

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 8, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Mayor-Todd Lang; Council-Jason Wendt, Tim Lasch, Jodi Moss, Michelle Jenson; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Guests: Justin Anderson, Troy Johnson, Chris Ray, Joyce Hanson, Chery Simpson.

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

Jenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11th Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Wendt.
MCU

Justin Anderson explained the process that the City needs to move forward with abatement on the Ladwig property at 313 Lake Street. Barrett's Ordinances are different than the rest of Grant County Cities and Justin recommended that Barrett change their Ordinances to align with the rest of the County. A public hearing needs to be set before we can move forward with the legal process according to our Ordinances. Wendt made a motion to set a public hearing on the Dean Ladwig property for July 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center, seconded by Jenson.
MCU

Council reviewed an email from Mark Haberer in reference to unsightly property. Three unsightly letters were sent out in early May with no action taken. The Sheriff's Department was doing follow up letters to explain the process if they don't comply.

The City truck is 14 years old and the motor blew up. The cost to replace the motor is \$6,830, more than the truck is worth. Two bids were obtained to purchase a new 2020 Ram 1500 Big Horn Lonestar Crew 4 X 4 from Dodge of Burnsville and Albany Chrysler Center. The bids must be for the same vehicle to comply with State Law. It was decided that Councilmember Wendt would get more quotes from local dealers on some used trucks.

MN DOT requires either a \$5,000 Bond or cashier check (which they will hold until the end of the project) for the City to be able to work in their right of way for the upcoming project. This is to cover any incomplete work in the MN DOT right of way. Council agreed to provide a \$5,000 cashier check.

CP Rail requires a 3rd party review of the Geotechnical Engineering Report for working in the railroad crossing for our underground utilities' improvement. This 3rd party review is required by CP Rail to obtain final approval for construction. Lasch made a motion to approve the contract for a 3rd party geotechnical review with Creighton Manning Engineering for a fee of \$2,400, seconded by Jenson.
MCU

The City had 14 people request an application for the Public Works position. We received 8 completed applications. It was decided to interview all applicants.

The City Council discussed the plan for the reopening of the City Office. There is currently no protection to allow for social distancing. It was purposed to install a window with pass through opening in the door to the

entry way, which allow the door to remain closed and no one to access the inside of the City Office. When this is complete the City Office will be opened.

Chery Simpson and Joyce Hanson informed the council that they had groups of people willing to address some of the items they brought up last month at the Pavilion and fishing pier. They wanted to know if there was going to be a review of all the current Ordinances as they haven't been reviewed in 14 years. Council appreciates their enthusiasm but felt having volunteers do some of these projects could be dangerous and a liability to the City. Gerald will get to some of these projects as time allows. City agreed to put up warning signs to stay off the fishing pier until the DNR comes out and looks at it.

Wendt made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$41,894.70, check #18552 to #18572, seconded by Moss.
MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Lasch. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Todd Lang, Mayor