

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Barrett Community Center

Present: Mayor-Todd Lang; Council-Tim Lasch, Michelle Jenson, Jodi Moss; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Water/Sewer Operator-Rodger Smith; Guests: Nathan Feist, Cheri Simpson, Bruce Olson.
Present virtually- Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude.

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

Visitor Comments: Cheri Simpson asked if there was any update on the Strand Property next to Joyce Hanson. There isn't any more information. She commented on how good the Ladwig property was looking and how great of a job Jason Wendt is doing. Bruce Olson questioned about the City contributing to an employee's HSA account. It is legal for a City to contribute to an employee's HSA.

Moss made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jenson.

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Jenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14th Regular Meeting, seconded by Lasch.

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Nathan Feist, Bollig Engineering, was present to go over the bids from the Water Treatment Plant improvements that were opened on September 23. The lowest bidder was Eagle Construction Company of Little Falls, MN for \$412,000. All paperwork is in order and Rural Development has signed off. Lasch made a motion to award the Drinking Water Plant Improvement bid in the amount of \$412,000 to Eagle Construction Company, seconded by Moss.

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The Water Meter Improvement project is still under review with Rural Development. The Infrastructure Improvement project has approval to bid and bidding will be done around the first of the year.

Rodger Smith gave an update on water and sewer. Sewer ponds are ready to be discharged in the upcoming weeks. The City of Barrett currently has a phosphate issue at our ponds and a representative of the MN Pollution Control will be attending an upcoming City Council meeting to discuss this.

Jenson made a motion to open a POP (premium only plan) and contribute \$550 per month to an HSA Account for Jason Wendt and contribute \$225 per month to an HSA for Marita Rhude and renew the health insurance plan with MN PEIP at the Advantage HSA Option, seconded by Moss.

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Council discussed the CARES Funds and applications for businesses interested in obtaining a grant. Only one application has been received to date, however, there has been inquiries from a couple other businesses. The City only has until November 15th to expend the funds or return them. Council members Lasch and Moss will work with the City Clerk to review these applications and make recommendations to the Board at the November Council meeting.

3rd Quarter Budget update was reviewed.

The City Auditor is recommending closing the petty cash checkbook.
Moss made a motion to close the petty cash checkbook, seconded by Jenson.

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Lang made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$30,826.16, check #18675 to #18704, seconded by Jenson.

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Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Jenson.

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Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Todd Lang, Mayor