

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2017

Mayor Rennecker called the regular monthly meeting of the Barry City Council to order at 7 p.m. He then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance. All elected officials present except Scott Harris.

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

Debbie Harshman made a motion to pay bills and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Robert Snyder gave the Public Works Director Report. He stated the Barry pool has opened for the season. They cut Rodgers Street for sewer repair and street has been repaired, put wood chips at playground in park and the crew has been busy mowing and weed eating. Mayor Rennecker said they run out of wood chips and need to order more. Debbie Harshman said the McTucker memorial at the Pool Park needs wood chips and is growing up in weeds. Something needs to be said to the one that's mows there.

Officer Brenneke from Pike County Sheriffs dept gave the police report. There were 6 arrests: 2 felony, 1 City/County Ordinance arrest and 3 traffic arrests. Bob Dieker said he was asked to have police watch the street by the Nursing Home. People do not slow down.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrators report. He attended several meetings and met with Dan Selby from Ameren about lighting at Rodgers Street and Hwy. 106. Ameren put new bulbs in and made it a lot brighter. Purchased tree for Arbor Day and attended tree planting at Holy Redeemer Park. Checked on the Edlin trees and none have been purchased. Attended the EPA inspection of water system and the inspection went very good. Barry Fire Department golf tournament is Sunday, July 25 and Council gave the ok to put in a team. The new slide for the pool is expected to arrive soon and waiting on permit from state before it can be installed.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the Appropriation Ordinance with the Council. There is no tax increase. The City had \$40,000 rollover at the end of the fiscal year and he recommended splitting that amount in the following: \$29,000 for street & bridge repair, \$6000 for equipment purchase and \$5000 for organizational support. Mayor Rennecker suggested that the \$5000 go to Western YMCA. Debbie Harshman said we need to be supportive but cautious and would like to see breakdown of YMCA expenses. Marynel Corton asked if the Museum and New Philadelphia could be considered for a portion of the organizational support funds. Debbie Harshman stated that maybe the tourism fund could help the museum. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker – yes
Scott Harris – absent
Steve Schultz – yes
Bruce Kendall – yes
Marynel Corton – yes
Debbie Harshman – yes

Motion carried with 5 ayes, 1 absent and 0 nay to approve the Appropriation Ordinance.

The Council discussed the Prevailing Wage Ordinance and Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Steve Schultz – no
Marynel Corton – yes
Bruce Kendall – no
Debbie Harshman – abstain
Bob Dieker – yes
Scott Harris – absent

Mayor Rennecker broke the tie with yes and the motion carried with 3 ayes, 2 nays, 1 absent and 1 abstain to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

The Council discussed the fence ordinance. Steve Schultz said he drove down alleys and sees no reason why fence cannot be placed on property line. Bob Dieker recommends having property surveyed and talking to neighbors. Mayor Rennecker said allow fence to be on property line- sides and back and have neighbor sign on fence permit that they have permission to go on their property to repair. Debbie Harshman asked what the penalty is if someone puts up fence without permit or put up wrong way. She thinks the pretty side should face whoever puts up the fence. This will continue to the July meeting.

Mayor Rennecker discussed having “Visitors Center” at the old standard station owned by Sprague’s. He said there is a group that would like to paint and clean up the area. The building would be rented from Sprague and city covers taxes of \$1200 from Tourism fund. Debbie Harshman asked who would pay the insurance for this. Bob Dieker said we would have to add to our insurance. Debbie Harshman said if people are working there would have to have heat, electricity, and bathroom and be handicapped accessible. Mayor Rennecker said we could put the business sign there. Debbie Harshman stated the BBA would like to publish brochures but does not have the funds to do this. She said without literature they have nothing to put in the building and suggested using the funds from Tourism account to do brochures and placing them at the Travel Plaza and Wendy’s.

Steve Schultz made a motion to go into executive session and Bruce Kendall seconded motion. Council went into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 8:45 p.m. and Marynel Corton made motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk