

Barrett City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Barrett City Office

Present: Mayor-Michelle Jenson; Council-Aaron Ray, Katie Hauglie, Susie Sieben, Tim Lasch; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Jason Wendt; Guest: Joyce Hanson, Chery Simpson, Bruce and Judy Olson, Karen & Les Alvstad, Kevin Pettee, Samantha Wendt, Maynard Brau, Lynn Vetrone.

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

Visitor Comments:

- 1) Chery Simpson: Requested that Council take time to consider what is fair and equitable in the proposed Storm Water Ordinance. Who made the decision on who was excluded? She suggested forming a committee to investigate this more.
- 2) Karen Alvstad: Commented that those east of the River are eliminated from paying in the proposed Ordinance, however there are a lot of residents west of the river that don't have access to the storm sewer system. The Lake is our greatest asset and should be protected. No one wants a home on a lake that is poor quality, so all homes on the lake will benefit from the storm water system.
- 3) Terry Burns: Why is it the Storm Water fee being changed now? Everyone should help pay for it, just like the school levy everyone pays. This does not seem fair.

Ray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Hauglie. MCU

Sieben made a motion to approve the August 14, 2023, regular city council meeting minutes, seconded by Lasch. MCU

Hauglie made a motion to approve forming a committee of Mayor Jenson, Councilperson Sieben and Public Works Superintendent Jason Wendt to look further into the Storm Water Ordinance, seconded by Ray. MCU

Lasch made a motion to approve the lawn care contract with Green Stripe Lawn Care for service from April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 for \$5,474, seconded by Sieben. Motion carried. Hauglie sustained.

Hauglie made a motion to continue in the snow removal contract with Kyle Weets at the price of \$20,250 for up to 45 inches of snow, same as last year, seconded by Ray. MCU

Pavilion Fund Update: The Hotdish Mania is September 26th at the WCA Football Game, posters put up and will be running an ad in the Grant County Herald for two weeks. Volunteers are needed to bring hotdish and pies. They are in the process of looking for a contractor to bid for repairing the Pavilion roof. Planning for the Christmas Tree lighting and fundraiser on December 2 is in the works.

Sieben moved to resolve approving the 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy at \$232,236, seconded by Ray.

Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes.

Maintenance Update: Most of the curb stops were put in 1997, lots of them are not working. There are talks of resurfacing the bike path in conjunction with the school, however the school hasn't gotten back to us.

Lasch move to resolve to express acceptance of and appreciation for the Donations to the City of Barrett, Resolution 2023-09-01, seconded by Hauglie. Roll Call Vote: Lasch-yes, Sieben-yes, Hauglie-yes, Ray-yes, Jenson-yes.

Hauglie made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$29,301.47, check #20015 to Check #20039, seconded by Sieben. MCU

Lasch made a motion to adjourn at 5:33 p.m., seconded by Ray. MCU

Respectfully Submitted: _____ Marita Rhude, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____ Michelle Jenson, Mayor

