

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 14, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Aaron Ray, Katie Hauglie, Susie Sieben, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Guest: Joyce Hanson, Darin Olson, Bruce and Judy Olson, Troy Johnson, Kelly Strand, Kevin Pettee, Lynn Vetrone, Pam Severance, Mark Severance, Erica Swenson, Kent Swenson, Tyler Nordby, Ashton Swenson, Jake Sias.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A public hearing was held on 420 County Road 2's request to rezone from residential to commercial by Ashford Swenson and Tyler Nordby. They plan to open a rental business right away and add storage units in the future. Lasch moved to resolve to approve changing the zoning from residential to commercial at 420 County Road 2, seconded by Hauglie. Roll call vote: Lasch-yes, Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes

Visitor Comments: Bruce Olson commented on the Storm Water Ordinance proposed changes. He questioned who decided those that should be excluded. He requests the Council appoint a committee to be formed to investigate who should be excluded from the Storm Water Ordinance.

Sieben made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with item #6 to read Elbow Lake Lions, seconded by Ray. MCU

Hauglie made a motion to approve the July 10, 2023, regular city council minutes, seconded by Lasch. MCU

The Storm Water Ordinance proposed changes were reviewed by the council. The council is good with the changes made and will present it next month for approval.

No snow removal bids were received. Tabled until next month.

Lasch made a motion to contract with Haley Oil for 4,000 gallons of LP at \$1.29 per gallon for the 2023-2024 heating season, seconded by Sieben. MCU

Pavilion Fund Update: Joyce Hanson updated the council on past and future activities planned for fundraising for the Pavilion renovation.

Pavilion Roof Repair: The City has been getting requests from residents questioning what and when the City plans to get the roof repaired. Finding a contractor to do the work has been difficult. Joyce Hanson asked if she could make some phone calls and try to find someone to fix it.

Siebe made a motion to approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Elbow Lake Lions Club for August 26, 2023, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Budget updates: Council reviewed several items to consider for the 2024 budgets. Preliminary Levy needs to be

set at the September meeting.

Maintenance Update: Filters were drained down and tested. We will need to back wash more often and at a more powerful pressure to keep the filters clean. Jason reported that the City of Hoffman contacted him about hiring him for his water & sewer licenses and to help train their new operator once hired. So, he will be helping them in his off hours.

Sieben move to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the Donations to the City of Barrett, Resolution 2023-08-01, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes.

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$90,588.52, check #19980 to Check #20010, seconded by Sieben. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted: _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor