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IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

Barnesville residents are reminded that Election Day is **Tuesday, November 4**. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center located at 501 2nd Ave. NE. Please bring a drivers license with your current address. If the address is not current on your photo ID you also need a utility bill with a current address.

To vote by absentee ballot, you first need to complete an absentee ballot application, Forms are available at City Hall, on the Minnesota Secretary of State website or at the Clay County Courthouse.

A sample ballot will appear in the Barnesville Record-Review prior to the election. If you have voting questions, contact City Clerk Jeri Reep at 354-2292.



RESIDENTIAL PHONE RATE INCREASE

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all telcos across the nation, including Barnesville Municipal Telephone increase their local service rate for residential customers to \$16.00. The local service rate for business customers will not increase.

Currently residential customers pay \$14.00 per month. The \$2.00 per month increase will be effective on December 1, 2014.

If you have trouble paying your telephone bill, you may qualify for the federal Lifeline program and/or Minnesota's TAP (Telephone Assistance Plan). For more info see back page.

CITY HALL CLOSED NOV. 11, 27-28

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving.



PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

WATER MAIN FLUSHING OCT. 27 - NOV. 7

PeopleService will be flushing water mains Oct. 27 - Nov. 7. **Much of the flushing will occur after normal business hours.** This may cause some temporary discoloration of your water. To remove the discoloration, just turn on several faucets in or outside your home or business, and leave the water run until it clears.

Welcome to new PeopleService staff - **Mike Kurkowski** and **Eric Mueller!** Water questions? just call (701) 893-8825 or (701) 893-8699.

LED CHRISTMAS LIGHT REBATE

Replace your old incandescent holiday lights with ENERGY STAR qualified LED decorative lights. With LED rebate, **SAVE \$ 3.50 on each strand you purchase**, up to 6 strings. *This is the last year this rebate will be offered.* Download the form at www.brightenergysolutions.com or stop by City Hall. Rebate forms must be postmarked within 30 days of purchase.

VALUABLE COUPON

FIREHALL MUNICIPAL LIQUORS

Front door parking at 104 Main Avenue West

**15% OFF
TOTAL PURCHASE**

Must have original coupon - no photocopies. Limit one coupon per household. Coupon may not be used with other offers, sales or specials.

Coupon expires November 29, 2014

The full version of all Barnesville City Council agendas and minutes, back to 2002 is available on the City of Barnesville website at www.barnesvillemn.com. A summary of minutes from the previous meeting is published in the monthly City newsletter which is mailed out with the utility billing.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • September 8, 2014

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, Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester and Cathy Enstad.

09-08-14-01 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the approval of amendment #1 to KLJ task order #4 to the consent agenda. Motion carried.

09-08-14-02 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

09-08-14-03 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to authorize Mr. Herfindahl to make the necessary arrangements to remove three cottonwood trees in the street behind the property at 306 11th Street SE and that any expense in doing so would be borne by Mr. Herfindahl. Motion carried.

09-08-14-04 Motion Davis, second Strom to table the Resolution Adopting the Assessment Roll for Improvement District 2013-1 and reschedule the public hearing to October 13, 2014. Motion carried.

09-08-14-05 Motion Rick, second Davis to approved the 2015 Preliminary Levy Resolution with a 10.64% increase in the levy. All voted in favor.

09-08-14-06 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the 2015 Preliminary Budget Resolution. All voted in favor.

09-08-14-07 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the revised Use of City Facilities policy as presented. Motion carried.

09-08-14-08 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-06 - Gas Piping Permit. Motion carried.

08-11-14-09 Motion Sylvester, second Strom to approve the payment to Arvig Construction Payment #2 in the amount of \$281,580.99. Motion carried

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Special Meeting • September 24, 2014

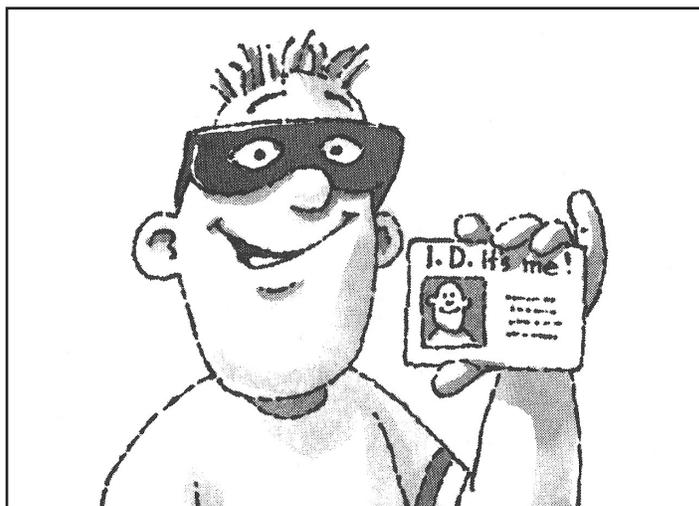
Mayor Gene Prim called this special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Council members Betty Strom, Larry Davis, Jr., Jason Rick, Richard Sylvester, Don Goedtke and Cathy Enstad.

09-24-14-01 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-06. Pursuant to Chapter 5, Section 3 of the Barnesville City Charter, the City Council deems this ordinance to be an emergency ordinance, due to the need to inspect newly installed gas piping in an efficient and safe manner, prior to the onset of cold weather. This is matter of public safety and is due to the short construction season in central Minnesota. Motion carried. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Barnesville winter parking restrictions state that after a snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles parked on any city street, that is not otherwise posted, must be removed prior to 8 am on the day following the day that the street is first plowed. Vehicles may not be returned until after such street has been widened to its full width.



CALLER ID "SPOOFING" NOTICE

Caller ID service is currently susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing". The term Caller ID Spoofing refers to a practice whereby the calling party uses commonly available technology to falsify the number of the telephone line from which the call is made, the name of the calling party, or both as they appear on the called party's Caller ID screen. This practice has the potential for fraud and harm to the called party.

To protect yourself, do not take what the Caller ID screen displays for granted. If what the caller is saying does not seem legitimate, do not divulge personal information until you can verify the source, by hanging up and calling them back on a verified number (from a mailed statement or printed directory).

Congress is considering new legislation that will take action against these violators. If you would like more information on spoofing, visit www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Lifeline and Link-up are federal and state assistance programs which reduce telephone bills for qualified low-income customers. Lifeline offers a monthly credit up to \$12.75 per month and the Link-up program reduces installation charges for qualified low income customers. You may qualify for these programs if you participate in SSI, Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Free School Lunch or if your household income is below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more info contact City Hall at 354-2292.