

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 8, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor-Troy Johnson; Council-Todd Lang, Derek Getz, Earl Janshen, Deborah Nelson Pick; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests-Jon Combs, Lee Seifert.

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

Additions to the agenda: Grant County Sheriff's Contract, Vacant Properties

Getz made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11th meeting, seconded by Pick. MCU

Jon Combs of the Grant County Sheriff's Department was present to discuss the new 3 year contract for Police Protection from Grant County. Rates would be \$30,870 for 2012, \$31,487 for 2013, and \$32,117 for 2014. Council members questioned exactly what was included in the patrol hours for the City of Barrett.

Pick made a motion to accept Kathy Dahl's resignation from the Arts Commission, seconded by Getz. MCU

Council reviewed a letter from City Attorney, Kent Marshall, about what was required to reduce the speed limit on Soo Lane. Council requested that Marita check with MN Dot and see what is required to do a speed study.

The Barrett Care Center has concern about storm water runoff as they have had flooding in their basement the last couple of storms. The Fire Department had to pump some water away from their building recently. The Care Center requested the storm sewer system be evaluated and asked that the City forgive the fire call bill. Lee Seifert was in attendance and offered to build a berm our of clay to direct the water away form the Care Center, if the Care Center was willing to put it on the edge of their lot. Gerald and Lee will talk with the Barrett Care Center about this option. Council felt that the Fire Call bill should be submitted to the Barrett Care Center's insurance to see if they pay this bill.

Pick made a motion to set up a Short Lived Asset Reserve Account for Water and one for Sewer at Star Bank, transferring starting balances from the Water Fund in the amount of \$10, 012 and the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$8,400, seconded by Lang. MCU

Council reviewed a quote to fix the front step of the office building from Terry Puchalski using composite decking in the amount of \$1,850. Pick made a motion to hire Terry Puchalski to replace the front step of the office building for \$1,850, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Council discussed snow removal. It was decided to negotiate with Kyle Weets and to add that workers compensation is required for the owner and all employees, and that inches of snow state plowable inches.

Council discussed a couple of vacant properties that fall into unsightly property. Council instructed Marita to talk with the Grant County Sheriff's Department about what we can do with these properties.

Gerald reported that he thinks he has located the drain tile outlet that was cut at the ball field. He has Leroy Thorstad coming to dig it up and see if they can reconnect it. The Fishing Pier got all broken up in the recent storm. Gerald is trying to reach the DNR to come and out and help, as this is not a one person job.

Getz made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$13,757.51 plus OtterTail Power and Verizon Wireless,  
seconded by Johnson. MCU

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

Marita Rhude  
Clerk/Treasurer