

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Barrett Community Center

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

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

Nathan Feist from Bollig Inc. appeared via zoom. He reported that the Water Meter Improvement portion of the upcoming project is still at Rural Development for review. The Water Treatment Plant bid opening is scheduled for September 21st. Nathan was looking for approval to add an addendum to the Water Treatment Plant bid, which includes adding a pressure aerator, chemical fee tank and lines, 2 flow meters and requiring the pipes and chemicals to be completed by 12/15/2020. Currently the water and sewer systems have no call out alarm system to notify anyone of a system failure. An alarm system can be added for \$3,500 and requires a \$45 per month charge from Verizon.

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

Visitor Comments: Cheri Simpson commended council on hiring Jason Wendt, stating he is doing a great job. Cheri spoke on behalf of Joyce Hanson about concerns on property next door to Joyce. Cheri has a group of people willing to doing any volunteer work the City needs done. Bruce Olson also commented on the great job that Jason Wendt is doing.

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

Lasch made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10th Regular Meeting and August 10th Public Hearing meeting, seconded by Moss. MCU

The City has received a zoning permit request from Lorant Divald to put a cabin on 2020 County Road 10. There is not water/sewer service run to this lot, however, the lot has been assessed for water/sewer service. There is water/sewer service to the property next door and will need to be extended to this lot yet this fall.

Rodger Smith gave an update on the water plant. Sewer discharge will happen next month. The lift station heads are over 20 years and he feels they should be updated, if we can get them included in the project.

Lasch moved to resolve to approve the preliminary tax levy increase of 5% for 2021 at \$187,853.31, seconded by Jenson. Roll Call Vote: Lang-yes, Lasch-yes, Moss-yes, Jenson-yes

The City of Barrett has received \$31,191 in CARES funds. Funds may only be spent on approved expenses prior to November 15th, after that time the funds must be either returned to the State of given to Grant County for eligible expenses. Council discussed options. It was agreed to spend some of the funds on technology that allows the council to operate remotely.

Michael & Kimberly Erickson's headstone and remains were put in the wrong Erickson lot at Union Cemetery. The Erickson Family (who's lot they are currently in) wants them removed and put in the correct lot. The City has the authority to move them to the correct lot. Michael Erickson's brother Meral was ok with the City moving them.

Moss made a motion to approve a complaint form and request for information form to be filled out by residents when filing a complaint or requesting information, seconded by Jenson. MCU

Council reviewed the safety training that Jason Wendt should have and reviewed a proposal from Johnson Safety Consulting to provide it.

Jenson made a motion to approve the proposal for safety training from Johnson Safety Consulting for \$300 for Jason Wendt, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Dean Ladwig did not sign the abatement agreement proposed in July.

Jenson made a motion to declare a public nuisance does exist and instruct Attorney, Justin Anderson, to seek legal process to abated the following from the property at 313 Lake Street: removing all dead trees, repair well pump cover and/or cap well, cover basement stairwell, clean up and remove broken glass, move propane tank that is too close to neighbor's property, repair/or remove fence line, remove buckthorn and noxious weeds, and repairing all broken out windows and painting and shingling the house, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Maintenance Update:

Jenson made a motion to authorize getting Jason Wendt a debit card, seconded by Moss. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve hiring Pro Sweep to sweep the City streets, second Moss. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve purchasing an airless paint sprayer, seconded by Moss. MCU

October Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th due to Columbus Day.

Jenson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$22,328.69, check #18635 to #18669, seconded by Lang. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Moss. MCU

Respectfully Submitted _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by _____ Todd Lang, Mayor