

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Barrett Community Center

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch, Chery Simpson; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors-Nathan Feist (via zoom), Aaron Ray, Ed Gallaher, Troy Johnson, Chrissy Lee and Bruce Olson.

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

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11th Meeting as amended, seconded by Moss.

MCU

Council interviewed Ed Gallagher and Aaron Ray for the open council position.

Moss made a motion to appoint Aaron Ray to the two-year term council seat, seconded by Lasch.

Motion Carried, Simpson-no

Oath of Office was given to Aaron Ray

Nathan Feist from Bollig was present via zoom. He gave a status update on where things are with the Water Treatment Plant and Infrastructure Project.

Chrissy Lee addressed the council in reference to the repair bill they received from the City for a water line service repair. They felt that the City did not give them any notice of the needed repair or the opportunity to have someone of their choice to repair it. Questions were raised about the amount of the bill. The City will look into the billing and tabled any decision until next month.

County Commissioner, Troy Johnson, was asking for Council input on curbside recycling. Grant County will be holding a meeting via zoom to discuss with Grant County Cities the possibility of offering curbside recycling. The proposal of curbside pick-up would be for twice a month, with cost of about \$3 per household. The current recycling trailer and cardboard trailer would still remain in town, even if curbside was implemented. Curbside recycling would be an intown service only, paid by the City. Moss and Simpson will attend the County meeting on behalf of the City.

Moss moved to a resolve to approve the County Road 10 project within Municipal Corporate Limits, seconded by Lasch. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-Yes, Moss-Yes, Simpson-Yes, Jenson-Yes, Ray-Yes

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

MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve a \$250 deductible for the Workers Compensation renewal, seconded by Moss.

MCU

Appointed to the Local User Committee for the City of Barrett were Lasch and Simpson, Jason Wendt for the Public Works, Dave Lien, Jr. and Jason Puchalski for the Fire Department.

The Cities Dissolved Oxygen Meter is 21 years old and not working properly. It has been recommended that the meter be replaced. This meter is very important in the proper discharge of the sewer ponds. Lasch made a motion to purchase a new Dissolved Oxygen Meter, seconded by Ray. MCU

A new proposed Personnel Policy was discussed. Jenson and Simpson will work on this project and bring it back to next month's meeting.

Wendt requested to have someone from the council learn to take the daily well and sewer lift readings, to be able to provide coverage when he is not available. Lasch agreed to help with this position. It was discussed when the weather warms up that the Council take a tour of the Cities water and sewer facilities.

Moss moved to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the donation to the City by Barb Fleischfresser in the amount of \$250 for the Fire Department, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-Yes, Moss-Yes, Simpson-Yes, Jenson-Yes, Ray-yes

Lasch made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$59,860.95, check #18981 to 19005, seconded by Moss. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor