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WATCH TOURNAMENTS - CHANNEL 12

Once again this year, Barnesville Cable TV is pleased to provide live coverage of High School Sports Tournaments on Channel 12. Tournament coverage dates are:

Boys Hockey.....March 4-7

Boys Basketball.....March 12-14

Girls Basketball.....March 19-21

The live feed will begin a few minutes before the games and end once the game is over.

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR NEW FIBER?

If Inside-Out crews have been to your home and completed the final fiber connection and you're experiencing any kinds of problems, be sure to connect City Hall at 354-2292 and we'll send the right people over to solve the problem!

WHY DO I NEED A LAND LINE?

Many customers have asked, "Now that we have fiber why do I need to have a land line for my internet service?"

Barnesville Municipal Telephone is subject to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) tariff. The NECA tariff ensures smaller rural telephone companies have the financial resources to support the lines that deliver the internet to your home. Those resources come from the phone line charges or an additional NECA-imposed fee on the internet charge.

The NECA tariff allows us to offer High Speed internet with or without phone service. When we offer High Speed internet without phone service, NECA requires the internet charge be increased by \$64.86 for all levels of internet service.

Compare this amount to the cost of the phone line at \$27.00 plus tax, having the phone line is much more economical.

Don't forget, internet customers that also have Barnesville Cable TV, Barnesville Long distance and the phone line can take advantage of our "Package Discount" (similar to bundling) up to \$30 per month depending on your internet level!

MAIN STREET'S SHOWCASE 2015 SET FOR SATURDAY MARCH 28



Make your plans now to attend Showcase 2015 on **Saturday, March 28** at the High School from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**.

Plan to spend the day taking in 45 booths, entertainment and the food court. The City's booth will examples of neat things you can do with your fiber connection, tips on conserving energy and info on Bright Energy Solutions rebates. Be sure to stop by the booth and pick-up your **Free CFL lightbulb!**

IT'S EASY - BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City offers several convenient ways to make bill paying easy! Customers may choose to automatically pay their bills with either VISA or Mastercard or do an auto withdrawal from your checking account. Call 354-2292 to get started.

2 YEAR PROPERTY TAX REBATE!

Thinking about building a new home? Now is the time. Receive a 2 year property tax rebate for homes built in 2015 or 2016, in addition to a free utility incentive, valued at up to \$1,500. Lots are going fast. Lots including specials starting at \$16,744. Call the EDA office at 354-2145 for all the details on making your dream come true!

SAVE \$10 ON SEASON GOLF PASSES

Believe it or not, golf season is just around the corner. Purchase your season membership between now and **April 15** and you will save \$10.

A 2015 Season Pass for a husband and wife is only \$ 350, an adult membership is only \$ 250, immediate family living in the same household is \$ 390 and students are \$ 85. Stop by City Hall during regular business hours to purchase your discounted pass - **hurry discount ends April 15!**

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • January 12, 2015

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

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

01-12-15-01 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-12-15-02 Motion Strom, second Sylvester to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-12-15-03 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to open the public hearing for the wastewater facilities plan at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

01-12-15-04 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to close the public hearing for the wastewater facilities plan at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

01-12-15-05 Motion Goedtke, second Strom to approve a resolution adopting the Facilities Plan. Voted aye: Goedtke, Strom, Rick, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

01-12-15-06 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the water billing procedure. Staff will review water bills on a case by case basis for customers who call and state that they were running extra water to keep their water lines from freezing and to make an adjustment to the sewer bill based on the average usage in January – March 2013, and to make an adjustment to the water bill in 1000 cubic foot increments if the usage exceeds their average in January –March 2013, by a minimum of 1000 cubic feet. Motion carried.

01-12-15-07 Motion Sylvester to purchase the de-icer line thawer, not to exceed \$3,000.00. There was no second to motion. Motion failed.

