

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Chery Simpson, Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch, Aaron Ray; Clerk/Treasurer- Marita Rhude; Maintenance: Jason Wendt.

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

Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of committee meeting pay, seconded by Moss. MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, meeting with the correction of Olson to Darin Olson under unfinished business, seconded by Ray. MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve the annual appointments as Kent Marshall for City Attorney, Star Bank as Official Depository, Grant County Herald as Official Newspaper, Jodi Moss as Deputy Mayor, Chery Simpson as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Michelle Jenson and Jodi Moss as check signers, and Tim Lasch and Michelle Jenson as personnel committee, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to set the regular council meeting date as the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. with the next legal business day as the alternative date if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday falls on a legal holiday, seconded by Moss. MCU

Moss made a motion to Waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 266.04, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve an Off Sale Liquor License for Northdale Oil from March 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, seconded by Simpson. MCU

The property at 113 Rich Ave. has been cleaned out. Kashmark's have viewed the property since and are unable to take on the project as they have other commitments already.

Barrett Farm Supply purchased the old County Highway building. They are not going to use the water and sewer services in this building and are wondering what they must do to not be charged for these services. Simpson made a motion to not allow the disconnection of water and sewer services, seconded by Ray. MCU

Council reviewed the 2021 Fire Department income and expenses and 2022 Budget. Fire Contracts will be sent out to the townships.

Marita updated the council on the phone purchase with Marshall Law Office. It is more complicated than originally presented. This is not an onsite system; it would be a hosted system. And not designed for two separate business. Marita recommended that we not be part of the phone purchase/upgrade as there is no benefit

to the City. City decided to not go with the phone purchase and discontinue the current fax line.

Ray made a motion to set the Pavilion rental rates at Wedding: resident-\$400, non-resident-\$500; Other events: residents-\$250, non-residents-\$300; Weekday meetings: \$100, WCA School Dances: \$100, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Simpson made a motion to set the Community Center rent at \$100 per day and the Barrett Senior Citizens rent at \$400 per year, seconded by Lasch. MCU

The Barrett Fire Department requested to use the Community Center on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at no cost, for a retirement party for Dave Lien, Jr. from the Fire Department. Lasch made a motion to approve the request pending a resignation letter from Dave Lien, Jr. prior to March 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Ray. Motion Carried, Simpson opposed.

The dehumidifier at the Water Treatment plant that was installed in 2010 is not working properly and needs to be replaced. The cost is approximately \$2,300. Jason will get a couple of bids for the Council to review.

Moss made a motion to raise committee meeting pay for council to \$50 per meeting, seconded by Ray. MCU

Maintenance Update: Furnace at Water Plant went down last week. A motor burnt out and it is possible that another will also go out. This furnace was new at the start of the project. Council gave Jason approval to request that they replace the furnace with another new furnace.

Simpson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$35,476.38, check #19419 to Check #19445 withholding check#19435 to MN State Fire Chiefs Association in the amount of \$160.00, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Jenson, Mayor