

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 14, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor-Troy Johnson; Council-Earl Janshen, Todd Lang, Derek Getz, Deborah Nelson Pick;  
Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Guests-Kathy Dahl, Nancy Waugh, Betty DeClercq, Jason Puchalski.  
Absent: Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski.

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

Betty DeClercq addressed the council about video taping council meetings and replaying them on the local Runestone access channel. People are asking questions about what is being done and why decisions are being made and felt that it was a lack of knowledge and understanding that was causing these questions. Runestone access channel will broadcast the meetings at no charge.

Additions to the agenda: Video Taping council meetings, Fire Dept. lights.

Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 Council meeting, seconded by Getz.

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Oath of Office was given to Deborah Nelson Pick.

Pick made a motion to appoint Troy Johnson and Todd Lang to the Board of Trustee for Barrett Fire Dept. Pension Board, seconded by Janshen.

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Local User Committee representatives appointed: City-Troy Johnson, Alternate-Derek Getz; Public Works-Earl Janshen, Alternate-Todd Lang.

Kathy Dahl requested that the council set up an Arts Advisory Commission to allow the City to access legacy grant money. The council will put notice in the next water bill looking for volunteers to serve on the commission. Kathy will put together a more detailed proposal for the committee make up for next months meeting.

The Fire Department Capital Expenditure formula was discussed. After meeting with the townships a proposal of \$40 per section by the townships, with the City matching, was the proposal to cover capital expenditures. Using that formula would raise \$5,280 year and the proposal would have been for 10 years raising a total of \$52,800. With a loan amount between \$50,000 to \$60,000 and a repayment period of 7 years the council did not feel that they could agree to this proposal as it did not raise enough funds to cover the payments. Johnson made a motion to offer the townships a 3 year contract with the truck payment being included in the normal budget, of which the City pays half, this would be in addition to the 2012 turnout gear payment; and include a 5% yearly increase , seconded by Janshen.

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The Pavilion Cleaner/Caretaker position was discussed with this being the 1<sup>st</sup> year that renters don't have to clean after their event. It was agreed that if the Gallagher's are still willing to do the job at the rate of \$10 hour per person that they should continue in that position.

Lang moved to resolve to enter into an All-County Hazard Mutual Aid Agreement with Ashby, Barrett, Elbow Lake, Herman, Hoffman, Norcross, Wendell and their respective fire departments, seconded by Pick.

Roll Call Vote: Pick-yes, Lang-yes, Janshen-yes, Getz-yes, Johnson-yes

The council discussed the idea of video recording council meetings to be broadcasted on the Runestone Access Channel. Marita will check into what type of equipment would work best and bring costs to the next meeting.

Council reviewed a proposal to replace the existing lighting in the Firehall. Council did not feel that this expense was included in the budget. Jason Puchalski was present to answer any questions about the Fire Truck.

Marita brought attention to a request from the West Central Area Babe Ruth/Legion teams for a donation. This item was not budgeted but Deb agreed to contact them and see if she could offer them some suggests and find out if they were planning on using the City ball field. Marita asked if the City wanted to have a table at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FUN Festival in Herman on April 16<sup>th</sup>, council will decide next month.

Getz made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$18,687.27, seconded by Johnson.

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Pick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Getz.

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Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer