

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 8, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

**Present:** Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Aaron Ray, Katie Hauglie, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Public Works Superintendent-Jason Wendt; Guests: Grant County Sheriff-Jon Combs, Chief Deputy Sheriff-Jennifer Vipond, Terry Burns, Jake Silas.

**Absent:** Council – Susie Sieben.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Visitor Comments – Terry Burns questioned why Jeff from Barrett Lake Resort was being paid to clean up the beach.

Hauglie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Mutual Aid Resolution, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Ray made a motion to approve the December 11, 2023, regular city council meeting minutes, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Hauglie made a motion to approve the annual appointments: Justin Anderson for City Attorney, Star Bank as Official Depository, Grant County Herald as Official Newspaper, Lasch as Deputy Mayor, Ray as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jenson and Lasch as check signers, and Lasch and Hauglie as personnel committee, seconded by Ray. MCU

Ray made a motion to set the regular council meeting date as the second Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. with the next legal business day as the alternative date if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday falls on a legal holiday, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Grant County Sheriff, Job Combs and Chief Deputy, Jennifer Vipond were in attendance to review the past year and touch base on the City's needs. The Grant County Sheriff's Office is currently short three full-time deputies. The number of hours patrolled in Barrett was above the contracted hours for 2023. We are entering the last year of a 3-year contract with the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Combs encourages the City to visit with their County Commissioner to discuss the future of the Sheriff's contract. The sheriff's office is starting a new program between law enforcement and the senior citizens as well starting "Coffee with a Cop" monthly rotating around the county.

Ray made a motion to approve entering into a Grant County All-County Hazard Mutual Aid Agreement with Ashby, Elbow Lake, Herman, Hoffman, Norcross and Wendell and their public safety responder agencies for a period of five years, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Ray moved to approve Resolution #2024-01-01 authorizing Mutual Aid to Grant County agencies for a five-year period, seconded by Hauglie. Roll Call Vote: Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes

Lasch made a motion to approve the following monthly transfers: 2016 Water Refunding-\$5,674; 2023 Sewer Debt-\$9,285; 2023B Water debt-\$398; PFA Reserves-\$1,171; Water Contingency-\$171; and Sewer Contingency-\$340, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Hauglie moved to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the donations to the City of Barrett, Resolution #2024-01-02 accepting donations, seconded by Ray.

Roll Call Vote: Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$17,761.44, (plus Ottetail Power and Verizon) Check #200129 to Check #20149, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 5:32 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Jenson, Mayor

