

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt, Brian Tucker; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude.

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

Oath of Office was taken by Les Alvstad, Brian Tucker and Todd Lang.

Tucker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting, seconded by Wendt. 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, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Wevley 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 Lang. MCU

Wendt made a motion to appoint Kathy Wevley and Brian Tucker as council representatives to the Barrett Fire Relief Board of Trustees, seconded by Lang. MCU

Tucker made a motion to pay \$54,000 towards principle on the 2010 Rural Development loan, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Barrett Care Center has asked for a tax abatement on an addition/renovation to the nursing home. Wevley made a motion to table this until next month so that more information could be gathered, seconded by Tucker. MCU

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

Alvstad made a motion to approve a Temporary On Sale Liquor License for the Barrett Fire Department for January 17th and February 21, seconded by Lang. MCU

Council discussed the Township Fire Contracts and the Fire Department Budget. The Fire Department budget had income of \$8,546.43 more than expenses at the end of 2014.

Wendt made a motion to set the 2015 Fire Contract rates the same as the 2014 rates were (Lien Township \$10,477.34, Elk Lake Township \$4,868.92, Erdahl Township \$3,255.24, and City of Barrett \$18,601.50) which is \$2,325 less than the 2015 budget calls for, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Tucker made a motion to pay \$3,100 towards the principle on the Fire Truck loan with Rural Development and keep the remaining balance of surplus (\$3,121.43) as reserves for the Fire Department, seconded by Lang. MCU

Wendt made a motion to hire Tanya Puchalski to clean at the Community Center for 2015 at the rate of \$20 per hour, seconded by Tucker. MCU

2015 Wages were discussed. Lang made a motion to table the wages until next month so employee evaluations can be done and the personnel committee has a change to meet, seconded by Tucker. MCU

Alvstad made a motion to accept donations in the amount \$3,000 from the Barrett Fire Relief for a donation to the Barrett C & C and the Fire Department, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lang made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$32,259.89 plus the Otter Tail Power bill, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Tucker. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer