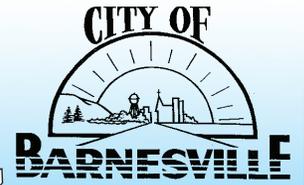


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FIBER TO THE PREMISE AND WATER METERS!

Barnesville Residents:

Starting in the next few weeks, residents will begin receiving phone calls from our contractor Time Communication to schedule a time for Inside/Out personnel to come into your home and complete the fiber connection in your basement.

If you receive a phone message, please return their call.

Please note that People Service staff may come with Inside/Out to upgrade your water meter and water meter reader.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall: CLOSED Thursday January 1 and Monday, Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Liquor Store: OPEN Wed. Dec. 31: Noon - 9 pm
CLOSED Thursday, January 1

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 9 and Friday, January 23.** Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2015; some of the City of Barnesville utility rates are changing:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$4.92
- Water usage charge increase to \$2.69
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$2.69 month-

These changes will be reflected on the utility bills which residents receive in February.

WE NOW OFFER ONLINE BILL PAY
Just go to www.barnesvillemn.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Gene Prim, Barnesville City Council and all the City of Barnesville employees wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!

DID YOU SWITCH TO NATURAL GAS?

If you are an off peak or dual fuel customer who has switched from propane to natural gas, please call City Hall at 354-2292 to notify us of this change.

STAY OFF BLUE EAGLE LAKE!

Residents are reminded that the ice on Blue Eagle Lake is very thin due to aerators running all winter. While you can ice fish on the lake, for your own safety, look for the areas where thin ice signs are posted and avoid those spots.

NEW CABLE TV CHANNELS!

On January 1, Barnesville Cable TV customers can enjoy two new channels. Look for Oxygen on channel 58 and NBCSN on channel 109!

COLD WEATHER IS OUR ENEMY...

With January just around the corner, the really cold weather will soon be here. When it gets cold people tend to turn up the heat in their houses, in addition to regular electric use. When everyone in town does this, the community's demand for power can reach a point that the City's wholesale cost for electricity increases dramatically. If this happens, we are forced to raise everyone's rates.

EVERYONE can help keep electric costs down by reducing electric consumption between 7-10 am and 4-9 pm. When possible, wash and dry clothes, and run the dishwasher during the day or when you go to bed. Working together will save us all money!

WE NEED TO READ YOUR METER!

As the winter progresses and the snow continues to pile up, City residents are asked to make sure a pathway is clear to all meters. If the meter readers are unable to read your meters, your bills will be estimated in the winter months.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • November 10, 2014

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

Mayor Gene Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Larry Davis, Jr, Jason Rick, Don Goedtke, Richard Sylvester and Cathy Enstad. Absent was council member Betty Strom.

11-10-14-01 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Old City Hall elevator project pay estimate No. 7. Motion carried.

11-10-14-02 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

11-10-14-03 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to open the public hearing on the property maintenance assessments at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

11-10-14-04 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to close the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

11-10-14-05 Motion Davis, second Enstad to post-pone the assessments for Mr. Dennis Braton's property until Nov. 26, 2014.

11-10-14-06 Motion Davis, second Rick to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for the property assessments for the Dennis Braton property. Motion carried.

11-10-14-07 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to grant an extension to the Lyle Miller property until May 1, 2015. Motion carried.

11-10-14-08 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the following property maintenance assessments. Motion carried.

11-10-14-09 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to continue the hearing on the Modification of TIF District 1-3 at 8:02 p.m. and to close the hearing on the Modification of TIF District 1-3 at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

11-10-14-10 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the following resolution, a resolution adopting a modification to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 1. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Davis, Sylvester, and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Absent: Strom. Motion carried.

11-10-14-11 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to open the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. for the 2015 tax abatements. Motion carried.

11-10-14-12 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to close the public hearing on the 2015 tax abatements at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

11-10-14-13 Motion Goedtke, second Davis to approve the following resolution, a resolution authorizing a property tax abatement for qualified property owners. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. The following voted nay: none. The following were absent: Strom. Motion carried.

11-10-14-14 Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the following resolution, a resolution authorizing a property tax abatement program. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Davis, Sylvester, and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Absent: Strom. Motion carried.

11-10-14-15 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the following resolution, a resolution adopting assessment. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Davis, and Enstad. Voted nay: Sylvester. Absent: Strom. Council member Sylvester stated that he objects to all citizens paying for this project. Motion carried.

11-10-14-16 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve and authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to execute the WDAY Retransmission consent Agreement. Motion carried.

11-10-14-17 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to execute the Scripps network Renewal Contract. Motion carried.

11-10-14-18 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to approve the buy down of 50 hours from Otter Tail Power in the amount of \$6,450.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



CITY BOARD OPPORTUNITIES!

The success of local government ultimately depends on the willingness of well-informed, engaged individuals to step into leadership roles to help advise or guide policy on city goals, operations, and resources.

Serving on an advisory committee is an excellent way to serve your community, become more informed about your local government and it can be a very rewarding experience.

Current Board Openings

Parks & Recreation Board

Purpose: Responsible for the management and operation of public parks and recreational facilities and programs.

Date: Last Thursday of each month

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Planning Commission

Purpose: Advises the City Council on the future physical development of the city. The board conducts studies and investigations and makes reports and recommendations on matters affecting zoning, platting and public information.

Date: 1st Monday of every month

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chambers

If you are interested in serving on these boards, contact City Administrator Mike Rietz at 354-2292 or mrietz@bvillemn.net



Don't throw away those old tangled up Xmas lights that don't work. Through January, take them to the Barnesville Recycling Center. All of the lights will be taken apart by disabled folks and most of the parts will be recycled.