

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Aaron Ray, Tim Lasch, Katie Hauglie, Susie Sieben; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt. Guests: Les Alvstad, Joyce Hanson; Via Zoom: Nathan Feist.

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

Visitor Comments: None

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

Sieben made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, council meetings seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Les Alvstad was present to request a sewer adjustment as he had a frozen pipe break. Lasch made a motion to forgive 1/2 of the sewer charge in the amount of \$129.30, seconded by Ray. MCU

Amanda Raze provided a written request for a water/sewer adjustment, she had a hose running outside. Lasch made a motion to forgive \$42.90 in sewer charges, seconded by Sieben. MCU

Nathan Feist was present via zoom. Rural Development is getting close to closing out our temporary financing. Northdale Construction has a few items left to get approved. Bollig Inc. is requesting an amendment to the Owner/Engineering Agreement in the amount of \$32,200. Nathan is working with Rural Development to see about getting these additional items approved. Ray made a motion to approve an amendment to the Owner/Engineering Agreement in the amount of \$32,200 contingent up RD approval and City Attorney approval, seconded Hauglie. MCU

Pavilion Update: Joyce Hanson updated the council on the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the Pavilion. There were eighty people served and \$2,297 raised at the Pancake Breakfast and a lot of interest in the Pavilion. The next meeting of the Pavilion Fundraising group will be February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barrett Community Center. The group is also planning a fundraiser dance on the 24th of June at the Pavilion.

Sieben made a motion to appoint Jason Puchalski as the Fire Chief, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch moved to resolve approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Barrett on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department, seconded by Hauglie. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Hauglie-yes, Sieben-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes

Hauglie made a motion to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety on behalf of the (BCA) Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the City of Barrett on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney, seconded by Ray. MCU

Sieben made a motion to approve the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to CJDN Subscriber Agreement, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Sieben made a motion to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 266.04, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Hauglie made a motion to rollover all the Fire Department unused budgeted funds from 2022, in the amount of \$13,525.36 to the reserves, seconded by Ray. MCU

Ray made a motion to approve the 2023 Fire Contract amounts as presented with a budget of \$32,998, which is 50% paid by the City of Barrett and the other 50% is split between the townships based on the market value of area protected in each township, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Lien Township wishes to enter into a 3-year Fire Contract. Hauglie moved to approve a 3-year contract with a 5% increase each year, seconded by Ray. MCU

A legal opinion was gotten from City Attorney, Justin Anderson, on the vehicle noise enforcement sign that was taken down by MN DOT as to whether or not it needs to be replaced. His legal opinion stated there is no legal requirement that the City replace the sign, and that laws are still on the books and any violation of that statute can still be prosecuted. Sieben made a motion to not replace the vehicle noise enforcement sign, seconded by Lasch. MCU

The City needs to conduct a Federal Lead Service Line Inventory. Public Works Superintendent, Jason Wendt, figures we have about 6-8 galvanized connections. These will have to be inventoried and the owner will need to replace those lines. There are grant funds available to apply for to help the homeowners with this expense. Bollig Engineering has agreed to help the City of Barrett with this inventory and grant at no cost. Lasch made a motion to authorize Bollig Inc. to begin collecting data for the required Federal Lead Service Line Inventory and to apply for a MDH Grant to help pay the homeowners pay for this expense report, seconded by Sieben. MCU

Lasch made a motion to replace Lift Station #2 and Lift Station #3 pumps at a cost of \$18,652.00 with Quality Flow, seconded by Ray. MCU

Maintenance Update: The insulating and siding at the Water Treatment is completed and a second heater has been installed.

Sieben made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$67,479.64, check #19795 to Check #19825, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor