

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

Present: Mayor-Les Alvstad; Council-Todd Lang, Kathy Wevley, Jason Wendt; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski.

Absent: Council-Brian Tucker.

Mayor Alvstad called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Wevley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting, seconded by Wevley. MCU

Council discussed the Utility/Street Improvements needed. Council discussed the two Engineering Firms they have met with, Bollig Inc. and Apex. Both firms had good reviews from other Cities, but they felt that Bollig Inc. did a better job of going after funding, which is highly important.

Wevley made a motion to contact Bollig Inc. to move forward on the planning for the needed Utility/Street Improvements, seconded by Lang. MCU

Alvstad moved to resolve to support the proposal for the State of Minnesota to lease and operate the Appleton prison with State of Minnesota public employees to provide much-needed jobs and economic development for the people of West Central Minnesota and to provide effective rehabilitation services for inmates needed to reduce recidivism, seconded by Wendt. Roll Call Vote: Alvstad-yes, Wendt-yes, Wevley-yes, Lang-yes.

The council reviewed a request from West Central Sanitation to provide a letter of support based on our working relationship with them to the County Commissioners for the solid waste contract. No action was taken.

The council reviewed an email from Northland Securities about the refinancing opportunities of our long term debt with the recent change in interest rates on municipal bonds. Council would like to get proposals from two different sources on the cost and savings of refinancing our outstanding bond.

Wendt made a motion to approve the PWP wine license renewal upon receiving the renewal fee and insurance waiver, seconded Wevley. MCU

Council reviewed the Auditor contract with Desautels Bartosiewski & Associates for \$9,450. Council questioned what other Cities with similar size in the area are paying. It was decided that they wanted to get another quote and find out what others are paying prior to approving the contract.

Wendt made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$15,305.88 plus OtterTail Power and Verizon, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lang made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Wendt. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer