

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch, Chery Simpson; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors-Nathan Feist, Aaron Ray, Jill & Ray Hanson, Bruce Olson, Troy Johnson.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Oath of Office was given to incoming Mayor Jenson and Councilmembers Lasch and Simpson.

Moss made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14th Meeting, seconded by Moss. 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, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Simpson 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 moved to resolve to accept Michelle Jenson's council seat resignation and declare that a vacancy exists on the Barrett City Council, seconded by Simpson. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-Abstained, Moss=yes, Lasch=yes, Simpson=yes

There were two residents interested in the open council seat. It was decided to wait until February meeting to make a decision.

Nathan Feist from Bollig requested the City to authorize the Mayor to sign partial pay request to keep things moving in a timely fashion. Moss made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign partial pay requests, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Simpson made a motion to award the infrastructure project to the low bidder, Northdale Construction Company, for \$4,281,814.67, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to use Chosen Valley Testing for Geotechnology services for \$30,104, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Comp/vacation time carryover was discussed. Current personnel policy has not been updated since 2007. It was agreed that a review of the personnel policy should be done. Simpson will gather information for next month.

Moss made a motion to approve the Fire Department township contract rates as presented and use budget surplus funds of \$8,971.43 for Communications, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Lee Seifert requested to have the sewer fee on 3,000 gallons waived as he hauled this water out and it didn't go down his sewer. The council did not agree to this request and no action was taken.

Snow removal on sidewalks was discussed. There was discussion on what can we do to enable it to be safe for people to walk. The City does not have an Ordinance on cleaning sidewalks.

Council agendas were discussed. It was brought to attention that unfinished business is not on the agenda.

Moss made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$46,151.72, check #, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Moss. MCU

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

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