

Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2014

Mayor Gene Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Larry Davis, Jr, Don Goedtke, Jason Rick and Cathy Enstad. Others in attendance were, City Administrator Mike Rietz, Chris McShane with Ohnstad Twichell, City Clerk Jeri Reep, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Police Chief Dean Ernst, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Public Works Supt. Terry Ystenes, Dan Lubbesmeyer with People Service, Joel Paulsen with KLJ Engineering, Dan Reger, Tammy Reger, Eric Newel, Margaret Follingstad, Mike Strodtman from MN Rural Water, and Jacob Underlee with the Record Review.

Mayor Prim 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 Prim next asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated the only addition was to add the request to purchase water meters.

04-14-14-01 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Sylvester to approve the agenda, with the addition of the request to purchase water meters. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the consent agenda.

04-14-14-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 10, 2014.
2. Department head reports.
3. Approval of check numbers 77435 – 77610 in the amount of \$641,430.46 and EFT payments in the amount of \$407,510.69.
4. Approval of portfolio for Police, Fire and Ambulance.
5. Approval of portfolio for Emergency Operations Director.
6. Approval of 1st quarter transfers.
7. Approval of travel for City Administrator Mike Rietz to attend the MCMA annual meeting.
8. Approval of travel for City Administrator Mike Rietz to attend the LMC annual conference.
9. Approval of gambling permit for Barnesville Lions Club-July 13-14, 2014.
10. Approval of Pay Estimate #3 for old City Hall elevator project in the amount of \$14,779.15.
11. Accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Kelli Froslic.
12. Accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Rogena Fronning.

13. Approval to hire Amy Fosse as Liquor Store Clerk at \$9.00 per hour.
14. Accept the resignation of Ambulance Manger Jon Yeske effective June 22, 2014.
15. Approval to hire Scott Nelson as Ambulance Manger effective June 2, 2014.
16. Approval of the resignation of Eric Newell from the EDA Board.
17. Approval of the appointment of Margaret Follingstad to the EDA Board.

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

Mayor Prim stated the EDA report was in the packet.

Council member Goedtke stated that the Planning Commission did not meet.

Council member Sylvester stated that the airport would be open soon.

Council member Strom stated the Park information is in the packet.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the public forum.

Mr. Dan Reger next approached the council. Mr. Reger voiced his concern with the amount of pea rock in his yard after the Street Dept. widened the streets this past winter. Mr. Reger questioned who was going to clean up the excess pea rock in people's yards.

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

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the Stoneridge Software renovation plans for Old City Hall.

City Administrator Mike Rietz next presented a breakdown of the plans and cost estimate for Stoneridge Software at Old City Hall. The Liquor, Ordinances and Building committee has looked at the plans and found them acceptable as they did not make any alterations that would prevent the space for being used for other uses in the future. Margaret Follingstad with YHR Partners stated that she has been working with Mr. Newel on the improvements also. Mr. Rietz stated that the estimated costs are \$123,075.00 and spread over the course of a five year lease and amounts to \$24,615.00 per year. The lease rate in the initial draft of the lease was \$11.00 per square foot, which would generate \$29,700 per year in rent. This leaves approximately revenue in the amount of \$5,085.00.

Council member Enstad questioned when this went from a three to a five year lease. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that it has always been a five year lease. Council member Enstad questioned what costs Stoneridge Software would be responsible for. Mrs. Follingstad stated that all permanent change would stay.

Mr. Newel stated that he was concerned about the internet rate, as long as that comes in reasonable; he has no problem with the rate of the contract.

04-14-14-03 Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mr. Davis to approve the plans from YHR Partners estimated cost of \$123,075.00 for the renovation of Old City Hall for office space to be utilized by Stoneridge Software. The following voted aye: council members Rick,

Goedkte, Strom, Davis and Sylvester. The following voted nay: council member Enstad.
Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item to discuss was the public restrooms and kitchen area of Old City Hall.

Council member Sylvester stated that he felt the additions needed to be completed in those areas also.

04-14-14-04 Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mr. Davis to authorize the renovations of the public restrooms and kitchen at Old City Hall as presented by YHR Partners. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the public informational meeting for the Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 1.

Mr. Mike Strodman with MN Rural Water next approached the council discussed with council members discussed the Wellhead Protection in order for the city to meet our statutory requirements for this process. Mr. Strodman stated that he will be assisting in Part 2. The city has had the Wellhead Protection plan for approximately nine years. Mr. Strodman stated that Part 1 has been approved, and the next step is to approve the proposal for the completion of Part II of the Wellhead Protection Plan. The proposal is not to exceed \$5,835.00.

