

BARRY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Mayor Rennecker called the regular monthly 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.

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

Jeff Hogge made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Bruce Kendall seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Officer Brennecke of the Pike County Sheriff's office gave the police report. There were 6 arrests: 3 - traffic and 3 - misdemeanor arrests.

Melvin Gilbert gave the Public Works Director report. He said they have placed the blocks in the parking lot where the old Ogle's store was. The waterline for Hart's property has been put in. We have had the work camp crews twice in the last month and they did a lot of weed eating. The tree crew will be coming in the next few weeks. Debbie Harshman asked if they have time to paint the parking spaces and the answer was yes. Melvin said they fixed water leak on Williams Street and Chauncey Street. Had Illinois OSHA inspection - 1st day was waste water inspection and 2nd time was public works inspection. Every thing has been fixed except guard on PTO shaft of the big tractor and the welder leads. All breaker boxes had empty space and have been fixed and one electrical outlet with no ground has also been fixed.

Denise Hodgerney spoke to the council and stated she had talked to Lance about the trailer on Bainbridge Street that had been condemned. She wants to buy and fix up for a friend to live in. She asked that the City give her two months to re-do the trailer and make it look presentable. She said that a company in Jerseyville has paid the 2013 taxes and has to be bought back and they still owe 2012 and 2014 taxes which will have to be paid. Steve Schultz said we need written contract to show what is going to be done and when it will be done. Denise stated she has family that will help to replace sewer and plumbing and will tear down fence and take the porch off. Bob Dieker said we will insist everything will be done and needs to work with Lance Kendrick.

Lance Kendrick - City Administrator stated he had been working on Code enforcements and trying to get grant application together for sewer plant. Attended a couple business meetings and worked on hazardous communication plan and need to do OSHA training session and send in.

Mayor Rennecker said we have a spare phone we are not using: we have set up a non-emergency communication line (217-430-8010) to use as a community watch line.

The line of credit has been approved at the First National Bank of Barry for operating purposes encase the City needs it. The state has been very slow with payments since they do not have a budget in place.

Mayor Rennecker discussed the placement of play ground equipment at the Barry Pool Park. We need separation of parking area from play area. We are considering widening Pratt Street from 6 ft. to 8 ft. and changing the parking area. Steve Schultz said the playground on the hill never had much use. No one wanted to walk up the hill. Melvin

Gilbert said they may be able to put playground equipment between parking lot and flag pole. Debbie Harshman said she would like to have an idea of the extra space.

Council discussed renaming the street currently known as 310th Avenue, between County Highway 4 and the west edge of City limits to Revolution Road. Bob Dieker made a motion to rename 310th Avenue to Revolution Road and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Bob Dieker - yes  
Scott Harris - yes  
Steve Schultz - yes  
Bruce Kendall - yes  
Jeff Hogge - yes  
Debbie Harshman - yes

Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent to rename 310th Avenue to Revolution Road.

Bob Gray of Arnold, Behrens, Nesbit and Gray gave the audit report.

Debbie Harshman made a motion to go into executive session and Jeff Hogge seconded the motion. Council went into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 8:26 p.m.

Bob Dieker made a motion that we follow the order of the State of Illinois and authorize the City Attorney to enforce the Participation Agreement in conjunction with DECO Economic Development CDAP Grant # 10-241002. Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call taken:

Scott Harris - yes  
Steve Schultz - yes  
Bruce Kendall - yes  
Jeff Hogge - yes  
Debbie Harshman - yes  
Bob Dieker - yes

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

Jeff Hogge made a motion to adjourn and Steve Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk