

BARRY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Mayor Pro-tem Steve Schultz called the regular monthly meeting of the Barry City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. He then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. All elected officials were present except Jim Motley and Mayor Pat Syrcle. Mayor Syrcle joined council meeting via telephone but later hung up because of poor connection.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the January minutes and Gary Wycislo seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Jeff Hogge made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Pike County officer gave the police report. There 4 arrests - 3 misdemeanor and 1 traffic.

Melvin Gilbert said that he and Kristy were going to attend AWWA classes in Springfield on March 19th and 20th. Have been working on hooking people up to sewer. Gates shop is hooked up and will work on getting Randy Woods and Ernie Van Hook hooked up to sewer. Two street lights have been turned back on. They are by the Baptist Church and the First Christian Church. Melvin said he had talked to John Jacobs about the aerators at the sewer plant. There has been a lot of odor from them. We need to decide if we want to keep them or do something else. Max Middendorf said it would be cheaper to go with prop driven aerators. The crew has done some gravel patching on Smith Street. Bob Dieker asked if some gravel could be put in Delia Moore's alley.

Lance Kendrick stated that the PCEDC have been working on a county wide hotel/motel tax. He said if it passes we need to decide what to do with the City's hotel/motel tax.

Adam Rennecker requested a tube be put in along north side of Mason Street from Lawrence Street west to current drive way. Adam said he wants to build new addition to his shop. He will furnish an additional tube to run along east side of Lawrence Street. Bob Dieker made a motion to approve installing tubes along Mason Street and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Nathan Beechy asked council about putting a sign on the property of Duane Ruble. He said they make tarps for trucks and it would be for advertising. The second place he asked about is the land between the new car wash and Fuqua's house. Steve Schultz said a 6 sq. ft sign would be for residential. Lance said open lots can have bigger signs. Steve Schultz said this topic needs to be tabled and check to see what size signs can be used. Nathan Beechy also asked about a sign east of town on McTucker's property. That is out of city limits so it would be up to the property owner.

Steve Schultz said that he, Gary Wycislo, Debbie Harshman, Melvin Gilbert and Lance Kendrick met with Jim Bensman of MECO Engineering to discuss the Haskins building. Ballpark figure to tear down and build new wall would be around \$100,000. After talking to Bensman the committee decided to recommend renovation of the building instead of demolition.

Parks committee met to discuss the pool. They decided to advertise for pool manager with February 8 as deadline for applications to be turned in. The YMCA can help with the lifeguard classes. We will advertise for lifeguards after the manager has been hired.

Lance Kendrick stated that he asked the street and alley committee which streets need the most attention. Committee agreed that Rodgers Street because of the condition and the amount of traffic on it.

Lance Kendrick explained carbonite data backup system. It is an on-line backup for \$59 a year. The only backup we have now is in the backroom. Bob Dieker asked if it is safe and secure. Max Middendorf stated that it is better than having everything in one place and it is a good investment.

Pay request # 14

Meco - \$5024.84

Debbie Harshman made a motion to approve the pay request and Gary Wycislo seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker - yes

Jim Motley - absent

Gary Wycislo - yes

Jeff Hogge - yes

Debbie Harshman - yes

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Pay request # 2

K & N - \$14,924.35

Gary Wycislo made a motion to approve pay request and Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Gary Wycislo - yes

Jeff Hogge - yes

Debbie Harshman - yes

Bob Dieker - yes

Jim Motley - absent

Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Pay request # 30:

MECO - \$1848.00

Jeff Hogge made a motion to approve the pay request and Debbie Harshman seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Max Middendorf told council that the new lift station is on line and the old one is off.

Lance Kendrick asked council permission to attend the Rural Economic Development Conference in Peoria. He stated that he attended last year and learned a lot from it. Steve Schultz told him to go ahead with it.

Bob Dieker suggested that the City buy a mower and hire Aaron Schultz to mow and have Melvin tell him when to mow. Steve Schultz left the meeting. Council discussed mowing and Debbie Harshman said she would like to have more information. Steve Schultz returned to meeting.

Melvin Gilbert said we have a business that has not paid water bill and asked if we shut them off and charge disconnect fee. Debbie Harshman stated that businesses should not be any different from anyone else. Council told Melvin to proceed.

Bob Dieker said that he and Jim Motley would like to see the money from the gaming machines be put in to the pool fund to help with expenses. Council agreed. Bob Dieker made a motion to put the money from gaming machines into the pool fund and Gary Wycislo seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Bob Dieker made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Council went into executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Council will have Special Meeting Feb 13th at 5:15 p.m. to review applications for public works.

Council returned from executive session and Bob Dieker made motion to adjourn and Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.