04-14-14-05 Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mr. Goedtker to approve the proposed Wellhead Protection, Part 2, by Marilyn Bayerl of Bayerl Water Resources not to exceed \$5,835.00. Motion carried.

City Attorney John Shockley arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the engineering update with Joel Paulson with KLJ Engineering.

Mr. Joel Paulson with KLJ Engineering next discussed various projects within the City. Mr. Paulson stated that the city has been awarded a grant for walking trails, from the gas station to the Blue Eagle Lake. This project will most likely be completed in 2015-2016.

Mr. Paulson next updated council on the Safe Routes to School project. Mr. Paulson stated that the final approvals should be completed in April. The next step is to approve the bidding of the Safe Routes to School, contingent on the MN Dept. of Transportation acceptance of the bids.

04-14-14-06 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the bidding of the Safe Routes to School project, contingent on the MN Dept. of Transportation acceptance of the bids. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulson next discussed some damage to the city's lagoons, from the primary to secondary ponds. Mr. Paulson stated that there has been some erosion damage. There is some rip rap that will need to be repaired, along with the cracks in the abatement. The secondary lagoon has a high amount of sludge. Mr. Paulson will contact the MPCA for a solution to these issues.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of bonds for the fiber to the premise project.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that an offer to Midwest Bank was declined for the fiber to the premise project. Mr. Todd Hagen with Ehlers & Associates will continue to negotiate with other entities. Mr. Hagen will continue to negotiate sales and report back to the City Council.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-03.

04-14-14-07 Motion by Mrs. Enstad and second by Mr. Rick to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-03. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2014-03

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICES.

The City Council of the City of Barnesville does hereby ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council did previously Ordinance No. 2013-4 an ordinance to establish charges and,

WHEREAS, the Telephone/Electric/Cable TV (T.E.C.) Advisory Board for the City of Barnesville has recommended the following rates and charges for residential and commercial electric services;

NOW, THEREFORE, Ordinance No. , 2013-4 is hereby replaced as follows

MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC UTILITIES - RULES AND REGULATIONS, RATES, CHARGES AND COLLECTIONS

Section 1. Code Requirement.

All wiring, connections and appurtenances shall be installed and performed strictly in accordance with the National Electrical Code. Failure to install or maintain the same in accordance therewith or failure to have or permit required inspections shall, upon discovery by the City, be an additional ground for termination of electrical service to any consumer.

Section 2. Services.

New or changed service installations shall be made at the expense of the consumer, placed underground where designated by the City (refers to the exact buried location and whether the service should go to the transformer or closest pedestal), and the meter location shall also be designated by the City (refers to mounting the meter inside or outside of the building, on the building or at the transformer). Overhead service installations may be permitted by the City

- A. Temporarily during new construction;
- B. Temporarily during an emergency to prevent danger to persons or property;
- C. For a period of not more than seven months when soil conditions make excavation for underground service impractical; or
- D. Where to require underground service, the consumer has shown that such requirement is unduly burdensome.

Section 3. Electrical Installations.

All electrical installations shall comply with the following, where applicable:

- A. Soft starts may be required (as determined by the city's electrical engineer) for 20 to 30 HP motors and are required for motors larger than 30 hp. The City may, at its option, make an exception if the total connected motor load required is smaller than the consumer connected load, and the motor starting current is less than the current corresponding to the consumer's total connected load.
- B. Any establishment having a total motor load of 125 HP or more is required to have 440 volts for its motor load.
- C. All motor installations of less than 5 HP shall be supplied with 240 volt single phase energy except: (1) motors of 1/2 HP or smaller may be 120 volt; or (2) three phase motors of 3 HP or more may be served from existing secondary power circuits where only service wires and meters are required.
- D. The City shall make an installation charge for extraordinary expenses required by a consumer.

Section 4. Replacing or Converting to Underground.

- A. Converting to Underground. The City may, at its option and at its expense, convert any present service where no change is otherwise required by the consumer, from overhead to underground. Where this is done, the City shall only cover and refill the trench and other ditching maintenance or repair, and all subsequent changing and repairing of the service shall be the obligation of the consumer.

- B. Replacing. Nothing herein shall prevent the City from replacing an overhead service with the same type.
- C. Meters and Placement Service. Placement of services and meters shall be determined by the City.

