

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 8, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Jason Wendt; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski. Guests: Dale DeFrance, John Hanson, Jodi Moss.

Absent: Council-Earl Janshen.

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

Wendt made a motion to appoint Jodi Moss to the Barrett City Council until December 31, 2018, seconded by Lang. MCU

Oath of Office was given to Jodi Moss.

Visitor Comments: Dayle DeFrance questioned about his curb stop needing repair and it not being done.

Lang made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Wendt made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting, seconded by Alvstad. 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, Todd Lang as Deputy Mayor, Jason Wendt as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Gerald Puchalski as Zoning Administrator, Les Alvstad and Todd Lang as EDA representatives, Earl Janshen and Jason Wendt as Sexton, Jodi Moss and Todd Lang as Personnel Committee, Les Alvstad and Jodi Moss as Check Signers, seconded by Moss. MCU

Alvstad made a motion to set the regular council meeting date as the second Monday of the month at 5:00 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 Wendt. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the Law Enforcement agreement with Grant County for 2018 for \$35,624.07, seconded Alvstad. Motion Carried, Wendt abstained.

Lang made a motion to adopt a Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest Policy as presented, seconded by Moss. MCU

Lang made a motion to enter into the Grant County All-County Hazard Mutual Aid agreement as presented, seconded by Moss. MCU

The Barrett Senior Citizen requested to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of their 2017 rent (\$200) be waived in exchange for their cleaning of the kitchen cabinets or reorganizing the kitchen at the Community Center. Moss made a motion to waive the \$200 rent payment for the Senior Citizens in exchange for their cleaning of the Community Center kitchen, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the 2018 General Fund Budget of \$379,063.42, the Water Fund Budget of \$101,808.00 and the Sewer Fund Budget of \$78,760.00, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Council reviewed the Debt Service account analysis.

Wendt made a motion to set the 2018 Water Rate at \$28 base to include 1,000 gallons of water and \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons, to set the 2018 Sewer Rate at \$15.25 base to include 1,000 gallons and \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons, seconded by Lang. MCU

Alvstad made a motion to set the 2018 Fire Department Budget at \$41,355.00 and contract with the townships based on that figure; carry over \$2,500 for turn out gear, \$3,700 for equipment and the remaining funds of \$7,576.18 from the 2017 budget will be put into the communications budget, seconded by Moss. MCU

Maintenance Update: Sewer Pond discharge turned out just slightly over the levels what it was supposed to, but better than expected. Gerald plans to have Rural Water help him take sludge tests from the bottom of the ponds. Depending on the test result, if we need you can feed bugs into the pond to help eliminate sludge at a cost of \$4,000 per year. Gerald will be on vacation January 22 to February 5th.

Lang made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$16,202.36 plus Ottertail Power and Verizon, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Lang. MCU

Marita Rhude  
Clerk/Treasurer