

BARRY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2018

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

Mayor Rennecker amended the agenda and stated there will be no executive meeting and added – Approve new library board member.

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

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

Officer Greenwood from the Pike County Sheriff department gave the police report. There was one traffic arrest.

The TIF committee met on January 23, 2018. Those present were Scott Harris, Steve Schultz, Bob Dieker, Shawn Rennecker, Jeff Hogge and Sandra Brown. Jeff Hogge gave report on last year's TIF façade. All four projects were for roofs and have been completed and paid for. The main discussion was on Derek Ross's building uptown. He was asked to bring in estimate for inside rehab work. He gave an estimate of \$4640 for work on the floor and committee wanted to know how much this bid covers in floor space. The committee discussed the possibility of a business redevelopment agreement and believed a building inspection for asbestos is needed. Steve Schultz said they need to meet again to decide what to use the rest of the funds for.

The Finance Committee met on January 23, 2018 with the following present: Shawn Rennecker, Sandra Brown, Bob Dieker, Scott Harris, Steve Schultz and Jeff Hogge. Steve Schultz gave the finance committee report. He stated they went through all the figures and balances and is in good shape. The committee discussed starting to make payments on the CDAP Grant received for Innoventors. Mayor Rennecker suggested we use all the money received from property tax from Revolution to start making payment on this grant and to help pay it down. The Committee agreed with this idea.

The Streets and Alley Committee met on January 12, 2018 and those present were: Debbie Harshman, Marynel Corton and Jeff Hogge. Jeff Hogge gave the report and said major work proposed on Pratt Street from Greene Street to Rodgers Street, Greene Street from Pratt Street to Hwy. 106, and Mortimer Street to Smith Street. They also discussed sidewalk repair and committee would like to bring back the city sidewalk program and requested that \$10,000 be set aside in the new budget for this work. Jeff said he and Robert have since met with Greg Miller from Diamond Construction and showed the streets on the list and they are going to send individual estimates on these.

Robert Snyder gave the Public Works Director report. He said they have been working on the pool and took sand out of the filters. The crew got the fire hydrant repaired at the corner of Williams Street and Decatur Street and have been doing some patching. A new pressure washer is needed and cost is around \$600. The recycle center has gone over well and they have been making two trips a week to drop off recycled items at the recycling center in Pittsfield. Marynel stated that the old tires by recycling center needs to be moved before people think they can put them there. Robert also said that the water truck needs to be updated.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrator's report. He completed the annual EPA wastewater report and attended several other meetings. He submitted the City's GATA registration and found out we are on hold for any payments due us due to the CDAP grant. Jeff discussed the meeting he attended for the DECO Revolving Loan. He said an outside firm will be taking over this program at the end of 2018 and collecting the remaining money left to be collected and would reduce funds by 70% for them to handle this. The state recommends that the city refinance these revolving loans to avoid loss in revenue. Whatever our balance will be at the end of 2018, we will have until the end of 2020 to use these funds. Steve Schultz said some of this money could go into TIF and maybe come out of TIF to pay off loan.

Jeff said he had someone ask if they could shoot off fireworks at a wedding at the Apple Basket on June 30. Debbie Harshman said that Apple Basket needs to check with their insurance and Bruce Kendall said it needs to be supervised.

The Welcome Center is unlocked every morning and locked every evening. The proposed CIETEN street agreement is still not completed. The City will reserve the right to withdraw from the proposed street agreement if nothing is done within two years from date of agreement is signed.

Council discussed bringing back sidewalk repair. Agreement would be between the City and homeowner. The city would provide the forms and equipment to install a sidewalk and will pay for concrete. It is homeowner's responsibility for labor involved and finds someone to help with sidewalk or hire a contractor to do the job. Scott Harris said someone needs to be responsible and if they do not have people to help them they need to sign paper for the City to do work and homeowner will pay for it.

Council had a donation request from Western After Prom Committee. Bob Dieker made a motion to do same as we did last year – which was \$200. Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mayor Rennecker said we had request to approve Sarah Hilligoss as new board member to the Library. Bob Dieker made motion to approve Sarah Hilligoss to the Library board and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Jeff Hogge told council we are getting set up for new public alert system. Code Red was \$1500 a year and the new one is \$325 a year.

Debbie Harshman made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk