

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 8, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Jodi Moss, Tim Lasch, Chery Simpson, Aaron Ray; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors-Nathan Feist, Maynard Brau, Bruce Olson

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

Visitor Comments: Bruce Olson questioned when will the residents know the actual cost of the upcoming infrastructure project in reference to fees to the residents. Bruce also commented that he is not in favor of curbside recycling as it will increase fees. Maynard Brau commented on having to paying garbage on his cabin when no one is using it. Maynard also commented on the Dean Ladwig's property, Dean has still not taken down the tree that is hanging over his dock and boat lift. Maynard inquired what communication is going to be given to the residents prior to the start of this infrastructure project.

Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the WCA Baseball Boosters lawful gambling permit, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Moss made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8th meeting, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Nathan Feist from Bollig Inc. was present. The Drinking Water Plant is under ongoing construction. Change Order #1 was been implemented and Milestone #1 is completed. Proposed Change Order #2 is for refiguring the overhead light fixture design, removing the garage door opener, adjusting the chemical feed skids, and repurposing existing pumps. Cost of Change Order #2 - \$10,383.51. Ray made a motion approve Change Order #2 with Eagle Construction in the amount of \$10,383.51, seconded by Lasch. MCU  
The Infrastructure improvement contract with Northdale Construction has been signed and the notice to proceed should be going out soon.

The Crissy & Kolten Lee water line service repair bill was discussed. Simpson made a motion to offer them a 36 month no interest finance plan in the amount of \$2,776.10 with a signed agreement, seconded by Ray.

Lasch 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, seconded by Moss. MCU

The Council reviewed the 2021 rates for Recycling and Solid Waste. Simpson made a motion to set the new rates, effective April 1<sup>st</sup> billing, at \$5.90 per EDU for recycling; and \$7 for a 35-gallon residential canister, \$13 for a 65-gallon residential canister and \$19 for a 95-gallon residential canister; and \$16 for a 65-gallon commercial canister and \$40.40 per yard for dumpsters, seconded by Moss. MCU

Grant County Commissioners have asked the Cities in Grant County if they would be interested in curbside recycling. They would like to hear how the Cities feel about this proposed option and if they would be interested in attending a Countywide meeting to discuss it. If all Cities in Grant County participated the cost would be approximately \$3.24 per month/per household with twice a month curbside pick up. Council agreed

that they would be interested in attending a meeting, and would prefer an evening meeting.

The council reviewed the new proposed Personnel Policy and Job Descriptions. Action was tabled until next month.

The council discussed the MN Statute 299F.035, in reference to criminal background checks for fire departments. The council also discussed the procedure to pay for training for the fire department and first responders. It was decided to invite the Fire Chief, Dave Lien, Jr. to the April Council meeting to discuss these items.

The Council reviewed a Rain Barrel program proposal from Grant County Soil & Water Conservation. They wanted to know if the City was interested in cost-sharing for city residents on this program. The City will be willing to promote the Rain Barrel program but not participating in any cost-sharing.

Jason Wendt presented the Water Tower Inspection Report and the recommended repairs that should be looked into.

Jason Wendt presented a quote to fix Lift Station #3's check valve and upgrade the control plan from Quality Flow Systems. Lasch made a motion to replace the check valves in Lift Station #3 at a cost of \$5,350, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Chery Simpson brought up the need for a Sidewalk Ordinance in Barrett. A copy of the City of Ashby's Sidewalk Ordinance was presented. She would like to see an Ordinance passed and in place by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed. There was concern if we had this Ordinance, who is going to enforcement it. No action was taken.

Unfinished Business: Joyce Hanson is getting two bids on painting the back of the Pavilion. What is the status of the Dean Ladwig property? Marita will reach out to Charlie Ladwig.

The West Central Area Baseball Boosters is asking the City for approval to apply for an Exempt Gambling Permit to hold a bingo and raffle fundraiser on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Powers Park. Lasch made a motion to approve allowing the West Central Area Baseball Boosters to hold a lawful gambling bingo and raffle fundraiser in Powers Park on May, 22, 2021, seconded by Ray. MCU

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$54,107.83, check #19012-#19043, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Moss. MCU

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

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