

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Troy Johnson; Council-Earl Janshen, Todd Lang, Derek Getz; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests-Jeff Kuhn, Kent Marshall.

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

Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 Council meeting & December 14, 2010 Public Hearing, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Lang moved to resolve to accept the resignation of Troy Johnson as councilmember and declare that a vacancy exists on the Barrett City Council, seconded by Getz. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-yes, Lang-yes, Getz-yes, Janshen-yes

Janshen made a motion to appoint Deborah Nelson Pick to fill the open council position, seconded by Johnson. MCU

Getz made a motion to appoint Kent Marshall as City Attorney , seconded by Lang. MCU.

Lang made a motion to appoint Star Bank as the official depository, seconded by Getz. MCU

Johnson made a motion to appoint the Grant County Herald as official newspaper, seconded by Getz. MCU

Getz made a motion to appoint Troy Johnson as Health Official, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Jeff Kuhn was present and reported that MN Dot has agreed to participate in Change Order #5 at the rate they participated in original signage.

Johnson made a motion to approve Change Order #5 with an increase in contract of \$5,783.40, seconded by Getz. MCU

Getz made a motion to approve Final Pay Estimate #5 with Riley Brothers in the amount of \$74,401.01 and approve the Certificate of Final Approval, seconded by Janshen. MCU

The bill from Grant County Highway on the County Road 2 project was discussed. The County is billing for their staff time to the project and our funding agent Rural Development does not allow for local government staff time as an eligible expense. Council requested that City Attorney look over the cooperative agreement with Grant County and give us advice on how to proceed.

Janshen made a motion to appoint Derek Getz as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Lang. MCU

Johnson made a motion to appoint Deborah Nelson Pick as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Getz. MCU

Getz made a motion to appoint Gerald Puchalski as Zoning Administrator, seconded by Johnson. MCU

Johnson made a motion to appoint Deb Nelson Pick and Todd Lang to the Barrett Economic Development Board and Les Alvstad the director at large, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Johnson made a motion to appoint Todd Lang & Earl Janshen as Sexton, seconded by Getz. MCU

Johnson moved to resolve to establish a Ordinance regulating the burning of solid fuels in external solid fuel-fired heating devices to be effective April 1, 2011 and approve publishing a summary of this ordinance, seconded by Getz. Roll Call Vote: Johnson-yes, Lang-yes, Getz-yes, Janshen-yes

Lang made a motion to set the 2nd Monday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. as the regular meeting date with the Tuesday immediately following the 2nd Monday as the backup date for holidays, seconded by Getz. MCU

The council discussed the formula used for the Fire Dept. to figure the townships share of capital expenditures as the townships have expressed that they don't think the formula is fair. A meeting has been scheduled with the townships to explore new options. Council also discussed setting a price range for looking for a used fire truck. It was decided to set a price range of \$50,000 for a truck and go forward with the applying for funding through Rural Development using a \$60,000 maximum figure.

Janshen made a motion to approve renewal of the Tobacco Licenses' for Farm & Home Oil and Barrett Inn 2 ½ upon receiving their completed application and fee, seconded by Lang. MCU

Johnson made a motion to make additional principal payments to Rural Development on our loans in the following amounts: Sewer Debt-\$25,000, Water Debt-\$1,500, and Water Project Debt-\$135,000, seconded by Getz. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve a contract with Grant County for Commercial Assessor at a cost of \$710 for 2011, seconded by Getz. MCU

Council reviewed a request from the Quist family about replacing the memorial stone by the gazebo at the Pavilion. Johnson made a motion to reconfirm the prior council decision to not allow memorial stones in the City of Barrett and to recommend to the Quist family that they consider a bench in memory of Luther & Evelyn instead, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Johnson made a motion to set up an account with Titan Machinery and only allow Jason Puchalski to charge to this account on behalf of the Fire Department. MCU

Gerald reported that he needs to attend the MN Rural Water Conference March 1-3 in St. Cloud for needed hours for his license renewal.

Marita had a request from Jeff Severance to use the Pavilion at the resident rate for their daughter's wedding because they own a business in the City of Barrett. Council agreed to rent them the Pavilion at the resident rate as long as did the rental through their business Barrett Lake Resort.

Marita will be on vacation January 31-February 5.

Johnson made a motion to add Derek Getz as a check signer to the City checking account, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Getz made a motion to accept a \$1,000 donation from Barrett Fire Relief Assoc. for the Barrett First Responders and \$150 donation from Kyle Weets for the Old Time Photo fund, seconded by Lang. MCU

Johnson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$15,296.23, seconded by Getz. MCU

Janshen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Getz. MCU

Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer