

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Chery Simpson, Aaron Ray, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Present via Zoon: Council-Jodi Moss, Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Engineer-Nathan Feist.
Visitors: Joyce Hanson, Dennis & Sandy Kashmark.

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

Visitor Comments: None

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12th meeting, seconded by Ray. MCU

Nathan Feist from Bollig Inc. was present to update the council on project items:

Update on the water pressure filters, all parties had agreed to sandblast. After on onsite visit they now want to spot sand and provide a longer warranty period. KLM is concerned about the look of the product with overcoating of paint without sandblasting them all the way down. If we want KLM Engineering to be the inspector on site it is eligible for Rural Development funding.

Lasch moved to hire KLM Engineering not to exceed \$16,632 for inspection, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to issue a certificate of substantial completion for the infrastructure project to Northdale Construction, seconded by Ray. MCU

The water meter project has been given the authority to bid by Rural Development. It will be public bid, advertised for 3 weeks. Simpson made a motion to authorize to bid the water meter project, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Council discussed the property at 113 Rich Ave, Parcel #18-0045-000, up for tax forfeiture.

Simpson moved to write off the past due water/sewer/garbage bill at 113 Rich Ave in the amount of \$777.41, seconded by Aaron. MCU

Simpson moved to resolve to authorize the approval for the public sale of tax forfeit property located in the City of Barrett as requested by the Grant County Board of Commissioners, whereas, these properties have a reassessed value that has been approved by the Grant County Board of Commissioners and that the sale price of the properties will begin at 70% of the approve value, now therefore be it resolved that the City of Barrett has approved the following parcels of tax forfeited property for public auction, seconded Lasch. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-No, Moss-No, Ray-No, Lasch-No, Simpson-No

Lasch moved to withhold the property at 113 Rich Ave. from tax forfeiture sale, seconded Jenson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to resolve to authorize the approval of the classification of tax forfeit property located in the City of Barrett as requested by the Grant County Board of Commissioners; whereas, These properties have been classified by the Board of Commissioners as non-conservation based on the National Wetlands Inventory map compiled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and approved as such by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Now therefore be it resolved That the City of Barrett approves the non-Conservation classification of these properties as determined by the Grant County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-Yes, Moss-Yes, Ray-Yes, Lasch-Yes, Simpson-Yes

Lasch moved to purchase 113 Rich Ave. from Grant County for the cost of \$2,752.78, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Council discussed the Lawn Care Contract for 2022. Simpson made a motion to contract with Frykman-Olson Lawn Care Contract in the amount of \$4,776.17 for 2022, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve a one dollar per hour increase in the Public Works position effective October 1, 2021, for obtaining his Class D Sewer and Water licenses, seconded by Ray. MCU

A homeowner insurance claim that the League of MN Cities denied was discussed. It was for a broken water line and the water did not go down the sewer. The resident's insurance agent has requested that the City forgive \$1,000 off the bill. No action taken.

The status of the criminal background checks for the fire department/first responders was discussed. A deadline of January 1st will be given to the Fire Chief to get the criminal background checks done and turned into the City.

City Properties and keys for those properties were discussed. A detailed list of City property will be made. A key code lock will be installed at the Community Center.

Simpson moved to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the donation to the Barrett Fire Department from Runestone Telecom Association in the amount of \$750, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Jenson-Yes, Moss-Yes, Ray-Yes, Lasch-Yes, Simpson-Yes

Lasch made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$51,503.34, check #19319 to Check #193368, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor