

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch, Chery Simpson, Aaron Ray; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors: Engineer-Nathan Feist (Via Zoom); Guests-Jon Combs, Troy Johnson, Jeff Severance, Todd Lang, Dale Norris, Martha Gutierrez, Dave Lien, Jr.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Visitor Comments: None

No addition to the agenda.

Moss made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Nathan Feist from Bollig Inc. was present to update the council via zoom: Water Plant - Head of plant piping is waiting on shipping of a part and then they will finish up. Only other items left are painting and a few miscellaneous items. Final completion is set for September 3rd. Infrastructure Project – Change Order 2 is out for signatures. Park Street behind Star Bank – the cost of removing the peat material and replacing with suitable materials to avoid settling came in at \$44,297.14. The council wanted to look at other options before deciding. The underground work should be done very soon, and the paving and landscaping will follow.

Dale Norris was present to discuss his request to have speed bumps installed on Soo Lane. Council last month decided not to move forward with speed bumps. He wanted to know what the City was going to do to solve the speed issue if they weren't going to put in speed bumps. Jon Combs of the Grant County Sheriff was present to discuss the issue of speed. Grant County Sheriff's Department has been patrolling the area. Jon Combs suggested that maybe the speed could be reduced to 20 miles per hour on that road as well as working with Barrett Farm Supply to education those driving through to slow down and drive careful. Simpson made a motion to lower the speed limit to 20 mph on Soo Lane, seconded by Ray. MCU

Jeff Severance from Barrett Lake Resort was present to discuss a water leak that they had at the Resort. He was requesting a break on the sewer portion of the bill as this water did not go down the sewer. Simpson made a motion to forgive the sewer portion over the normal usage, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Council reviewed the Fire Department PERA plan benefit level recommendation provided by the State PERA board. The current benefit level is \$700, and the state is recommending \$1,300 benefit level to cover the Fire State Aid annual financial contribution. Moss made a motion raise the benefit amount to \$1,300 per year, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license for the Barrett Fire Department for September 11, 2021, at the Barrett Lakeside Pavilion, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve the Snow Removal Contract with Weets Drainage and Excavating of Evansville from October 15, 2021, to April 15, 2024, in the amount of \$18,000 per year for up to 45 inches of plowable snow and an additional fee of \$400 per inch to be billed payable the next fiscal year, seconded by Moss. MCU

Tabled the Lawn Care Contract until next month.

Simpson made a motion to contract propane with Haley Oil Company in the amount of 5,000 gallons at the cost of \$1.42 per gallon, seconded by Ray. MCU

The Council discussed the 2022 budget. Preliminary Levy will need to be set next month.

Maintenance Update: Sewer Lift #2 totally updated. Sewer Lift #3 needs upgrade. Some budget considerations were discussed.

Lasch moved to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the donation to the City by Jennifer Combs in the amount of \$100 for the Pavilion, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-Yes, Moss-Yes, Simpson-Yes, Jenson-Yes, Ray-yes

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$87,407.40, check #19213 to Check #19241, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Simpson. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor