

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Cheryl Simpson, Aaron Ray, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt. Guests: Jason Puchalski, Tim Buchite, Nadine Swenson, Les Alvstad.
Absent: Council-Jodi Moss

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

Visitor Comments: Les Alvstad commented on the speed being traveled on Highway 55 and the use of jake breaks. He questioned if the Pavilion roof was still leaking. Nadine Swenson questioned Semi's parking on Highway 55 and blocking the view at intersections. Wondering about her yard being repaired after the construction project. Wondering about street sweeping in front of her house.

Lasch made a motion to approve the agenda with additions of Speed Signs and Pavilion, seconded by Ray.
MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, council meeting, seconded by Lasch.
MCU

Jason Puchalski, Barrett Fire Chief, was present to introduce himself. He recommended the hiring of Dennis Cook and Keri Abel to the Fire Department. We need more members on the department. The rescue truck has been paid off, but he would like to see us keep funding the payment with the Townships to replace the Water Truck. He questioned who is responsible for the maintenance of the Fire hall building. There are several areas in need of repair. He questioned the purchasing of t-shirts for new incoming members. The Fire Chief job description was discussed. It was decided to add an Assistant Fire Chief job description as well. Cheryl Simpson will draft a Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief job description for review next month.

Simpson made a motion to approve hiring Denis Cook and Keri Abel to the Barrett Fire Department, seconded by Ray.
MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve purchasing T-shirts for the two new fire department members, seconded by Ray.
MCU

Tim Buchite was present on his zoning permit to build a 28 X 36 garage with an apartment above (with 20-foot sidewalls). He presented a signed variance from the neighbor (Ben Felling). The City verify that he meets the threshold of less than 30% of property covered with structures.

Lasch made a motion to approve giving Tim Buchite a 5-foot easement on the alleyway and approve his zoning permit to construct at 28' X 36' garage with apartment above, seconded by Ray.
MCU

Mark Bruzik has asked to the City Council to reconsider blacktopping the alley by his garage. He is willing to pay the cost to do so. Council will ask Kent Marshall for his opinion.

The Council reviewed a proposed Storm Water Utility Ordinance. The list of classification of

property/assignment and number of Units was discussed. This Ordinance will be posted and considered at the next council meeting.

The Council reviewed the Water Ordinance with proposed changes recommended by Kent Marshall. This Ordinance will be posted for consideration at the next council meeting.

Simpson made a motion to approve the Safety Deposit authorized signers at Star Bank as Marita Rhude/Clerk and Michelle Jensen/Mayor, seconded by Lasch. MCU

The City has the option to purchase more radar speed signs at a cost of \$3,600 each. Simpson made a motion to approve purchasing one additional radar speed sign at the cost of \$3,600, seconded by Ray. MCU

The Pavilion roof was discussed. Steve Winter was up on the roof at the Pavilion to try and repair it and said that it was in rough shape, and it will continue to leak. Simpson made a motion to hold a City taxpayer meeting to decide whether the Pavilion should be repaired and restored or demolished, seconded by Ray. MCU

Nathan Feist presented a written update on the ongoing infrastructure projects.

Update on the Water Meter Project: Ellingson Plumbing & Heating will be in town to start replacing commercial water meters this week.

Darin Olson property was given until May 1st to see major improvement. The Council determined he had not met enough requirements with the Ordinance violations. Ladwig property has not yet met all the items identified to be fixed. A reminder letter will be sent.

Maintenance Update: The new phosphorus limits at the sewer pond were discussed. The generator was not working properly when the power was out last. Council agreed it should be fixed. Jason reported that he wants to purchase a pull behind sprayer for spraying the sewer ponds.

Simpson made a motion to approve resolution 2022-05-02 to accept donations, seconded by Ray. MCU

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$54,747.49, check #19509 to Check #19536, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Simpson. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor