

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Mayor-Todd Lang; Council-Jason Wendt, Tim Lasch, Jodi Moss, Michelle Jenson; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests: Brian Bollig, Nathan Feist, Chris Ray, Ed Gallagher, Joyce Hanson, Judy Olson, Chery Simpson, Betty DeClercq, Laura Schmidt

Mayor Lang called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Visitor Comments: Chery Simpson address the council about her willingness to help do cleanup of the Pavilion grounds but that she needed some help with sticks/log removal and fence repair. She inquired as to when the City Ordinances were last reviewed. She suggested that the City consider doing a review of their current Ordinances. She expressed some confusion where to find more update information on the Open Meeting Law an MN Statutes and felt that some form of community education on the procedures would be beneficial.

Brian Bollig and Nathan Feist of Bollig Engineering provided the council a Project Status update. Loan closing instruction have been received from Rural Development. Final plans have been submitted to Rural Development for approval. And the remaining easements discussed. Permits needed were reviewed. Final designs reviewed. Jenson made a motion to give authorization to advertise for bids with the concurrence from Rural Development, seconded by Moss. MCU

Over the course of the past few weeks, citizens have brought to the City's attention certain concerns regarding construction located at 403 River Street in the City of Barrett. The City is working diligently with the landowner to resolve any issues to the city's and the landowner's mutual satisfaction. As those discussions continue, the landowner has assured the City that no further work will be done on the premises. In order to promote a swift and amicable resolution, the mayor is appointing himself and Michelle Jenson to work with the city clerk and legal counsel, so that an agreement might be ready for consideration by the full city council at its meeting in May.

The City Council discussed how to handle the garbage situation since the current hauler Engebretson Disposal notified the City that it would not be picking up any garbage bags, garbage must be in a canister. All residents were delivered a canister. The City Council decided to rent canister for all residents from Engebretson Disposal at \$2 per month per canister. All new canister customers will be charged for the 35-gallon canister for the month of May. Residents will be given a choice on the size of canister they wish and be charged appropriately in June.

The council reviewed a Petition from Audrey Hjelle to place 33.5 acres of Parcel #18-0256-000 into the Rural Service District established by Ordinance #18. Jenson made a motion to move Section 11, TWP-128, Range-42 of Government Lot 3in Lien Township; Grant County, Minnesota into the Rural Service District established in Ordinance #18, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Lien Township has requested a 3-year Fire Contract. Lasch made a motion to offer Lien Township a 3-year Fire Contract for 2020-\$10,224.96, 2021-\$10,736.21 and 2022-\$11,273.02, seconded by Moss. MCU

Council reviewed a request to place senior photo banners along the walking path through Powers Park on the way up to West Central Area Schools. These are temporary banner and will be removed at the end of May. Council agreed to allow them to place banners along the walking path.

Clerk Rhude informed the Council that finance charges and water shut off letters were not done for the month of March due to COVID-19 outbreak. Many Cities are voluntarily doing this due to COVID-19. There was legislation on this matter but it has not passed. Moss made a motion to suspend late fees and water shut offs until the end of the State of Emergency, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Jenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 council meeting, seconded by Moss. MCU

Gerald Puchalski gave notice that he plans to retire October 1, 2020; he would be willing to stay on until November 1, 2020 at the latest if needed. He recommended that the new person not be given the Zoning Administrator position.

Jenson move to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the donation of \$3,000 from the Barrett Fire Relief Association to be used to outfit the 2009 Polaris Ranger, seconded by Wendt.

Roll Call vote: Lang-yes, Moss-yes, Wendt-yes, Lasch-yes, Jenson-yes.

Lang made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$45,888.84, check #18498 to #18521, seconded by Moss. MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Lasch. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Todd Lang, Mayor