

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Barrett Community Center

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch, Chery Simpson, Aaron Ray; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors-Nathan Feist (via zoom), Justin Anderson, Dave Lien, Jr., Jason Puchalski, Bruce Olson, Troy Johnson, Mark Bruzik.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Visitor Comments: Bruce Olson wanted to know if it was ok for volunteers to clean up the lakeshore at the Pavilion. Soil and Water needs to be consulted before any work can be done in this area.

Moss made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the March 8th meeting, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Justin Anderson was present to go over proposed Ordinance #XVI, defining public nuisance and the process of abatement and punishment and Ordinance #XVII, authorizing administrative fines.

Simpson moved to resolve to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. XVI and publish a summary notice, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Simpson-yes, Moss-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes, Ray-yes

Simpson moved to resolve to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. XVII and publish a summary notice, seconded by Moss. Roll Call Vote: Simpson-yes, Moss-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes, Ray-yes

Nathan Feist from Bollig Inc. was present via zoom. The water treatment plant is moving along good, they plan to install the garage door this week. Northdale Construction is starting to dig this week. Railroad permit is completed and in place. It was recommended removing the watermain service between Rich Avenue and Hawkins Ave (Alley 1).

Simpson made a motion to remove the watermain in Alley 1 from the project, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Water meter replacement is scheduled for this summer construction. There are drive by meter reading systems and now new cellular read systems. The cellular system has previously been quite expensive, but the price has really come down. Council agreed to pursue cellular system if allowed by Rural Development.

Moss made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement in the amount of \$65,000, seconded Lasch. MCU

Dave Lien, Jr. and Jason Puchalski from the Barrett Fire Department, were present for the council to discuss the need for Criminal Background checks (MN Statute 299F.035), for all present and future firefighters.

The council reviewed the new updated proposed Personnel Policy and Job Descriptions. Moss made a motion to approve the personnel policy as presented, effective January 1, 2021, seconded by Ray. MCU

Simpson made a motion to establish a Garbage Fund with a zero-starting balance, and Fire Department Fund with a starting balance of \$89,142.54 effective January 1, 2021, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Council reviewed a letter from Kent Marshall in reference to the landscaping around the City Office. He feels

the landscaping is in very serious need of repair. He is proposing to pay for the landscaping up front and discontinue rental payments until the cost of the landscaping is taken care of. Council agreed to look at estimates. Tabled until next month.

Council reviewed a revised ten-year service agreement with KLM Engineering to perform Inspection Services on the 100,000-gallon elevated water tower. Lasch made a motion to enter into a ten-year agreement with KLM, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to donate \$1,900 to the WCA Summer Recreation program, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Unfinished Business: Patrick Magnuson is going to look at the Pavilion and see about giving us a bid for painting the upper back side.

Maintenance Update: Started discharging sewer ponds today. Lift Station #3 is blowing capacitors and relays in the control panel. Is causing lots of problems and should be upgraded in the near future.

Simpson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$44,692.82, check #19048-#19081, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor