

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Troy Johnson; Council-Todd Lang, Derek Getz, Earl Janshen, Deborah Nelson Pick; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests-Betty DeClercq.

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

Getz made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Pick. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13th meeting, seconded by Getz. MCU

Council discussed the use of the bar service area at the Pavilion. The Barrett Fire Dept. and the Barrett Inn own the cold plate and pop gun along with the cooler in the bar service area. Liquor establishments in neighboring communities can also serve at the Pavilion. The concern was if establishments outside of Barrett were using this equipment if there should be a charge. After discussion, the council felt that if the equipment is to be left in the Pavilion then it can be used by anyone, and there will not be a separate charge.

Council reviewed the letter from City Attorney, Kent Marshall, in reference to options for Soo Lane. After discussion, it was decided to pursue lowering the speed limit on Soo Lane to 15 miles per hour.

Pick made a motion to replace the wood mulch in Powers Park with rubber mulch from Playgrounds Etc. for \$16,346.53 and hire Ultimate Landscapes to do the removal and installation for \$4,100, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Council was given a 6 month update on the 2011 Budget. They were asked to think about what needs to be done in 2012 as the preliminary levy needs to be set by September 15. Council scheduled a special session to work on the 2012 Budget for Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

The front step of the City Office is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Council looked at the cost of a precast step, which would run over \$1,200 and not include removal of the old, and decided to get a price on a compost step. Gerald will get a price and report back.

Council again discussed video taping council meetings. Troy was unable to find equipment suitable in the price range that the council had set. After discussion, the council decided not to pursue video taping council meetings at this time.

Council reviewed the Grant County Sheriff's department proposed 3 year contract. Dwight Walvantee, Grant County Sheriff will be at next months meeting to discuss this with them.

The City of Barrett had 62" of plowable snow this season, which is 17 inches over the 45 inches in the contract. Under our contract we need to pay \$400 per inch payable in 2012 for anything over 45 inches, which comes to \$6,800. Kyle Weets was willing to settle for \$5,500 if the council wish to pay this amount now. Johnson made a motion to pay \$5,500 now to settle the 17 inches of snow we owe Kyle Weets for snow removal, seconded by Pick. MCU

Glass in Powers Park was discussed. There has been broken bottles in the picnic shelter on repeat occasions. After discussion, it was decided to put a notice in the water bill asking residents to please not have glass in the

park.

Gerald reported that Barrett Farm Supply had requested to use the compost site to bring the building they will be tearing down. Council agreed that this was illegal use of the compost site and could not allow this.

Gerald requested to install new lights and fixtures (which qualify for the lighting rebate through Otter Tail Power) at the Community Center and Water Treatment Plant.

Getz made a motion to hire Driggins Electric to retro fit the Community Center and Water Treatment Plant for \$2,476.32 (with estimated \$600 rebate), seconded by Pick. MCU

Pick made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$31,815.99, seconded by Getz. MCU

Pick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnson. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer