

BARRY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2018

Mayor Rennecker called the regular 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 Kay Brown.

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

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

Lillian Bowen appeared before the Council to request alley closure. She said it is closed at highway and would like to have closed between her properties. Lillian owns property on both sides of the alley. Steve Schultz recommended that she talk to the neighbors and she if they would like to have it closed. Council will do some research and bring up next month.

Cindy from "Tiny's Place" asked permission to get a 3-day special permit for the Barry Apple Festival. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the 3-day special permit and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Alan Flynn from the Barry Apple Festival asked council if they would be willing to sponsor the Jonathon level again this year. The Jonathon level sponsorship is \$500. Alan said the stage needs to be painted and asked if it could be put up the week-end before the festival so it could be painted. Council agreed the stage could be put up the week-end before Apple Festival. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the Jonathon level sponsorship for \$500 and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mayor Rennecker talked to council about the CDAP RLF grant project. He said we need to come up with a plan to use the money. We have up to 2 years to use the money on projects. Scott Harris said he would like to see alleys downtown redone; the alley by the bank is used a lot and needs work done on it. Bob Dieker said the alley by Ron Sydney's needs a cold patch because gravel will not stay; it washes out when we get a big rain. Max Middendorf said controls for the wells are needed. Council was asked to be thinking of other projects to use the money on and would discuss later.

Mayor Rennecker gave the police report. There was one misdemeanor arrest. The new contract will be after the new Sheriff is elected.

Bruce Kendall gave the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting report. He said there are 146 meters on dormant and not being used. Dormant status is when water is provided but a minimum bill is not being issued. Currently we do not charge a bill when the water is put on dormant. We are getting more empty houses in town. Mayor Rennecker said there are a growing number of unoccupied/vacant homes that people won't rent or list for sale. He shared that Roodhouse, IL recently adopted an idle meter charge policy that charged rate to unoccupied houses and rental properties, but allowed an exemption for those properties expected to be involuntarily vacant for an extended period of time due to circumstances beyond their control (such as, but not limited to job relocation, nursing home stay, incarceration). Scott Harris asked if this will affect the ones that are gone for 3 months in the winter. The answer was no. This will be discussed more later.

Scott Harris gave the Police Committee report. Those present at meeting were Shawn Rennecker, Scott Harris, Bruce Kendall, Marynel Corton and Jeff Hogge. They discussed Code Enforcements cases in the Community. An update was given on fix or flatten program. The majority of properties were mobile homes. Scott asked for discretion when considering if homes were salvageable or not. The Committee reviewed the grant application for new Exterior Maintenance Grant Program. The committee made some changes to the wording and recommended Council approval. This has income levels and to be used to help people their homes. Scott Harris said it should include labor. If people can't afford to paint their homes then they cannot afford the labor. Animal Control ordinance: rabbits and chickens fall under the classification of Domestic Animals: their pens must be kept 100 ft. away from the nearest inhabited structure. Committee read and discussed a vacant structure registry ordinance. Registry would include: contact information, proof of insurance, and information on maintenance plans. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the report and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion.

Robert Snyder gave the Public Works Director report. He said they have cleaned the sand filters, put in sidewalks on Pratt and Davis, painted the wood and the roof on the buildings at City Hall. They have worked on the fountain at Lafayette Park but it still has a leak. We have cleaned out the holding tank, caulked all around and used paint to seal. We can plug drain to see if water stays in. Robert asked about getting a cell phone or something at the lift station. Mayor Rennecker said it is approved in the budget. Debbie Harshman asked when does the summer help quit. Andrew Conley last day is August 10, 2018 and Caleb Hart will work another week. Debbie asked if there was an update on the pool shades. Jeff said they have been ordered.

Jeff Hogge gave the City Administrators report. He has attended several meeting and attended CDBG Conference in Springfield. He reinstated the GATA for the State. We are now eligible to get grants. He met with some people interested in purchasing the winery. The fall clean-up is September 10 – 16.

Robert Said we need to get manholes located on Kyle Mains property and need drawings so we know where they are.

Bruce Kendall reminded everyone of Kay Brown's benefit – Saturday- August 11.

Mayor Rennecker said a score board for the ball diamond would be \$2900.68. We have \$1705.38 and need \$1195.30 more.

Scott Harris made a motion to adjourn and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk