

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Mayor-Todd Lang; Council-Michelle Jenson, Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors-Nathan Feist, Cheryl Simpson, Ray & Jill Hanson, Ed & Julie Gallagher, Troy Johnson.

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

Cheryl Simpson commented on the Cost-of-Living increase and questioned the Ottertail Easement funds and donation from Runestone Telecom.

Jenson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Moss. MCU

Jenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9th Regular Meeting and November 12th Special Meeting, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Nathan Feist from Bollig presented Bid Addendum #1 for the Infrastructure Improvement Project and Change Order #1 for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements for approval.

Lasch made a motion to approve Bid Addendum #1 for the Infrastructure Improvement Project as presented, seconded by Jenson, MCU

Jenson made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Water Treatment Plant Improvement with contractor Eagle Construction, seconded by Moss. MCU

City Council reviewed bids for new flooring for the Community Center from Joann's Window & Flooring and Arnquist Carpets Plus. Moss made a motion to go with the vinyl flooring bid from Joann's Window & Flooring for \$13,207.28, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Jenson made a motion to hire Greg Jacobson for our Licensed Water/Wastewater Operator at \$800 per month now and \$700 per month after Jason obtains his wastewater license, seconded by Lang. MCU

Moss made a motion to approve the Barrett Lake Fishing Pier land use, operations and maintenance cooperative agreement with the State of Minnesota (DNR) effective January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2036, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Jenson moved to resolve authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its Streets. Whereas, it is necessary for the City of Barrett to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of \$867,000, seconded by Moss. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-yes, Moss-yes, Lasch-yes, Lang-yes

Moss made a motion to resolve to authorize execution of an Advance Agreement and participation in joint powers authority for a sewer and water project for the City of Barrett, Minnesota and accept the offer of the

Minnesota Rural Water Finance Authority to purchase \$125,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Bond Anticipation Note of 2020B and Providing for its issuance, seconded by Jenson. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-yes, Moss-yes, Lasch-yes, Lang-yes

Jenson made a motion to resolve to authorize execution of an Advance Agreement and participation in joint powers authority for a sewer and water project for the City of Barrett, Minnesota and accept the offer of the Minnesota Rural Water Finance Authority to purchase \$2,575,000 General Obligation Sewer and Water Revenue Bond Anticipation Note of 2020A and Providing for its issuance, seconded by Lasch. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-yes, Moss-yes, Lasch-yes, Lang-yes

Lasch made a motion to approve the Auditor Contract with Brian D. Koehn, CPA from Parkers Prairie, Minnesota at a rate not to exceed \$10,150 for the 2020 audit, seconded by Moss. MCU

Lasch moved to resolve to certify past due utility billings to the Grant County Auditor for collection with the 2021 Property Taxes as presented, seconded by Jenson. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-yes, Lang-yes, Lasch-yes, Moss-yes

Moss made a motion to approve the 2021 General Fund Budget of \$362,114.21, seconded by Jenson. MCU
Jenson moved to resolve approving the final tax Levy for 2021 at \$166,103.21, seconded by Lasch. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-yes, Moss-yes, Lasch-yes, Lang-yes

Jenson made a motion to approve the Water Fund Budget of \$183,039.22 and set the 2021 water rate at \$35.25 base (includes 1,000 gallons of water), plus \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Moss made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Budget of 126,501.85 and set the 2021 sewer rate at \$25.25 base, plus \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons, seconded by Lasch. MCU

The Fire Department is requesting to reallocate funds from the Ranger Project to purchase a pressure washer for \$4,200. Moss made a motion to allow the Fire Department to reallocate funds to purchase a pressure washer for \$4,200, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Council agreed to sign a letter of support for Marita Rhude to apply for the position of IIMC Region VI Director.

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$99,237.94, check #18741 to #18778, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., seconded by Jenson. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor