

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Brian Tucker, Jason Wendt; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests: Monte Eastvold-Northland Securities; Fire Chief- Dave Lien, Jr., Jason Puchalski; Guests-Maynard Brau, Roger Smith.
Absent: Council-Kathy Wevley.

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

Maynard Brau and Roger Smith addressed the council about the brown rusty water they are experiencing and that it smells like sulfur. Gerald feels that a lot of the problem is the old main line, ac pipe; it has been in the ground since 1941. He also questions the media in the filters, it will need to be sent in and tested. Our water plant is only taking out iron and magnesium.

Maynard Brau and Roger Smith questioned about the dead trees in town and questioned if we have something we could do to make homeowners responsible for taking them down in a timely manner.

Lang made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tucker. MCU

Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Monte Eastvold from Northland Securities was present to explain to the council that bond rates are at the lowest level in years. We have a loan with Rural Development that we could bond to pay off and save money. He wanted to let the Council now about this opportunity. He also explained that to be able to work with the City he needs to have an Engagement letter, which is required by law to work with us.

Lang made a motion to enter into an Engagement letter with Northland Securities as Underwriter, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Dave Lien, Jr. apologized for missing last month's meeting. They got 3 quotes on doing the painting on the new truck. They went with Don's Auto Body in Wendell. The estimate for the paint for \$3,500 but he ended up doing some body repair, fixing on the steps, putting on running boards and a bed liner. They have a total of \$12,600 in the truck. Council question Dave why they were not informed about what was happening and how much it cost. He felt that as long as he stayed within his budget he was ok to go forward, this was how things have been done in the past. Dave would like to start looking for a used first responder rig. They would either go through Rural Development loan or the leasing company they used for the turn out gear, and payments would not be due until next year.

Council discussed spending restrictions for the fire department. Concerns about communications were expressed. The process of getting written quotes. It was decided that monthly reports from the Fire Department to the council would help with communications.

Council was informed about plans for a rain garden seminar to be held on Saturday, May 21st at the Community Center that we as a City are sponsoring as part of our Well Head plan.

Council had a request to use the Pavilion for Thursday, May 19th for free for a fishing seminar for kids. The council did not approve this request.

Gerald has been putting down road patch around town. He has put in a call into the MN Dept. of Health about using a product to clean the filters. We used this product previously but the Dept. of Health made us stop using unless we did a bunch of testing. Gerald is making contact to see what can be work out. He will need some help to get the pier moved and back in place.

Marita reported that Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. City Clean-up Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 12th from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wendt made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$22,045.85, seconded by Tucker. MCU

Tucker made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Lang. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer