

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 8, 2024
5:30 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: Jake Sias, Cheryl Simpson, Troy Johnson, Rick Lock, Elden Strom, Tim Eckstein, Angie Hasbrouck, and Amy Renke.
Absent: Council-Susie Sieben.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Ray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded Hauglie. MCU

Hauglie made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024, regular city council meeting minutes, seconded by Ray. MCU

Rick Lock informed the council that the Barrett Lake Association was been reestablished, he was elected president. Areas of interest for the Lake Association are stocking fish, westside public access improvements, and shoreline restoration from Lee Ronhovde's to Alke's to include Rip Rap, and tree/buckthorn removal. Area farmers have indicated that they maybe able to donate rock for the rip rap and the Lake Association will donate the labor. The area for rip rapping will be less than 200 feet. They would like to improve the west public access; the current grade of the ramp is steep as well as having a power wash out. They would like to fill the washout hole, and if it is less than 10 yards of fill a permit is not needed. They would like to use the concrete ramps that were removed from the main access and put them in the westside access to help stop the erosion. So, there are two projects they would like to complete: One-to clean up brush/buckthorn along the shoreline and rip rap that area, Two-improve the westside public access. Lasch made a motion to give the Barrett Lake Association permission to clean up the shoreline from Lee Ronhovde's to Alke's and rip rap the shoreline, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Angie Hasbrouck and Amy Renke from Horizon Public Health have been working with 7th & 8th grade students at West Central Area Schools on Empowering Tomorrow: Strategies for Enhancing Youth Well-Being. Last year the 7th graders were surveyed, and mental health and well-being were identified as concerns. They are continuing to explore with students what is meaningful. Students did an exercise in what they would like to see the future look like. So, how do we involve them? What do they do in their free time? How do we engage this age group in what we do? What kinds of things does Barrett have in which they can engage? What can we do to partner to engage youth?

Hauglie moved to resolve to amend the Potable Water System Ordinance, Section VI, changing the procedure and terms for shutoff of water for non-payment, Section 6.16 and 6.17, and publish a summary ordinance, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes.

The lots in Beverly Hills were discussed. The 15-year tax exemption for economic growth expires next year in 2025 and the City will have to start paying taxes on the remaining unsold lots. West Central Community Actions has inquired about if and what lots the City has available for new house construction; however, it is unknown at this time if Barrett will be chosen for the new home they plan to build. Charles Olson Excavating has expressed interest in building a new house in Beverly Hills with the intention of resale. Ray made a motion to give a lot to Charles Olson Excavating with the stipulation that a house be built within one year, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Tony Ray gave notice that he will not be cleaning at the Pavilion/Community Center this year. Susie Miller covered cleaning for Tony last year and is willing to take on the job. Lasch made a motion to hire Susie Miller to clean at the Pavilion/community Center as an independent contractor at the rate of \$25 per hour, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

City Clean up Day will be Thursday, May 9th. Engebretson Disposal is no longer offering the option of a garbage truck due to the danger it presents. A roll-off dumpster will be used in place of the garbage truck. Clean up day hours will be 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. and residents will be responsible for unloading their own items.

Clerk Rhude proposed establishing a policy on limiting the time “Free or For Sale items” can be left on a curb or public right away. Lasch made a motion to establish a policy of only allowing “Free or For Sale items” to be left on the curb or public right away for 48 hours, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Unfinished Business: Demo has been served with the Order and he has not complied. Justin Anderson will be getting it put on the Court calendar.

Maintenance Update: Compost site will remain closed due to illegal dumping and only open by contacting Public Works Wendt to open.

Hauglie made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$11,675.79, Check #20204 to Check #20220, seconded by Ray.

MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m., seconded by Ray.

MCU

Respectfully Submitted: _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor