

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 11, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor-Troy Johnson; Council-Todd Lang, Derek Getz, Deborah Nelson Pick, Earl Janshen; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Jeff Kuhn-WSN; Guests-Kathy Dahl, Dale DeFrance; Susan Lohse-County Assessor, Scott Biss-Residential Assessor.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

Getz made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Committee Updates: Dog & Cat Clinic set for May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m., EDA Meeting set for Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with Dick Telkamp to discuss the Beverly Hills lots. City will need to budget for a new Radio receiver for the Fire Hall with the new ARMER system for dispatch to be able to continue to set off the warning siren.

Jeff Kuhn, from Widseth Smith Nolting, was present to ask the council for an Amendment to the Engineering Agreement with a net change in the agreement of \$5,135 increase. This includes an \$11,100 increase in RPR time, and a decrease of \$5,965 for additional services budget. This change order was needed because observation hours simply were not enough to observe the contractors work.

Pick made a motion to approve the Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement in the net amount of \$5,135 increase, seconded by Getz. MCU

Jeff Kuhn explained that Grant County Highway Department performed some of the required testing in connection with the County Road 2 project that if they had not performed the testing it would have been hired out, so they are entitled to reimbursement for these expenses. The County needs to provide documentation how charging for this testing. With Luke Hagen's retirement this is taking some work to get accomplished. The funding application with Rural Development is 5 years old on May 5, 2011 and our application was only good for 5 years. We need to submit all our expenses before that date or request an extension in writing. With the Grant County bill still up in the air due to Luke Hagen, County Engineer, retirement it may be difficult to get this settled before the May 5, 2011 deadline.

Johnson moved to resolve to ask for a 1 year extension on our funding application with Rural Development, seconded by Getz. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-yes, Getz-yes, Lang-yes, Janshen-yes, Pick-yes

Pick made a motion to form the "Barrett Arts Commission" and appoint Kathy Dahl, Betty DeClercq, Ed Gallagher, Julie Gallagher, Lizzie Hjelle, Rose Marie Johnson, Gerald Puchalski, and Tim Ray as members, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Johnson moved to resolve to approve a loan resolution security agreement authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of acquiring a fire truck, seconded by Pick.

Roll Call Vote: Johnson-yes, Getz-yes, Lang-yes, Janshen-yes, Pick-yes

Pick made a motion approve the contract with the Grant County Humane Society for lost dog control from May 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012 for up to 5 dogs for \$150, seconded by Johnson. MCU

The council decided to set a \$50 fee for transporting lost dogs to the Humane Society. The Humane Society will collect this fee when the dog is reclaimed and pass it back to the City to cover expenses of transporting.

Lang made a motion to offer a City Clean-up Day on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 -7:30 p.m., not taking any items accepted at the metal recycling center in Elbow, and offering the Clean-up free of charge to City residents, seconded by Pick. MCU

Council discussed the property at 111 Rich Ave. Grant County Sheriff's Department gave them 30 day notice to get the property cleaned up and the time has expired and it wasn't cleaned up. According to our Ordinance we can now go in and start clean-up and bill the property owner for the clean up. Getz made a motion to set the rate of \$75 per hour for staff time to clean up the property plus all expenses, seconded by Lang.  
MCU

Maintenance Update: Gerald brought up the lighting at the Fire Hall again. He had Driggins Electric give him a bid on redoing all the lighting in the Fire Hall. Gerald explained that after July of this year you will no longer be able to purchase bulbs for the light fixtures and with the current rebates now is the time to replace the lights. The cost would be \$1,772 for all lights and labor with an estimated rebate of \$734. Janshen made a motion to hire Driggins to replace all the lights in the Fire Hall, seconded by Getz. MCU

Johnson made a motion to accept a \$118 donation for the Grain Tube Fund, seconded by Lang. MCU

Pick made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$30,911.00, seconded by Getz. MCU

### **Board of Review Meeting**

\*Lee Seifert, 505 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, house was removed. Valuation will be changed to land value only.

\*Viking Savings Association requested that the value of 101 Rich Avenue be lowered. Scott Biss did view the property. Property value was at \$57,400.

Janshen made a motion to lower the value of 101 Rich Ave. to \$27,400, seconded by Getz. MCU

\*Norma Nasset requested the value lowered at 403 Fairview Street. Scott Biss did view the property.

Pick made a motion to make no change at 403 Fairview Street, seconded by Johnson. MCU

Pick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnson. MCU

Marita Rhude  
Clerk/Treasurer