Section 5 Installation of Electric By-Pass Switches

A. RESIDENTIAL:

- 1. New Housing
All metered electric services will be equipped with an ELECTRIC BY-PASS SWITCH.
- 2. Existing Housing
When the existing metered electric service is upgraded or replaced an ELECTRIC BY-PASS SWITCH will be installed.

B. INDUSTRIAL/COMMERICAL:

- 1. New Buildings
All metered electric services will be equipped with an ELECTRIC BY-PASS SWITCH.
- 2. Existing Buildings
When the existing metered electric service is upgraded or replaced an ELECTRIC BY-PASS SWITCH will be installed.

C. FAILURE TO COMPLY:

In the event a contractor, home owner or building owner fails to comply with this ordinance an electric meter will not be installed and the electric service cables will not be connected to the Barnesville Municipal Power distribution system.

Section 6. Reconnection / Service Charges

Reconnection services will occur only during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Holidays, providing:

- A. Current bill, penalties service order charge and reconnect fee of \$100.00 are paid in full; however, should the customer request reconnection outside of the above mentioned regular business hours or on holidays, the reconnect fee shall be \$200.00.
- B. Formal payback agreement is established within the city utilities which shall include the reconnect fee whether it is \$100.00 or \$200.00.
- 1. Failure of the customer to adhere to the payment plan as established by the Barnesville Utilities shall result in immediate disconnection of service.

- C. Relocates: Relocating an established electric service from one location to another. \$19.95 Administrative fee applies.

Section 7 Electric Heating System Regulations

A. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR.

Every person whom violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he/she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof.

Section 8 Electric Rate Schedules

A. RATE SCHEDULE #1:

GENERAL SINGLE PHASE service Residential: (RL1 & AR1)(HP-2 & HP-4 Summer Rate)

	Current	July 2014
Base Charge	\$13.50	\$14.00
Energy Charge:		
June – August	\$.1040 per kwh	\$.1130 per kwh
September – May	\$.0945 per kwh	\$.0960 per kwh

Available to all residential customers.

B. RATE SCHEDULE #2:

GENERAL SINGLE PHASE service Commercial: (RC1 & DI1)

	Current	July 2014
Base Charge	\$16.50	\$17.00
Energy Charge:		
June – August	\$.1050 per kwh	\$.1120 per kwh
September – May	\$.0975 per kwh	\$.0980 per kwh

Available to commercial customers for single phase service

C. RATE SCHEDULE #3

GENERAL THREE PHASE SERVICE: (GS6 & DI9)

	Current	July 2014
Base Charge	\$22.75	\$23.50
Energy Charge:		
June – August	\$.1050 per kwh	\$.1120 per kwh
September - May	\$.0975 per kwh	\$.0980 per kwh

Available to all customers for three phase service with a calculated demand of 20 KW or less

D. RATE SCHEDULE #4

LARGE POWER THREE PHASE SERVICE (LP1 & DI1)

	Current	July 2014
Base Charge	\$37.00	\$38.00
Demand Charge		
All kw:		
June – August	\$12.75 per kw	\$13.90 per kw
September – May	\$10.30 per kw	\$10.30 per kw
Energy Charge		
All kwh	\$.0530 per kwh	\$.0530 per kwh

Available to all customers for three phase service with a calculated demand over 20 KW. Billing demand to be the maximum measured during any 15 minute interval during the billing period.

E. RATE SCHEDULE #6

SECURITY LIGHTS: (YL1)

	Current	July 2014
Charge per light	\$12.25 per month	No Change

Available to all customers for un-metered lights, 200 watts or less, owned, installed and maintained by the City.

SECURITY FLOOD LIGHTS: (YL2)

	Current	July 2014
Charge per light	\$24.50per month	No Change

Available to all commercial customers for un-metered lights, 200 watts or greater, owned, installed and maintained by the City.

F. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

1. Residential Customers: any electric service which includes the primary residence of any person or people.
2. Commercial Customers: any electric service which does not include the primary RESIDENCE of any person or people.
3. Base Charge: Applies to all services where a meter is required to measure energy or demand usage. The base charge does not apply to those meters installed where the only purpose is to measure energy utilized by dual fuel or off peak heating sources.

G. CHARGE TO DELIVER DISCONNECT NOTICES

1. A charge of \$25.00 will be applied to utility accounts when in the process of collecting past due charges for electricity it is necessary to hand carry and post a disconnect notice at the customer premise.
2. This charge will be waived one time per customer account.
3. This charge does not apply to notices delivered by mail.

