

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 9, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt, Brian Tucker; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Guests: Betty DeClercq, Dave Line, Jr., Jason Puchalski.

Mayor Alvstad called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Wevley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Lang. MCU

Tucker move to resolve to approve a property tax abatement for the Barrett Care Center in the amount of \$7,500 per year for 15 years for a total of \$112,500, unless the actual tax increase is less than \$7,500 per year than the actual increased tax value would be abated, seconded by Lang. Roll Call Vote: Alvstad-yes, Lang-yes, Wevley-yes, Wendt-yes, Tucker-yes.

Wendt made a motion to approve the Barrett Inn 2 ½ Liquor License renewal with the paid fees of \$100-Off sale, \$1,400-On Sale and \$200-Sunday, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Council discussed the options of offering email invoicing and direct payment. Wendt made a motion to offer email invoices to customers as an opportunity to save tax payer dollars, seconded by Lang. MCU

It was decided not to offer direct payment options as there were costs associated with offering it for the City. The Council felt that we should direct customers to check with their own banks on bill pay options.

Dave Lien, Jr. presented the council with a plan to remodel the bar area at the Lakeside Pavilion. The Barrett Flames would pay for all materials and the school shop class would do the labor. They would like to install a lockable storage unit and a new upright cooler to replace the old outdated cooler. Lang made a motion to allow the Flames to remodel the Pavilion bar area as presented with them paying all expenses, seconded by Wendt. MCU

Council discussed Clerk's training budget/opportunities. Clerk Rhude received a grant to attend the IIMC Annual Conference and was taking care of her own lodging and travel. She requested a donation towards expenses. Lang made a motion to approve donating \$200 for meals, seconded by Tucker. MCU

Council discussed Pavilion issues that Tony Ray had brought up last year that he felt were still unresolved. Some items on the list have been taken care of and some still need addressing. Gerald will work on the list.

Gerald reported on his recent conference training from Rural Water. He found out some new information at the conference that he is going to explore on our phosphorus levels at the sewer ponds. He told the council that he plans to sludge test the secondary pond and see what phosphorus levels he finds.

Wevley made a motion to give Clerk Rhude a letter of support from the council for her application to apply for the position of Treasurer on the MCFOA Executive Board, seconded by Alvstad. MCU

Wevley made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$23,591.70, seconded by Tucker.

MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Tucker.

MCU

Marita Rhude  
Clerk/Treasurer