

**Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 13, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Barrett City Office**

Present: Mayor- Michelle Jenson; Council-Jodi Moss, Chery Simpson, Aaron Ray; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Visitors: Engineer-Nathan Feist (Via Zoom) Kent Marshall (Via Zoom); Guests- Darrin Olson, Bruce Olson, Mark Haberer.  
Absent: Council-Tim Lasch

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

Visitor Comments: None

Moss made a motion to add the following additions to the agenda: ARPA funds, Mayor cell phone stipend, Darrin Olson to item #6, seconded by Simpson. MCU

Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9th and August 30<sup>th</sup> meetings, seconded by Ray. MCU

Nathan Feist from Bollig Inc. was present to update the council via zoom: Ray motion to approve substantial completion on the Water Treatment Plant for Eagle Construction, seconded by Simpson. MCU  
Park Street behind Star Bank was discussed again. Rural Development rejected the change order presented and recommended that we use bid prices and fix accordingly.

Moss moved to resolve to increase the benefit level for the firefighters who are vested in the statewide volunteer firefighter plan and who have completed at least 5 years of good time service credit to \$1,300 benefit level per year of service effective January 1, 2022, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Simpson-yes, Moss-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes

Council discussed the 2022 budget and preliminary levy. Simpson made a motion to resolve to set the preliminary levy for 2022 at \$191,000, seconded by Ray. Roll Call Vote: Simpson-yes, Moss-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes

Tabled Frykman-Olson Lawn Care contract.

The council discussed the Pavilion roof. Simpson made a motion to hire Steven Winter Construction to fix and the Pavilion roof, not to exceed \$2,500, seconded by Moss. MCU

Council received a request to waive sewer fees from Joyce Hanson due to an outside facet leaking. Ray made a motion to reduce Joyce Hanson's sewer bill by \$23.40 (half the requested amount) for an outside leaking faucet, seconded Moss. MCU

Darrin Olson was present because he didn't get his sewer fees reduced in December of 2019 and now the council is forgiving sewer charges that didn't go down the sewer. He was not asking for anything, but was

wondering what has changed since his request?

Union Cemetery – the Erickson’s that are in the wrong plot have not yet been moved and we have received another request from the family to get them moved. Council requested that we contact Erickson Smith Funeral home and see if they know someone, we could hire to move them.

The Council revisited the speed limit on Soo Lane. Mark Haberer, Grant County Sheriff, was present and commented that 10 mph has been requested. Ray made a motion to reduce the speed limit on Soo Lane to 15 mph, seconded by Simpson. MCU

The council discussed unsightly properties. Darrin Olson was present to discuss his property. Council requested a timeline on when he plans to have his property cleaned up. Council gave him to November 15<sup>th</sup> to see improvement or they will explore the Administrative Fine Ordinance.

Unfinished Business: Pavilion concerns.

Council agreed to apply for (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Jenson requested a stipend for her cell phone use. Simpson made a motion to approve a \$25 per month cell phone, seconded by Ray. MC Jenson abstained

Maintenance Update: Porta Potty at beach, it was decided to winterize it and leave it there.

Simpson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$77,976.93, check #19253 to Check #19279, seconded by Moss. MCU

Ray made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Simpson. MCU

Respectfully Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Jenson, Mayor