Section 9 Electric Rate Incentives

A Dual Fuel Services (OP-1 & OP-2) (HP-1 & HP3 Winter Rate)

	Current	July 2014
Dual Fuel Service Rate:		
June – August	\$.1040 per kwh	\$.1130 per kwh
September - May	\$.0465 per kwh	\$.0470 per kwh

This rate is available to all customers with a dual fuel heating system (Including Heat Pumps) controlled by the city's load management system. To qualify:

1. A heating system must use electricity as its primary source of heat; and
2. The secondary source of heat must be fossil fuel, thermostatically controlled and capable of heating the structure to 68 degrees and maintaining that temperature; and
3. The dual fuel load shall be metered separately. Metering may be subtractive or direct metered
4. The customer must make a five year commitment to the program.
5. Tampering with, bypassing or in any way rendering the electric heat

control inoperative will result in the immediate and permanent loss of the dual fuel rate, and, at council discretion, may result in criminal charges for theft of services.

- 6. Failure to fulfill the 5 year commitment will result in the immediate and permanent loss of the dual fuel rate.

B. Dual Fuel Incentive for Existing Buildings

An incentive will be offered for all customers converting to a dual fuel system.

A \$300.00 incentive will be paid to all customers that convert from an all electric heated home to a qualified dual fuel heating system. (ref section 9,A,1 - 5).

A \$100.00 incentive will be paid to all customers that that convert from a fossil fuel heating system to a qualified dual fuel heating system. (ref section 9,A,1 - 5).

C. Dual Fuel Incentive for New Construction

A \$200.00 one-time payment will be made to the general contractor.

D. Financing for Dual Fuel Installations

All new approved dual fuel heating installations are eligible for a 5 year, 6% annual interest loan of up to \$2,000.00. This loan will be paid back in equal monthly installments on the customer's utility bill. Loans for commercial customers will require prior approval by the T.E.C. Advisory Board or the City Council.

E. Off Peak Services

	Current	July 2014
Off Peak Service Rate:		
June – August	\$.1040 per kwh	\$.1130 per kwh
September - May	\$.0465 per kwh	\$.0470 per kwh

This rate is available for electric thermal storage (ETS) space heaters, under concrete slab electric heating systems and electric heated liquid filled under concrete slab heating systems. Off Peak Services must be metered separately and controlled by the city's load management system. Central Air-conditioners and water heaters do not qualify for the off peak rate, Ref paragraph F for water heater incentives and paragraph G for Central Air-conditioner incentives.

F. Water Heater Incentive Program

All electric water heaters are required to be connected to / and controlled by the city's load management system.

All customers shall be eligible for a rebate of \$2.00 per gallon for the installation of a new electric water heater with a storage capacity of at least 50 gallons. This rebate increases to \$3.00 per gallon for new water heaters with a minimum storage capacity of 80 gallons. The rebate shall be credited on the customer's utility bill as soon as the following are provided. Demand water heaters without storage do not qualify for this rebate.

1. Proof of purchase and installation of a qualifying water heater; and
2. Verification by electric utility personnel that the load controls have been installed and properly wired.
3. Tampering with, bypassing or in any way rendering the water heater control inoperative will result in the immediate loss of the water heater rebate. The customer will be responsible for all costs associated with the replacement and reconnection of the load controller including the cost of the replacement controller, any administrative fees, and, at council discretion, may result in criminal charges for destruction of property.

This incentive is limited to one rebate per address during any 5-year period. : (Water heater incentive subject to budget availability).

G. Central Air Conditioning Incentive Program

A \$5.00 per month credit is available to all customers that allow their central air-conditioner to be controlled by the city's load management system. This credit is available for the months of June through August. Qualifications for this rebate are;

1. Customer must have a central air-conditioning system such as a ducted or hi-velocity system. Window units and ductless mini split systems are not eligible.
2. Air-source heat pumps and geothermal heat pumps qualify if they are controlled by the city's load management system and are not receiving the dual fuel rate.

H. Distributed Generation Interconnection for Co-generation and Small Power Production.

1. The Distributed Generation Workbook is part of this ordinance and requires that;

2. All “Qualifying Facilities” must comply with the Distributed Generation Workbook. The Distributed Generation Workbook is available at City Hall.
3. All “Qualifying Facilities” must maintain insurance and submit proof of insurance certificates to City Hall annually.
4. All “Qualifying Facilities” will be charged an Application Fee of \$50.00 for a small Qualifying Facility and a \$250.00 to \$1,500.00 Application Fee for a large Qualifying Facility based on interconnection type and load (kw) size as detailed in the Generation Interconnection Application Fees in Section 9, Page 10 of the Distributed Generation Workbook.
5. Any changes to the generation or interconnection of a Qualifying Facility must be submitted to City Hall in writing 60 days before the proposed changes are to take effect.

