

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt, Brian Tucker; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests: Chase Johnson, Bob Schleiman, Jason Puchalski, Dave Lien, Jr., Kathy Dahl.

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

Wevley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting, seconded by Tucker. MCU

Barrett Fire Relief Association recently amended their bylaws to change the pension benefit amount from \$475 per year to \$650 per year. Wevley made a motion to approve the pension benefit increase to \$650 per year, seconded by Tucker. MCU

Chase Johnson from Johnson Jet Line and Bob Schlieman from Apex Engineering Group were present to inform the council about things that were discovered when the sewer lines were recently jetted and televised. A number of our sewer lines were put in 1941 and are the old clay pipes and are in need of replacement. We have two separate sewer lines that have cracks/holes and are broken and where ground water is seeping in. The sewer line that runs under the railroad tracks already has a large dip in the line. All of this can add to the possibility of having a sewer line collapse. Chase showed the council a procedure that he can do to put a liner inside the sewer line where the crack/hole is that applies a resin to the sewer line which adheres to the sewer pipe and fixes the cracks and broken pipe. He can do this in 2 foot or 4 foot patches. The council needs to consider how to address these problems before we have a serious issue. Bob Schlieman explained that the City can be proactive and plan to fix things in the future or be reactive and fix problems as they happen. If the council decides to move forward with a project to address these issues there is a lot of planning involved and takes a minimum of a year or more before you would even bid the project. It was decided that Bob would meet with Gerald and Marita and gather more information and come to next months meeting with more specific information.

Chase Johnson is looking for a place to build a shop for Johnson Jet-Line in Barrett. He would need at least 3 acres of land.

Dave Lien, Jr. informed the council that Runestone Telephone has a 2007 GMC 1/4 ton with 137,000 miles up for bids, with the bidding closing on August 24th. Dave felt this would be a perfect vehicle for the Rescue vehicle that needs replacing, as it is already mostly set up for what they need. He understood that this was not in the budget but felt this was a great opportunity. It was discussed that the General Fund would have to lend the Fire Department Fund the money to pay for this if they were successful. Wendt made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to bid on the 2007 GMC pickup with 137,000 for \$11,000, seconded by Lang. MCU

Tucker made a motion to contract 5,000 gallons of propane with Haley Oil Company for .99 per gallon, seconded by Lang. MCU

Council reviewed the proposed 2016 Budgets.

Maintenance Report: Thein Well recently did the annual well inspection. They have recommended that we pull our wells for inspection. If we pull both wells it would be \$2,600 per well or if we just do one it would be \$2,850. Our wells are pumping less water than they were a year ago. It was decided to put this in the budget for 2016.

Ted Boys is selling his property at 502 3rd Street and wants to split his shed off and sell separate from his house. The problem is that the water in his shed is run from his house and the water main is located in 3rd Street. Council decided that if the shed is sold separate that the water would need to be disconnected from the house.

Options of available land for Chase Johnson to build a shop on were discussed.

Wevley made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$39,472.54, seconded by Lang . MCU

Tucker made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m., seconded by Wendt . MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer