

**Barnesville City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 14, 2013**

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Darin Allmaras, Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Cathy Enstad, Larry Davis, Jr. and Jason Rick. Others in attendance were, City Administrator Mike Rietz, Sarah Nyhus-Wear with Ohnstad Twichell, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Police Chief Dean Ernst, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, Dan Lubbesmeyer and Mike Sonmor with People Service, Joel Paulsen with KLJ Engineering, Marcy Douglas with MRES , Jim Cox and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Dahnke asked City Administrator Mike Rietz 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 next asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated the only addition was the approval to hire Denise Nelson as a Skating Rink Attendant.

**01-14-13-01** Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Davis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**01-14-13-02** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Sylvester asked the location of the lot merge request for Donald Krauth. Mr. Sylvester stated that in the investment report from Ehlers, no return report is included. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2012.
2. Department head reports
3. Approval of check numbers 74841 – 75038 in the amount of \$738,261.19 and EFT payments in the amount of \$227,570.47.
4. Approval of the lot merge request from Donald Krauth, Parcel No. 50.750.0050 and 50.750.0060.
5. Approval of travel for City Administrator Mike Rietz to attend the 2013 Mid-Winter Professional Development Workshop-Feb. 21-22, 2013.
6. Approval of the Ehlers Investment Partners-Investment report.
7. Approval of the People Service Operations and Maintenance Agreement.
8. Approval of Barnesville Rod & Gun gambling permit for Feb. 15, 2013.
9. Approval to hire Shawn Nelson as Skating Rink Attendant at \$7.25 per hour.
10. Approval to hire Denise Nelson as Skating Rink Attendant at \$7.25 per hour.

11. Approval of travel for TEC Manager Guy Swenson to attend the MRES Technology Days-Sioux Falls, SD.
12. Approval to hire Sandie Schmidt as a Liquor Store clerk at \$8.86 per hour.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the Board and Commission reports.

Council member Enstad stated that the Joint Powers Board met in December. Council member Strom stated that the Park Board prioritized projects. Mayor Dahnke stated that WACCO meeting is coming up.

**01-14-13-03** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was Marcy Douglas with MRES.

Ms. Marcy Douglas with MRES, and former City Administrator at Northwood, ND next discussed her experience in Northwood, ND when they had a tornado in Northwood. Mr. Douglas showed a video of the events that took place in Northwood in 2007 after the tornado. Mr. Douglas suggested having 6-12 months cash reserves in case of an emergency. FEMA does not cover all expenses in a disaster. Ms. Douglas stated that it is a good idea to have a cash reserve in case of a natural disaster. Council members had not further questions for Ms. Douglas and thanked her for coming tonight.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda is the council minute's summary publication.

Mayor Dahnke stated that this item was discussed at Personnel & Finance portfolio meeting. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that rather than publish the minutes in the Record Review, we would publish the minutes in our monthly newsletter that is sent out with the monthly utility bills. This savings amounts to approximately \$4,000 per year.

Council member Davis stated that everybody gets a utility bill, and this will save the taxpayers' money.

Council member Sylvester questioned why this one item is being brought before the council. Mr. Sylvester stated that we don't want to forget our local businesses. Mr. Sylvester questioned if this reduction is due out of hard feelings, and done out of retaliation, does not support this if invectiveness.

Council member Davis stated he does agree with supporting the local businesses, this is just a cost savings.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the Recodification of the City Code.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that the last time the City Code has been updated was in 2004. It is difficult to update new ordinances in the present City Code. Mr. Rietz was recommending having Ohnstad Twichell re-codify the City Code and have Ohnstad Twichell maintain the City Code. An electronic version of the Code will be available on line and also available at City Hall.

**01-14-13-04** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to authorize Ohnstad Twichell to re-codify our City Code and update the Code when necessary. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the KSTC-TV High School tournaments Memorandum of Understanding.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that our local Minneapolis programming station KCPM has for years had the rights to carry the State High School Tournaments but has lost those rights. This contract authorizes Barnesville Cable TV to air the tournaments via a temporary satellite feed. The cost for this service will be the same as the past, \$0.20 per sub per month for the months of February and March 2013.

**01-14-13-05** Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mrs. Enstad to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between KSTC-TV, LLC and Barnesville Cable TV for the rebroadcast of the 2013 High School tournaments. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke next called on Mr. Dan Lubbesmeyer with People Service. Mr. Lubbesmeyer introduced Mr. Mike Sonmor. Mr. Sonmor is the new employee with People Service assigned to our City.

Mayor Dahnke stated that if any council member is interested in attending the Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat on January 25<sup>th</sup>, to let staff know.

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.

Mr. Jim Cox approached the Council. Mr. Cox stated that he has lived here for 40 years, and is concerned why the Council, other than Mr. Sylvester wants to raise his taxes. Mr. Cox stated that he supports business in Barnesville. Mr. Cox suggested to council that if they have over three million in reserves, to give some of that back to the customers by not raising taxes. Mr. Cox stated that his tax increase is due from the City, not the School or County.

Council member Sylvester thanked Mr. Cox for coming tonight. He stated that the increase was minimal. Mr. Sylvester stated that he hopes that next year they can keep the costs down.

Council member Allmaras stated that we will keep costs down, that we are working on it.

Mayor Dahnke asked if there were any other citizens present to be heard. There were none.

**01-14-13-06** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri Reep  
City Clerk

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Fred Dahnke  
Mayor