

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Chery Simpson, Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Visitors: Nathan Feist, Gary Sabolik, Bruce Olson.  
Present Via Zoom: Council-Aaron Ray, Maintenance-Jason Wendt.

Visitor Comment: Bruce Olson thanked Jason Wendt for getting snow removed from his corner.

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

Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Barrett Senior Citizens request and past due utility list, seconded by Moss. MCU

Moss made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Project Update: Nathan Feist updated council on the Drinking Water Treatment Plant progress. Painting of the tanks should be completed soon. Heating concerns at the plant were discussed. The Infrastructure Improvement project is waiting for paving in spring. Change order for quantity adjustment will be forthcoming. Water Meter Project, only one bid was received from Dakota Supply Group in the amount of \$217,739.40. Simpson made a motion to award water meter improvement project with Dakota Supply Group in the amount of \$217,739.40 contingent on Rural Development approval, seconded by Ray. MCU

Gary Sabolik, from Barrett Farm Supply, was present to discuss the increased bulk water rate. He felt the increase would financially hurt his business and was questioning what could be done to work together to find a win/win for both his business and the City. Numbers and options will be put together and Gary will attend the March council meeting to further discuss options.

The City Council reviewed three bids for cleaning out the house at 113 Rich Ave. Moss made a motion to approve going with the bid from Trash B Gone in the amount of \$5,460 if it included carpet/vinyl removal, or up to \$5,800 to include carpet/vinyl removal, seconded by Ray. MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve the Pay Equity Report as presented, seconded by Moss. MCU

Council reviewed the proposed 2022 solid waste and recycling rates with the new curbside recycling. Ray made a motion to raise the recycling rate by \$1.00 per month per EUD to \$6.90 per EDU per month, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Council reviewed a proposal from Kent Marshall on replacing the phone system in his office and the City Office. Simpson made a motion to purchase a new phone system for the City Office in the amount \$420, seconded Jenson. MCU

Grant County is offering to match funds with County ARPA funds for Economic Development in Grant County Cities. If interested someone will need to attend a Council Commissioners meeting to request funding. Mayor Jenson will attend a County Commissioner meeting to request matching funds for Rubber Mulch for Powers Park.

Pavilion and Community rental rates were discussed. A committee of Simpson and Lasch will discuss and bring a back a proposal for the council to consider.

Jenson made a motion to give City employees a 4% increase in wages for 2022, seconded by Ray. MC  
Simpson-opposed

Unfinished business: Darin Olson property at 426 County Road 2. Stop signs and speed limit signs.

Maintenance Update: The Inline mixer at Water Treatment plant, stainless steel costs \$8,979 through Eagle Construction. Council agreed to move forward with the purchase.

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$35,636.38, check #19387 to Check #19412, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

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

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