

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 9, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Aaron Ray, Tim Lasch, Katie Hauglie, Susie Sieben; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt. Guests: Sheriff Jon Combs, Joyce Hanson, Cheryl Simpson, Bruce Olson, Karen Ellis.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Visitor Comments: None

Lasch made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include approving setting up a Monday Market, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Ray made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, and December 27, 2022, council meetings with the correction in the December 12<sup>th</sup> minutes to change sanitary sewer to storm sewer in the Maintenance update, seconded by Sieben. MCU

Sieben made a motion to approve the annual appointments: Justin Anderson for City Attorney, Star Bank as Official Depository, Grant County Herald as Official Newspaper, Lasch as Deputy Mayor, Ray as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Jenson and Lasch as check signers, and Lasch and Hauglie as personnel committee, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Sieben 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 Ray. MCU

Jon Combs, Grant County Sheriff, was present. He announced that Jennifer Vipond is the new Chief Duty. He gave an updated on the new speed signs, including traffic count and speed.

Pavilion Update: Joyce Hanson updated the council on the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the Pavilion and she is working on sending out a letter to all Barrett High School classes.

Karen Ellis was present to inform the council of a grant she applied for from the MN Historical Society for \$10,000 to hire a consultant to put together the application to get the Barrett Lakeside Pavilion on the National Register, and we were awarded the grant. The grant has a one-year time frame to complete. Karen will take care of all the leg work of advertising and hiring the consultant.

MN DOT had to remove our vehicle noise law enforcement sign during construction. This sign no longer meets

the current sign requirements. MN DOT is wondering if the City wants to replace it with a new sign that meet current standards. The cost to replace it is \$1,508. Action tabled until next month.

The City received 2 grants through PFA for our water project. They have a requirement to establish a system replacement fund. This was supposed to have started in 2021. The City is required to pay .50 cents per 1,000 gallons of water pumped in a year, and we have 2 grants, so it is actual \$1.00/1,000 gallons of water pumped.

Sieben made a motion to establish a PFA System Replacement fund effective 12.31.22 and transfer the 2021 payment amount of \$13,944, and 2022 payment of \$11,815 from the Water Fund, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to set the Recycling rate of \$7.40 per EDU and Solid Waste fees for Residential at 35-gallon canister \$8.75, 65-gallon canister \$16.25 and 95-gallon canister \$23.75, residential base \$3.00, and for Commercial: 65-gallon canister \$19.50, 95-gallon canister \$28.50, Dumpsters \$55 per yard, Commercial base \$6.00, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Hauglie made a motion to approve setting up a money market account at Star Bank, and making a transfer from the general checking account, leaving a balance of \$200,000 in general checking and authorize the City Clerk to move funds as needed to maintain a balance in the general checking, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Ray made a motion to give the Public Works Superintendent and Clerk/Treasurer a cost of living increase of .65 per hour, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Maintenance Update: DNR report, we pumped the lowest number of gallons in recent history. MN Rural Water is coming to do an energy assessment on Water/Sewer infrastructure, this is a free service they offer. Jason is on schedule to take his water license in March.

Lasch moved to resolve to approve resolution 2023-01-01 accepting donations in the amount of \$1,347 for the Pavilion Fund, seconded by Sieben. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes

Ray made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$486,637.22, check #19769 to Check #19790, to include OTP and Verizon bills, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Sieben. MCU

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

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