01-12-15-08 Motion Strom, second Goedtke to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-01, an Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 1, Subdivisions 2 and 4 of Chapter 7-09 of the Municipal Code, Accessory Structures in Residential Districts. Motion carried.

01-12-15-09 Motion Strom, second Goedtke to approve the summary Ordinance 2015-01. Motion carried.

01-12-15-10 Motion Goedtke, second Strom to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-02, an Ordinance relating to gas franchise adopting and fee. Council member Sylvester questioned Section C. Sara Nyhus-Wear with Ohnstad Twichell informed Mr. Sylvester that this section in question was in the agreement that was approved by council. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that this section protects the City. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, and Enstad. Voted nay: Sylvester. Motion carried.

01-12-15-11 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the Summary Ordinance 2015-02. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, and Enstad. Voted nay: council member Sylvester. Motion carried.

01-12-15-12 Motion Strom, second Sylvester to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-03, Ordinance regarding refuse collection fees. Motion carried.

01-12-15-13 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-04, an Ordinance regarding ambulance fees. Motion carried.

01-12-15-14 Motion Strom, second Sylvester to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-05. Motion carried.

01-12-15-15 Motion Strom, second Sylvester to approve the summary Ordinance 2015-05. Motion carried.

01-12-15-16 Motion Strom, second Sylvester to approve the following resolution, a revised resolution committing fund balance for specific purposes. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

01-12-15-17 Motion Strom, second Goedtke to approve the existing home housing incentive program. Motion carried.

01-12-15-18 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to approve the Teamsters Local 120 police union contract for two years. Motion carried.

01-12-15-19 Motion Strom, second Enstad to approve and authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to execute the BBC 1 year Affiliation Agreement extension. Motion carried.

01-12-15-20 Motion Strom, second Sylvester to approve and authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the agreement with Genband 2015 Service and Support Agreement. Motion carried.

01-12-15-21 Motion Enstad, second Goedtke to approve and authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to execute the KVLV (gray television) Retransmission consent term sheet. Motion carried.

01-12-15-22 Motion Enstad, second Sylvester to approve and authorize TEC Manger Guy Swenson to execute the KVRN Retransmission Consent Agreement for 2015-2017. Motion approved.

01-12-15-23 Motion Sylvester, second Strom to approve the resolution for the renewal of the partnership agreement with MNDOT and Clay County for salt/sand storage building. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

01-12-15-24 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve an inter-fund loan in the amount of \$200,000 to the EDA. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis and Sylvester. Voted nay: Enstad. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

BECOME A MAIN STREET MEMBER!

The 2015 Main Street Membership Drive is now underway! If you have been a member of Main Street please support the program again.

If you're interested in becoming a member, give us a call at 354-2479. Your dollars will go to support our community events. Membership starts at only \$15.

UPCOMING MAIN STREET EVENTS

Showcase 2015

Saturday, March 28

Rummage Sales

Fri. May 1 & Sat. May 2

Golf Tournament

Tuesday, June 16

Community Picnic

Thursday, July 30

WARNING

PREVENT WATER LINE FREEZE-UPS!

To Insure That The Water Line To Your Home Does Not Freeze, Check The Water Temperature Regularly. If It Drops Below 40 Degrees, Leave One Faucet Open To Run A Trickle About The Size Of Pencil Lead.

Frozen Water Lines Are The Responsibility Of The Property Owner, Not The City!



Due to the cold weather and the lack of snow cover this winter, the frost table is lower than most years. This can cause frozen water service lines and there have already been a few in Barnesville.

An indicator of an impending water service line freeze-up is to check the temperature of your water after running it 2-3 minutes until it is cold. The water temperature should be about 45 degrees. If the temperature is 41 degrees or below, frost may be getting close to your service line. **You can prevent your line from freezing by letting the water run at a pencil lead size stream from a faucet.**

If you start running your water please call City Hall so we can make a bill adjustment to your usage charge. Questions? Call 701.893.8825.

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