

Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2009

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Roger Cooper, Larry Davis, Jr., Jeremy Krause and Merlin Strom. Absent were council members Del Ellefson and Chad Hagen. Others in attendance were City Attorney John Shockley, Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Ambulance Manger Jon Yeske, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, Dan Lubbesmeyer and Paul Christianson from People Service, and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Council member Chad Hagen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Dahnke asked City Clerk Jeri Reep to take roll call. The next item on the agenda was the pledge of allegiance. All rose to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Dahnke asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

03-09-09-01 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Strom to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The following items were on the consent agenda.

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 2009.
2. Department head reports.
3. Finance report-Approval of check numbers 65784-65953 in the amount of \$200,064.72 and EFT payments in the amount of \$207,111.44.
4. Approval of the Showcase booth registration fee in the amount of \$172.00.
5. Approval of the Nortel DMS-10 annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$5,500.00.
6. Approval of the 2009 golf course wages as presented.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the board and commission reports.

Council member Merlin Strom stated that there was no March P & Z meeting. Mr. Strom stated that there will be a presentation on March 12th, and encouraged council members to attend. Mr. Strom stated that there will be a joint meeting with the Park Board in April. Council member Jeremy Krause stated that the 2nd Annual Chili Open was held on March 8th, with a good turnout. The proceeds will go to the T Box #7.

03-09-09-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Krause to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the public forum. Mayor Dahnke asked if there were any citizens present to be heard. There were no citizens present to be heard.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the NBCU Contract renewal. TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that to continue to receive the signals for Bravo, MSNBC, Sci-Fi, and USA, this contract must be signed and accepted before April 16, 2009.

03-09-09-03 Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Cooper to authorize staff to sign and execute the NBCU contract renewal, pending a review of the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the KSTC Contract discussion. TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that this contract is for the High School hockey and basketball tournaments held in Minneapolis. These events are not carried on local channels and can only be accessed through the Minneapolis station. The cost for this contract is .20 cents per subscriber per month for a total monthly cost of \$144.00 per month for the months of February and March, 2009.

03-09-09-04 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Hagen to authorize staff to sign and execute the KSTC contract for the months of February and March, 2009 at .20 cents per sub per month. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion of the First Responder pay.

Ambulance Manger Jon Yeske informed council members that eight First Responders of the Fire Department have completed training, and have expressed an interest in helping the Ambulance Department when they need assistance. Mr. Yeske was proposing to pay the First Responders a \$1.00 per hour, including the weekend and holiday differential for First Responders that are On-call. Mr. Yeske was proposing to pay the First Responders a call out pay of \$25.00 per patient contact. Mr. Yeske stated that the rates have been approved by the Police, Fire and Ambulance portfolio members.

03-09-09-05 Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Davis to approve the following wages for First Responders: On call- \$1.00 per hour, including the weekend and holiday differential. Call out pay-\$25.00 per patient contact. City Attorney John Shockley stated that the wages would only be a stipend. The following members voted in favor of: Council members Hagen, Cooper, Davis and Strom. Council members voting against: none. Council member Jeremy Krause abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Council member Jeremy Krause informed council members that the Fire Department had just received word that the department received a \$60,000.00 FEMA grant.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion of the reallocation of Special Assessments on Block 1, Heartland Addition.

City Attorney Shockley reported that the EDA had been working with the Heartland developer regarding the re-plat of the heartland development. Shockley noted that the city had agreed to re-plat property in heartland development into three small lots and one large lot. The agreement before the council reallocates the special assessments and the developer agrees to waive any protest to the irregularity of the process. Shockley noted that this protects the city and also reminded the council that these lots had been excluded from the TIF.

03-09-09-06 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Strom to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the recommendation to approve the GFMEDC memorandum of understanding. Mr. Brian Walter of the Greater Fargo EDC approached the council and thanked the city council for their support. Mr. Walter stated that approximately three years ago, the organization previously known as the Fargo-Cass County EDC, expanded their service area to include all of Clay County and changed their name to the Greater Fargo Moorhead EDC. Mr. Walter stated that earlier this year, he presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Barnesville EDA Board for their consideration. The EDA Board voted to recommend to the City Council that the City enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the GFMEDC. Mr. Walter stated that there is no financial obligation associated with the agreement, only an understanding of the assistance to be provided by the GFMEDC.

03-09-09-07 Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Strom to approve the GFMEDC Memorandum of Understanding. Council member Larry Davis Jr. questioned why one of the EDA board members voted against. EDA Director Karen Lauer stated that the board member felt uncomfortable with some of the language. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the CD renewal.

Council member Jeremy Krause stated that this \$200,000.00 CD renewal is due on March 25, 2009. Mr. Krause stated that he is hoping that the interest rate will increase. Mr. Krause stated that he recommends that this CD is renewed by Sr. Accountant Laurie Schell, at the Midwest Bank, after the Personnel and Finance Committee approval.

03-09-09-08 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Cooper to authorize staff to renew the CD in the amount of \$200,000.00 at Midwest Bank, after authorization by the Personnel & Finance Portfolio holders. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion of the old Dairy Queen Building on Front Street.

City Attorney John Shockley informed council members that he had spoken to the building owner, and the building owner is asking for a non-refundable option agreement. Mr. Shockley stated that this would be 10% down payment, \$5200.00 which would be non-refundable in 90 days. Mr. Shockley stated that he would recommend against the offer. Council member Jeremy Krause questioned the DOT regulations for the building. Council member Larry Davis Jr. thought a new construction would be better than trying to remodel the existing building. Council member Roger Cooper questioned if the store is actually making money.

03-09-09-09 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Hagen to refuse the non-refundable option agreement for the old Dairy Queen building. Motion carried.

Council members next discussed the summer hours for the Liquor Store. The summer hours for the store will be April thru October.

Mayor Dahnke next reminded council members of the Special meeting to be held on March 23, 2009.

03-09-09-10 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Hagen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri L. Reep
City Clerk

Fred Dahnke
Mayor