

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2012
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: Bruce & Judy Olson, Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt.

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

Visitor Comments: Bruce & Judy Olson-It's not acceptable to have such a high number of customers with high water/sewer bills and council not following their own Ordinances. Maintenance person pay continuing to go up and yet your contracting out more and more services, like the beach and mowing. Why are the Clerk and Maintenance person getting council pay and where is the proof that this was ever approved. Snow removal contract wasn't signed and proof of insurance until mid-November, hopes that council isn't planning on paying for the period of time prior to this. Maintenance person's health insurance cost should be considered towards his salary.

Lang made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Snow Removal, seconded by Getz. MCU

Pick made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting, seconded by Lang. MCU

Pick moved to resolve to adopt the Rental Housing Ordinance for the City of Barrett and publish a summary Ordinance, seconded by Getz. Roll Call Vote: Pick=yes, Janshen=yes, Lang=yes, Getz=yes, Johnson=no

Getz made a motion to approve the auditor contract with Desautels Bartosiewski & Associates for the 2012 audit, not to exceed \$9,200, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Marita reported that MN DOT Joe Stegmaier called and stated that they would only pay us \$100 per hour for snow loading on Highway 55 because that was the highest rate of any other City. Council requested that we check with neighboring towns and find out what rate they are charging.

Lang moved to resolve to certify past due utility billings to the 2013 property tax role as presented, seconded by Pick. Roll Call Vote: Pick=yes, Janshen=yes, Lang=yes, Getz=yes, Johnson=yes

Vehicle Use Policy – Committee of Johnson and Kathy Wevley will meet to draw one up and present at next council meeting for approval.

Getz made a motion to set the final levy at \$231,000 and approve the 2013 Budget, seconded by Pick. MCU

Lang made a motion to pay off the Water-Debt loan of 2001 on January 1, 2013 in the amount of \$31,434.77 and transfer any remaining balance in this account and all future sewer assessment payments to the 2010 GO Bond of \$1,642,000, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Johnson made a motion to table the salary negotiations until next month, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Snow removal concerns were discussed. The snow removal contract was supposed to start on October 15th but was not signed by Kyle Weets until November 14th and proof of insurance was not obtained until November 19th. Council discussed if he should be paid for the time prior to his signing the contract. Council will get opinion on this from City Attorney before making any decision.

Lang made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$32,607.61, seconded by Getz. MCU

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

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer