

BARRY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 5, 2011

Mayor Syrcle 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 Kay Brown. Steve Schultz left before the meeting started.

Gary Wycislo made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting and Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Jim Motley made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Bob Dieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Steve Schultz returned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Syrcle said the agenda needed to be amended to add the following: Job Description-City Administrator; Peddlers & Itinerant Vendors-Possible Restrictions; Sale of Decatur street property and Hotel/Motel Tax-Ice House Inn. Bob Dieker made a motion to add the items to the agenda and Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

A public hearing was held prior to the council meeting to rezone property at 884 Grand Ave. from R-1 to R-2. Attorney Brenner said that R-1 permits single family dwellings and needs to be changed to permit multiple family dwellings. Attorney Brenner said as long as three findings are made :

1. 884 Grand Avenue, Barry, IL, cannot yield a reasonable return to the property owner if that property is used only under the conditions allowed by R-1 zoning.
2. The circumstances of the owner of 884 Grand Avenue, Barry, IL are unique due to the nature of the improvements themselves as well as the historical use of the improvements.
3. The granting of the requested zoning variation will not alter the essential character of the locality.

Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the zoning variance and Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Roll call was taken:

Bob Dieker - yes

Jim Motley - yes

Steve Schultz - yes

Gary Wycislo - yes

Jeff Hogge - yes

Debbie Harshman - yes

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Officer Herron of the Pike County Sheriff's Department gave the police report. There were 7 arrests: 1 juvenile, 1 misdemeanor and 5 traffic arrests.

Melvin Gilbert said the playground and picnic equipment for the Holy Redeemer Park was in. They need to think about aerations system for the sewer plant. Max Middendorf will look into floating aerators and Melvin will get information to him and stated that John Jacobs recommends they still feed bugs even if we change aerators. Melvin said he has both old garages down and still has some dirt work to do on the property. He will have it done by the following week-end. Mayor Syrcle said they need to get things done at the Holy Redeemer Park. He does not think they will get an extension on the project.

Gary Wycislo asked about the old Ogles store building uptown. Mayor Syrcle said that Shawn is looking into another IKE grant that would cover different things. Debbie Harshman asked if that would relieve Haskins from any responsibility. Mayor Syrcle said no.

Mayor Syrcle gave the report for Shawn Rennecker who was absent from the meeting. We are still waiting on IDOT for clearance for the lighting project in LaFayette Park. Finally received the papers to send in for the CDAP Economic Development Grant. This grant is \$418,000 and will run sewer from North of interstate, underneath gravity flow, down to new lift station. The IKE grant is \$478,000. The project will vacate the existing lift station down by Beard Equipment, gravity flow will connect there and go to new lift station at end of Smith Street and force main up over hill and down to sewer plant. The total pledged to date for the YMCA Wellness center is \$152,800. Tar and chip work for Mortimer Street to 106, Kendall Ave, and Rooster Way will be done this summer.

Mayor Syrcle said Council needs to pass a Resolution of Support to extend water services to Innoventures sit from TIF proceeds. He said we have \$14,000 to do the water line. Steve Schultz made a motion to approve the resolution of support for water services and Gary Wycislo seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Steve Schultz said the TIF committee met a month ago but could not give a recommendation for approval for Innoventure LLC until we had approval on sewer project. After some discussion Steve said we need to have a special meeting. The meeting will be Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m.

Water project pay request # 16 is for the following:

Phoenix Fabricators - \$8740
MECO Engineering - \$1170.42
MECO Engineering - \$1365.00

Total - \$11,275.42

Bob Dieker made a motion to approve the pay request and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The council reviewed the job description for City Administrator and discussed some changes that needed to be made.

Mayor Syrcle said that he and Debbie had received call from a concerned citizen about a peddler that showed up at his house at 9:30 p.m. We do not have set hours for peddlers. We have an ordinance stating that a 3x5 sign can be placed on door stating "No Peddlers".

Mayor Syrcle said we have a purchase agreement of \$3000 in hand from Eric Welch for the property that was listed on Decatur Street. Jim Motley made a motion to approve the purchase agreement for property on Decatur Street and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mayor Syrcle had talked to John Tice about the Hotel/Motel tax payments and was told he would call Steve Tice about it. Franny Tice called the Mayor and wanted to know if they could have a pass on paying the tax until Steve gets better. She also wanted to know if we could do away with the ordinance. Mayor Syrcle said he told her that the county has been thinking about putting on a tax and if we rescind ours that the county would just put one back on. Council said no to rescinding the tax and that the tax is due on a monthly basis.

Melvin Gilbert asked about his raise on the water license and was told a review is set for the end of month.

Gary Wycislo asked about setbacks on buildings. Is it the foundation or overhang. Steve Schultz said the setback stays at 10 ft. with foundation with no more than 2 ft. of overhang without a variance.

Debbie Harshman stated that Kenny Mellon has started an electrical business in town and that we now have three electricians in town: Kenny Mellon, Bryan Bower and Rocky's.

Bob Dieker made a motion to go into executive session and Jim Motley seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Jim Motley - yes

Steve Schultz - yes

Gary Wycislo - yes

Jeff Hogge - yes

Debbie Harshman - yes

Bob Dieker - yes

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to go into executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 9:56 p.m.. Steve Schultz made a motion to accept job duties of City Administrator based on the changes. Jim Motley seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Jim Motley made a motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk