

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

**Present:** Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Aaron Ray, Katie Hauglie, Susie Sieben, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; City Auditor - Brian Koehn Guest: Joyce Hanson, Jeff Severance, Stacey McDermott.

Mayor Jenson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Hauglie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Brian Koehn, City Auditor, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Sieben made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, regular city council minutes, seconded by Ray. MCU

The Storm Water Ordinance and rates were discussed. The council reviewed the proposed list of properties that would be excluded from the storm water rate under this proposal and the financial impact on the rest of the residents/businesses. City Attorney, Justin Anderson, stated rates can be set by resolution, but due to the Storm Water Ordinance referencing the entire city being in the Storm Water District and that everyone would be charged, the Ordinance will need to be amended. Jeff Severance provided pictures of areas at the resort where storm water ponds up.

Sieben made a motion to direct the City Attorney, Justin Anderson, to amend the Storm Water Ordinance to reflect the proposed exclusions, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Brian Koehn, City Auditor, was present to give a 2022 audit report to the Council.

Pavilion Fund Update: \$8,566.00 has been raised so far and the committee is wondering if the roof repair can be started. Upcoming events: August - Bake Sale in Elbow Lake and Hoffman Farmers Market during their town festivals. September - Hotdish mania at WCA Football Game and December - Christmas Tree lighting and sale.

Stacey McDermott of 202 County Road 10 was in attendance to discuss being charged for two base fees because she has two water meters on her property. She is requesting to only pay one base fee as it is a single-family home, and the plumbing configuration has been this way since it was built over 30 years ago. Changing the plumbing configuration is not a financially viable option. She is willing to pay for all usage of both meters. Lasch made a motion to grandfather in the 202 County Road 10 property allowing her to only pay one base fee and usage on both meters, seconded by Ray. MCU

Ray made a motion to appoint Lucas Boese and Dylan Faldhammer to the Barrett Fire Department on the return of a successful background check, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Maintenance Update: There is a home with a curb stop that does not work and their bill is over \$1,000. How does the council want him to proceed? Cyber security on the Water Treatment Plant is a new concern we will have to deal with soon.

Lasch move to pass a resolution to express acceptance of and appreciation for the Donations to the City of Barrett, Resolution 2023-07-01, seconded by Hauglie. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes.

Sieben made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$84,249.37, check #19954 to Check #19976, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 549: p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

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

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

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