

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Chery Simpson, Tim Lasch, Aaron Ray; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt. Guests: Gary Sabolik, Bob Ehlers, Bruce Olson
Via Zoom: Council-Jodi Moss, Engineer-Nathan Feist.

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

No visitor comments.

Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022, meeting, seconded by Ray. MCU

Nathan Feist was present to update council on the infrastructure project. Council and staff should keep their eyes open for any problem areas as the frost goes out. The Water Meter project is ready for the pre-construction meeting. The picnic shelter roof that is to be moved has structural issues. Does the council want to salvage it or look for a grant for a new roof? Council would like an estimate on the cost to salvage it. Kelly Strand has a water issue in his garage after the road reconstruction. Kelly has water down spouts running on the driveway and he has snow in the way of drainage. The heater at the Water Treatment Plant went down again. There is a wiring issue that needs to be corrected. The Water Treatment building is uninsulated, and we may benefit by having a second heater. RD would fund a second heater for the building. Insulating the building would be eligible for RD funding if there are funds left.

Gary Sabolik and Bob Ehlers of Barrett Farm Supply were present to discuss the bulk water rate and look for workable solutions to keep the cost down.

The property at 113 Rich Ave. was discussed. There are two parties interested in rehabbing the property. Both parties will need to provide a list of improvements they plan make and provide a reference letter speaking to their qualifications to complete this work. A deadline of Friday, March 25th was given, at which time if both parties are still interested, the City will hold a special meeting to make decision to whom to sell the property.

Simpson made a motion to approve the Barrett Inn 2 ½ Liquor License renewal for Off Sale \$100, On Sale \$1,400 and Sunday Liquor \$200, upon payment of these fees, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Ray made a motion to approve a Minnesota Lawful Gambling raffle permit for April 23rd for the Barrett Flames with no waiting period, seconded by Simpson. MCU

The Council received a request to use the Community Center for a benefit for Todd Lang for free. Simpson made a motion to not waive the rental fee for a benefit, seconded by Jenson. MC Moss-opposed

Lasch made a motion to make a \$1,900 donation to the summer recreation program, seconded by Ray. MCU

Simpson moved to resolve to support public safety initiative, HF2821/SF, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-yes, Lasch-yes, Simpson-yes, Moss-yes, Ray, yes

The council reviewed three bids for a new dehumidifier at the Water Treatment Plant. Lasch made a motion to purchase a dehumidifier from Alden Pool in the amount of \$3,517, seconded by Moss. MCU

Maintenance Update: Mixer at the Water Treatment plant has been installed. The City received their new wastewater permit. Phosphorus levels have been lower, and we can no longer discharged from the months of June through August.

Ray made a motion to approve Dave Lien, Jr.'s resignation as Fire Chief and approve the appointment of Jason Puchalski as the new Fire Chief, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve Tim Lasch as 1st Assistant Fire Chief, Joshua Voight as 2nd Assistant Fire Chief and Jenny Westrom as the Training Officer, seconded by Jodi Moss. MC Lasch-abstained

Lasch made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$39,666.08, check #19449 to Check #19470, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Simpson. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor