

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Troy Johnson; Council-Todd Lang, Derek Getz, Jason Wendt, Kathy Wevley; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests-Jerry Olson, Corkie Friese, Kenneth Kjeldahl, Bruce Olson.

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

Oath of Office was given to Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt, and Troy Johnson.

Visitor Comments: Jerry Olson, Corkie Friese, and Kenneth Kjeldahl informed the council about semi-trucks using their Jake Break and noisy engines past their residents and also the fast speeds that they are traveling at. They felt that this was unsafe, unnecessary and that some kind of control was needed. Council agreed to put this on next month's agenda.

Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10th meeting, seconded by Getz. MCU

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

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

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

Wendt made a motion to appoint Troy Johnson as Health Official, seconded by Lang. MCU

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

Wendt made a motion to appoint Todd Lang as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Johnson made a motion to appoint Kathy Wevley and Todd Lang to the Barrett EDA, seconded by Getz. MCU

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

Lang made a motion to appoint Dave Lien, Jr. as Fire Chief; Jason Puchalski as 1st Asst. Chief; Kyle Weets as 2nd Asst. Chief, and Nikki Tucker as Secretary of the Fire Department, seconded by Wendt. MCU

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

Lang made a motion to approve the Tobacco Licenses for the Barrett Inn 2 ½ and Farm & Home Oil upon them turning in their completed applications and fee, seconded by Getz. MCU

Lang made a motion to make a principal payment of \$24,000 on the 2010 GO Water & Sewer Revenue Loan with Rural Development, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Clerk read the following statement: "The Hoffman – Barrett housing Rehabilitation Program is requesting and exception to the conflict of interest policy for Derek and Sara Getz. Derek is a City Council member for the City of Barrett. A public disclosure of the potential conflict was made at the January 14, 2013, Barrett City Council meeting. Barrett's attorney will be asked to provide a letter stating that the participation of Derek and

Sarah Getz in the housing rehabilitation program will not constitute a conflict of interest. Verification of the disclosure and attorney's opinion letter will be sent to DEED for final ruling."

Wevley made a motion to ask City Attorney to write the needed opinion letter for Derek and Sara Getz, seconded by Lang. Motion Carried, Getz-abstained

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

Council reviewed the Fire Department 2012 Budget and Actual Expenses. Income exceeded expenses by \$10,098.59. Wevley made a motion to put \$5,500 on the principal balance of the Fire Truck loan with Rural Development, seconded by Lang. MCU

Getz made a motion to table the Vehicle Use Policy until next month, seconded by Lang. MCU

Meeting was closed to the public for Salary Negotiations and personnel issues.
Meeting was reopened to the public at 8:50 p.m.

Getz made a motion to give Gerald and Marita a .50 per hour increase in salary, no insurance increase, seconded by Lang. MCU

Johnson made a motion to add the Zoning Administrator position to Gerald's job description, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Gerald reported to the council that we can't do any waterlines in our proposed blacktopping projects without an engineer. MN Dept. of Health requires that engineer plans be approved prior to any work on waterlines. So we will need to decide if we should just resurface and not replace the waterlines at this time, or hire an engineer and do it all at one time. Council felt we should get bids on the resurfacing when they start bidding and make a decision at that time. Gerald also reported that the control panel at the water treatment plant has been replaced at a cost of \$5,183.44.

Getz made a motion to transfer \$5,000 for Water Contingency to the Water Fund, seconded by Johnson. MCU

Lang made a motion to accept a \$2,500 donation from the Barrett Fire Relief Association with \$250 going to the Barrett First Responders, seconded by Getz. MCU

Wevley made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$36,889.00, withholding \$3,000 from Kyle Weets until proof of insurance is obtained for the 1st month of the contract, seconded by Lang. MCU

Getz made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m., seconded by Johnson. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer