

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Council-Todd Lang, Jason Wendt, Jodi Moss, Earl Janshen; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski. Guest: Tom Pace, Maynard Brau, Jonathon Fleck, Jason Clow, Warren Dahlen, Troy Johnson.

Absent: Mayor-Les Alvstad

Deputy Mayor Lang called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Warren Dahlen expressed his concern about the possible closing of the alleyway behind his garage. It is more convenient for him if it would remain open.

Wendt made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular September 10, 2018 meeting, seconded by Janshen.
MCU

Tom Pace from MN Dot was presented to let the Council know about some upcoming highway projects that will affect the City of Barrett. The first project will be let in March 2019 and anticipated construction July 2019. The bridge over the Pomme de Terre River will be replaced, new sidewalk on the west side of Highway 55 between Grant Ave. and Spruce Ave, along with reclaiming surface of Highway 55 starting at Spruce Ave going south of Barrett on Highway 55 to the county line. In 2023 MNDOT will be widening Highway 55 from the south end of Barrett to Elbow Lake. ADA improvements will be made at every intersection along Highway 55 in the City of Barrett. It is recommended to replace the sidewalks at this time also, however, the cost of sidewalk replacement would be an expense of the City. It is not required to do sidewalk replacement but is recommended, it is something of the City to consider. Tom will come back in a couple of months with more information on costs.

Maynard Brau expressed concerned about the condition of a neighboring property. He feels there are many unsafe conditions and nothing has been done to the property in at least 13 years. He is wondering about what City codes there are dealing with this situation. Letters have been sent to the homeowner in the past and no corrective actions have been taken. City Council will have the City Attorney send a letter to the home owner requesting he correct the unsafe violations.

Jonathon Fleck from Bollig Inc. was present to explain the financing options that they are considering for our upcoming project. One of the plans is to apply for a Small Cities Grant, the deadline to apply for that grant is November 15th. A household income survey of the City is one of the requirements that needs to be done in order to apply for this grant. It is required to have almost all of these surveys returned in order to qualify for this grant. This is where the councils will be needed to help ensure the return of all the survey. If needed council members will have to go door to door to pick up the surveys from those you don't return them.

Moss made a motion to approve Task Order No. 2A for \$35,000 to continue ongoing funding coordination,
seconded by Wendt.
MCU

Council reviewed a petition from Deborah & Gerry Nelson and Chase Johnson to abandon the alleyway between their property behind Rich Ave. and Hawkins Avenue. Kent Marshall, City Attorney, recommended that the council abandon the alleyway to public use but retain ownership of the land. Wendt made a motion to fully abandon the alleyway and give the abutting property ownership of the land, seconded by Janshen. MCU

Moss made a motion to approve renewing employee health insurance with MN PIEP for 2019, seconded by Lang. MCU

Clerk Rhude informed the Council that she discovered that Barrett Lake Resort has been being overcharged for solid waste charges for many years. Barrett Lake Resort has two dumpsters for a total of 6 yards and they have been being billed for 12 yards. She is working with the City Attorney and League of MN Cities to find out legally how far back the City needs to make retribution to Barrett Resort.

Lang made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$21,103.23, seconded by Moss. MCU

Wendt made a motion to adjourn at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Janshen. MCU

Marita Rhude
Clerk/Treasurer