

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 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; Public Works Superintendent-Jason Wendt; Guests-June Franzen, Jacob Silas, Troy Johnson, Cheri Simpson, Joyce Hanson, Braven Hauglie, Jessica Fernandez.

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

Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing – June Franzen has been a Public Health Practitioner for 32 years. She desires to open a Women’s Health & Wellness home occupation out of her home at 805 Spruce Ave. Hauglie moved to resolve to grant a Conditional Use Permit to June Franzen, 805 Spruce Ave. to operate a home occupation for Women’s Health & Wellness, seconded by Sieben.

Roll Call Vote: Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes

Ray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hauglie.

MCU

Sieben made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023, regular city council meeting minutes, seconded by Ray.

MCU

Jason Wendt was able to get in and view Roni Kraemer’s residence to verify that all water going to the shed/garage is running through the water meter. Ray made a motion to give Roni Kraemer credit to her utility account in the amount of \$276, seconded by Hauglie.

MCU

Sieben made a motion to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Brian Koehn, CPA for the 2023 audit, not to exceed \$14,500, second Ray.

MCU

A public hearing was held at the request of Nyler Nelson to dispute his tax certification for unpaid utility bill to the 2024 tax role. Jessica Fernandez was present on his behalf. The amount of the monthly bill has become an issue for them. They had previously made yearly payments for garbage and recycling. Now with the addition of the storm water fee, and questions about whether this fee would be changed, they did not make any payments this year. It was noted that they have been charged late fees in the amount of \$354.57.

Sieben made a motion to deny the requested appeal to not access to the 2024 tax role, seconded by Ray.

MCU

Sieben moved to approve Resolution #12-1-2023 certifying past due utility billings to the Grant County Auditor for collection with the 2024 property taxes, seconded by Jenson.

Roll Call Vote: Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes

Sieben moved to approve Resolution Final Tax Levy for 2024 in the amount \$232,236, seconded Hauglie.

Roll Call Vote: Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes

Hauglie moved to approve Resolution #2023-12-02 setting the storm water rate for 2024 at \$15.10 per EDU, seconded by Sieben.

Roll Call Vote: Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes

Ray moved to approve Resolution #2023-12-03 setting Water and Sewer Rates for 2024, seconded Lasch.

Roll Call Vote: Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes

Lasch made a motion to approve setting the General Fund Budget at \$319,665; Water Fund Budget at \$153,154; and the Sewer Fund Budget at \$190,140, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Karen Ellis was present to report on the Barrett Pavilion Architectural & Historical Survey/Evaluation that was submitted by Alexa McDowell. The evaluation was submitted when it was 75% complete and Alexa got feedback from them on the application. The Barrett Pavilion is a good candidate and strong contender for the National Historical Register. There will be another grant needed to prepare the actual nomination for the Register. Karen is willing to apply for that grant on behalf of the City. Hauglie made a motion to allow Karen Ellis to apply for a grant to hire Alexa McDowell to prepare the nomination of the Barrett Lake Pavilion for the National History Register, seconded by Ray. MCU

Joyce Hanson gave a Pavilion Fundraiser update. The Christmas tree lighting brought in \$600 in donations. Jen Combs ran a bed sheet sale that brought in \$1,000. Joyce is looking at things for next year and plans to do a Pancake Breakfast, Craft Sale over 24th of June, and Hotdish Mania at a football game again.

Maintenance Update: We received one quote to take down the big cottonwood tree in Powers Park for \$2,400 to cut it down and \$1,200 to remove stump. We are still waiting for a few others to give us a quote.

Lasch made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$79,747.55, (excluding the \$600 check to Barrett Lake Resort) Check #20091 to Check #20113, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted: _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor