussed the need for housing for assisted living. Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the recommendations by the committee and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator's report. The county wide tire clean-up went well; about 3000 tires were removed from around the county. Jeff sent the new ordinances to Sterling Codifiers so ordinances can be updated. He attended several meetings and picked up trash cans from Home Depot for the recycling program.

Robert Snyder said on Saturday January 6th we had an 8 inch water line break and was repaired in spite of the bitter cold weather. A fire hydrant was knocked over at the corner of Williams Street and Decatur Street and will be repaired when weather is better.

Mayor Rennecker gave an update on the proposed street between CIETEN and the golf course. Mayor Rennecker stated that the area will be staked out and will give everyone a better idea where the road will be. Max Middendorf from MECO Engineering provided a map of the proposed roadway. Mayor Rennecker said he has been in contact with attorneys about the details of the agreement.

Mayor Rennecker discussed Sexual Harassment Ordinance. The State passed a requirement that all public bodies must approve a sexual harassment ordinance/policy and employees participate in training and has to be passed by January 15, 2018. Jeff is working with insurance carrier to set up training. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker – yes

Scott Harris – yes

Steve Schultz – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Bruce Kendall – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to approve the sexual harassment ordinance.

Mayor Rennecker said that Karen Harris and Marie Woods have left the Library Board and they have two openings. They want to appoint Miranda Dunn to the Library Board and asked Council's approval. Debbie Harshman made motion to approve Miranda Dunn for the Library Board and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mayor Rennecker showed pictures of slope mower and cost is \$24,978.15. Original cost was \$35,000. Robert and Jeff had tried this mower out and were very impressed with it. Scott Harris said we should check around with other companies and do price check. Steve Schultz said budget item for next year.

Mayor Rennecker suggested putting flags on columns in front of City Hall. Steve Schultz said it would be ok if solar lights were put up. Council approved the flags.

The City will be switching to a new call system from Code Red to UBMAX. Cost of Code Red is \$1500 a year and UBMAX is \$325 a year. This will be used to alert citizens of different things.

Scott Harris made a motion to adjourn and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk