

**Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**  
**Barrett Community Center**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor-Todd Lang; Council-Michelle Jenson, Jodi Moss, Jason Wendt; Clerk/Treasurer-Marita Rhude; Maintenance-Gerald Puchalski; Engineers-Brian Bollig, Jonathon Fleck; Residents-Carroll & Iris Johnson, Troy Johnson, Kathy Dahl, Terry Lien.

Absent: Council-Jason Clow

Mayor Lang introduced Engineers Brian Bollig and Jonathon Fleck from Bollig Inc.

Jonathon Fleck informed those present that this was an informative public hearing. That the City of Barrett is pursuing funding from USDA Rural Development for an infrastructure improvement project. Bollig Inc. has been working with the City of Barrett for a couple of years examining Barrett's existing needs for water, wastewater, storm sewer and roads.

Needs Identified:

-The water service was originally put in 1940. There is still some original asbestos cement pipe left that has not been replaced. 22% of Barrett's water lines, or 3,800 feet are in need of being replaced.

-The water treatment plant pressure filters will be replaced.

-Clay pipe sewer lines put in the 1960's have reached the end of their useful life. They are cracking and some are broken.

-Inflow and Infiltration into the sewer line was examined. Barrett exceeds MPCA recommended levels for inflow and infiltration.

-Currently the existing storm sewer is mainly only under County Roads or Highway 55 and owned by others. The need for storm sewer on Lake Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was identified.

Once the needs were identified alternatives were considered

-Do nothing, wait and see approach, fix as needed

-Replace just select utilities

-Rehabilitate infrastructure

Brian Bollig explained the potential project costs.

Wastewater 2.8 million

Water 2.3 million

Storm Sewer 1 million

6.1 million

Noneligible .8 million

Total cost 6.929 million

Without any grant funds it would cost the residents of Barrett approximately \$207 per month per EDU to finance this project. Funding through USDA Rural Development would be in the form of grants and loans. Rural Development guideline say that the affordable rate that residents should be able to pay for water and sewer is 1.5% of the medium household income. With grants, based on 4,000 gallons per month Rural Development indicated the average EDU household would see a \$50-\$55 per month fee for both water and sewer. Storm sewer would be an additional charge of around \$25 per month. However, it was also noted that the City can collect the revenue however, it wants such as property tax, user fees, assessments typically used or other methods.

The anticipated schedule for the Infrastructure Improvement Project:

Secure Funding	June 2019
Design	2019
Bidding & Construction	2020
Construction Completion	2022

A questions and answer period were held.

Mayor Todd Lang thanked the public for coming.

Meeting closed at 5:42 p.m.

Marita Rhude  
Clerk/Treasurer