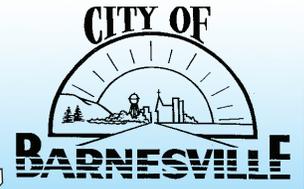


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CHANGES TO CABLE LINE-UP CARD

As of December 31, Bloomberg (Channel 57) and Soapnet (Channel 94) will no longer be available and will be removed from our Cable line-up. In early January, watch for CNBC on Channel 96 of our digital line-up.

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.

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2014; some of the City of Barnesville utility rates are changing:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$4.78
- Water usage charge increase to \$2.61
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$2.61 month
- Preferred Cable increases by \$2.00

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

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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

STAY OFF BLUE EAGLE LAKE!

Residents are reminded that the ice on Blue Eagle Lake is very thin due to aerators running all winter. For your own safety, all people and pets should stay off the lake until ice is off.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall: CLOSED Wednesday January 1 and Monday, Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Liquor Store: OPEN Tues. Dec. 31: Noon - 9 pm
CLOSED Wednesday, January 1

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 10 and Friday, January 24.** Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

It's that time of the year with lots of family gathering and holiday celebrations. It's also that time of the year, when lots of unusual things seem to get flushed down the toilet. We've all seen funny toilet videos, but have you ever thought about what happens when these items enter the City's wastewater system?

Below is a link to a great little video of a Spokane lab showing what flushes down the toilet yet causes all sorts of problems on the wastewater system. We'll also put a link on the City's website. Check it out at www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLTVqkXVvNk.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • November 12 , 2013

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

Mayor Dahnke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Cathy Enstad, Larry Davis, Jr. and Jason Rick.

- 11-12-13-01 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-02 Motion Davis, second Enstad to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Sylvester questioned why the gambling permit for the Barnesville VFW did not have the proper signatures. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-03 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-04 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve a resolution appointing Don Goedtke to the City Council. Voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, Sylvester, and Enstad. Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-05 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to accept the Stalker Lidar XLR radar unit, estimated value of \$2,395.00 from Mr. Tom Kummrow with the MN Dept. of Public Safety. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-06 Motion Davis, second Strom to open the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. for the property maintenance assessments. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-07 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-08 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to approve the presented property maintenance assessments and to allow an extension to the Lyle Miller property of seven months, which will be May 2014, to remove the Arnie Nosal property, and to remove the James Tansem property. Council member Jason Rick questioned if any of the Dennis Braton property is in compliance now. Police Officer Ryan Beattie stated that Mr. Barton's property still is in violation. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-09 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to rent the space of Old City Hall to Mr. Eric Newell with Stoneridge Software, and to enter into a formal lease. Council member Enstad stated that if we don't put the elevator in now, we would have to start all over again from the beginning for a grant. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Davis and Sylvester. Voted nay: Strom and Enstad. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-10 Motion Rick, second Davis to accept the bid from Bob Brislin & Son Construction Co. in the amount of \$284,00, Alt. #A-1, in the amount of \$18,900, Alt. #A-2 in the amount of \$13,500, Alt. #A-3 in the amount of \$6,700. The following is Option A: Approve the current bids and move forward from the project. This would not necessarily require extension of the grant deadline unless we run into construction delays. This option would require using local money to fund the roughly \$180,000 that is not included in the grant. Since this is an unbudgeted expense, this money would have to come out of the reserves. Staff recommends using sewer fund reserves and set up what is called a "due to/due from" arrangement where the general fund would pay back the sewer fund over time. This would essentially be an internal loan from one fun to another. Staff chose the sewer fund because this fund seems most able to make this kind of loan out of its reserves. This does not involve any of the replacement fund money. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-11 Motion Sylvester, second Strom to approve the bid from Mid-States Asbestos Removal in the amount of \$6,850.00 including Alternate #1 in the amount of \$1,200.00. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-12 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the payment of \$179,318.91 to KLJ Engineering for payment number 1 for the Improvement District 2013-1 project. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-13 Motion Sylvester, second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the Change Order #1 from KLJ Engineering in the amount of \$2,550.00 for the Improvement District 2013-1. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-14 Motion Rick, second by Mrs. Strom to approve the KLJ Task Order #2, authorized to proceed with the Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$22,500.00. Motion carried.

- 11-12-13-15 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the hiring of Wayne Nosal for the seasonal Public Works employee at \$14.00 per hour. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-16 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-11, an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning map of the City. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-17 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the following election results. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-18 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to approve an election resolution. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-19 Motion Strom, second Enstad to authorize staff to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between KSTC-TV and Barnesville Cable TV for the rebroadcast of the 2013-2014 High School tournaments. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-20 Motion Enstad, second Davis to not to change the HBO and Cinemax or HBO/Cinemax combo rates at this time. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-21 Motion Enstad, second Strom to authorize Communication Consultants to prepare the Fiber to the Home bid packets. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-22 Motion Enstad, second Sylvester to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to participate in the National Cable Television cooperative Game Show Network Pre-Commitment model. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-23 Motion Sylvester, second Enstad to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the agreement with Genband Care 360 C-15 2014 service and support agreement in the amount of \$30,547.00. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-24 Motion Enstad, second Sylvester to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the Onvoy voice services contract renewal. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-25 Motion Rick, second Strom to close the meeting at 8:51 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-26 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to re-open the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.
- 11-12-13-27 Motion Davis, second Rick to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried.

TOAST OF THE TOWN **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**



Mark your calendar for the 6th Annual Toast of the Town to be held on **Saturday, February 1** at the Galaxie Sports Bar & Supper Club from 7:30-9:30, sponsored by the Barnesville Main Street Program.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple and are available at the Main Street office, Genex, Tesoro beginning in late January.

This fun and casual event will include wine and beer sampling, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and door prizes.

All funds raised support beautification efforts in Barnesville - flowers for baskets and planters, welcome signs and more!

Plan to join your friends for a special night out, enjoy some fun and support a great cause!

For more info call Main Street at 354-2479.