I. Electric Trenching Rebate.

1. This rebate is available to all home builders or contractors to help defray the costs trenching associated with the installation of the underground electric service drop for new homes.
2. One \$250.00 rebate will be paid out to the general contractor per new home constructed within the Barnesville Municipal Utility service area provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. Contractor must submit an “Electric Trenching Rebate” invoice for \$250.00 to the City of Barnesville.
 - b. Submission must include proof of closing, including the address of the home and name of home owner.
 - c. Submission must be made to the City within 6 months of closing.

Section 10 Transfers to General Fund

A. Operating Transfer Calculation.

1. The operating transfer to the City of Barnesville’s General Fund is determined annually during the budget process. To meet the financial goals of the electric fund and provide a reasonable transfer to the General Fund to meet its revenue resource requirements, a transfer rate of \$0.0095

per kwh sold to the Residential, General Service, Large Power, Dual Fuel, and Off-peak Classes of service.

2. Additional transfers may be authorized by the City Council provided that an unplanned, or emergency, expenditure out of the general fund budget occurs and it is necessary to fund said expenditure out of additional transfers from the utility provided that a ~~five-sixth~~ majority vote of all members of the City Council is required to authorize an additional transfer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and enactment, followed by publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Barnesville City Council this 14th day of April, 2014.

APPROVED:

Eugene Prim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

First Reading: March 10, 2014
Second Reading: April 14, 2014
Adopted: April 14, 2014
Publication: April 21, 2014

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of Summary Ordinance 2014-03.

04-14-14-08 Motion by Mrs. Enstad and second by Mr. Rick to approve the summary ordinance 2014-03. Motion carried.

SUMMARY ORDINANCE 2014-03

The following Ordinance is hereby published by title and summary:

- 1. Title of Ordinance:**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICES.

2. Summary of Ordinance Changes:

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Mayor Prim sated the next item on the agenda was the Viacom contract update.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that NCTC has finalized the contract with Viacom. Mr. Swenson stated that he spoke to TEC Board members, and they were all in agreement to opt out of the contract, and turn the channels off at the end of the month. Mr. Swenson stated that the costs to continue with Viacom were just way to high to participate in.

Mr. Swenson was asking for council approval to authorize the TEC Board members to authorize channels to be added to replace the channels that we will be losing in the very near future.

04-14-14-09 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to authorize TEC Board members to replace channels on the Cable TV lineup at their discretion. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the jet truck purchase.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that this is a request for a new jet truck as recommended by the Public Works committee authorizing \$135,000 for this purchase.

Staff is recommending mounting the new sewer jetting equipment on the truck chassis we are currently using because that truck has low mileage and in good condition. This equipment will be purchased off the Minnesota state bid, so that meets our competitive bidding requirements.

04-14-14-10 Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mr. Davis to approve the purchase of a new jet truck from Trenchers Plus, not to exceed \$135,000.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the water meter purchase.

City Administrator Mike Rietz was asking for approval of the purchase of 600 water meters and 600 AMI units, not to exceed \$120,000.00. Mr. Rietz stated with the Fiber to the Premise project scheduled, scheduling appointments to get into everyone's homes that this would be a good time to change water meters. To pay for this, staff recommendation is to use the \$120,000 of the \$150,000 that we have allocated from the Water fund to Ehlers Investment Partners for investment. We are basically buying the next 6 years of meters in advance and we would continue to budget the \$20,000 we have been in the water fund for the next six years to replenish those reserves.

04-14-14-11 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Sylvester to approve the purchase of 600 water meters and 600 AMI units, not to exceed \$120,000.00. Staff is recommending using the \$120,000 of the \$150,000 that we have allocated from the Water fund to Ehlers Investment Partners for investment to pay for this purchase. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the natural gas discussion.

Mayor Prim next updated council members with a timeline with the conversations with Excel Energy regarding the possibility of natural gas for the city of Barnesville. Mayor Prim felt that this is a unique opportunity for the City. Mayor Prim was setting Monday, April 21st for a special meeting to discuss this opportunity.

Mayor Prim stated that if any council member wishes to attend the League of MN Cities annual conference, to let staff know.

04-14-14-12 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Eugene Prim
Mayor

