

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Guests- Amy Swenson.

Absent: Council-Brian Tucker; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski.

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

Wevley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Lang 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, Les Alvstad as Health Official, Kathy Wevley as Deputy Mayor, Todd Lang as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Gerald Puchalski as Zoning Administrator, Les Alvstad and Todd Lang as EDA representatives, Jason Wendt and Brian Tucker as Sexton, Brian Tucker and Todd Lang as Personnel Committee, Les Alvstad and Kathy Wevley as Check Signers, Les Alvstad, Brian Tucker and Marita Rhude to the Barrett Fire Relief Board of Trustees, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Wendt made a motion to set the regular council meeting date as the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. with the next legal business day as the alternative date if the 2nd Monday falls on a legal holiday, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Amy Swenson from the Grant County Lions was present to request that they be allowed to meet at the Barrett Community Center for their monthly meetings at no cost. Lang made a motion to allow the Grant County Lions to use the Community Center for their monthly meeting at no charge and \$75 for a fundraiser, seconded Wendt. MCU They also requested that they be allowed to display their Lions banner at the Community Center. Lang made a motion to allow the Lions to display their banner in the Community Center, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Jason Wendt brought up the idea of getting fitness memberships for the Fire Department at Prairie Ridge Fitness. It would be at no cost to the City, each individual member would be responsible for their own membership cost but they would try to get a group rate in the name of the Barrett Fire Department.

Wevley made a motion to pay \$55,500 towards principle on the 2010 Rural Development loan, seconded by Lang. MCU

Wendt made a motion to approve a Tobacco License for Farm & Home Oil upon receiving their completed application and fee, seconded by Alvstad. MCU

Wevley made a motion to approve a Temporary On Sale Liquor License for the Barrett Fire Department for February 27 for the Annual Fishing Tournament, seconded by Alvstad. MCU

Wendt made a motion to lower the base rate for garbage by \$1 per month per user, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Wevley made a motion to offer the townships fire contracts based on the 2016 Budget; Lien Township \$10,803.20, Elk Lake \$4,851.46, Erdahl \$3,330.83, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lang made a motion to offer Lien Township a 3 year fire contract with a 4% increase each year for 2017 and 2018, seconded by Wevley. MCU

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

2016 wages were discussed. Lang made a motion to give Gerald and Marita a 3% cost of living increase, seconded Alvstad. Discussion. Alvstad withdrew his second. Lang made a motion to give a .59 per hour wage increase to Gerald and Marita, seconded by Alvstad. Discussion. MCU

Wevley made a motion to accept the donation of \$250 from Randy Reuss for the Fire Department, seconded by Lang. MCU

Wevley made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$15,298.66, seconded by Lang. MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Wevley. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer