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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".

CITY HALL CLOSED NOV. 11, 28-29

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



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BARNESVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

**FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS
OCT. 28 - NOV. 1**

PeopleService will be flushing water mains from Oct. 28 - Nov. 1. This process may cause some temporary discoloration of your water. To remove the discoloration, turn on several faucets in or outside your home or business, and leave the water run until it clears. Questions, call Dan at (701) 893-8825 or Mike at (701) 893-8699.

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.

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Barnesville Cable TV Economy Basic - \$18.95 Preferred Basic - 79 channels \$60.95 **354-2292**

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • September 9, 2013

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

- 09-09-13-01 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the agenda as presented, with the additional item for the agenda was the resolution for the Administrative Hearing Board. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-02 Motion Rick, second Enstad to approve the consent agenda as presented. City Council member Sylvester questioned who conducts exit interviews when an employee leaves. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated the Personnel and Finance portfolio will review the exit interview process. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-03 Motion Sylvester, second by Mrs. Strom to table the appointment of Ward 2 council member until the October regular council meeting. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-04 Motion Rick, second Davis to open the public hearing for the Ernst Annexation at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-05 Motion Davis, second Enstad to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-06 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-09, a ordinance of the City of Barnesville annexing land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 137 north, Range 46 west. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-07 Motion Rick, second Enstad to approve the Summary Ordinance 2013-09. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-08 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the resolution accepting bids. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. The following voted nay: none. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-09 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to table the discussion of the final pay request for the Commercial Park expansion until the October regular council meeting. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-10 Motion Rick, second Strom to table the 2nd floor of Old City Hall improvements discussion to the October regular council meeting. Mr. Rick next rescinded his motion, second by Mrs. Strom to allow for a special meeting. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-11 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the preliminary levy resolution with a 6% increase. Council member Strom stated that she thinks it needs to go lower, to zero. Council member Enstad stated she would like to see it lower also. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the health insurance went up. The following voted aye: Rick, Davis, and Sylvester. The following voted nay: Strom and Enstad. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-12 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to approve the 2014 preliminary budget resolution. Council member Strom stated she would like to reduce some items on the budget, reduce the EDA budget. She stated it was a waste of time for both EDA Director and City Administrator to attend the EDA meetings. Council member Sylvester stated he thought the EDA Director did a good job. Council member Enstad questioned what the EDA Director does. Mr. Jim Braton stated that the EDA Director has invested many dollars in the community, be thankful for their commitment to Barnesville. Councilmember Strom stated she has heard a lot of negative, and would like to reduce the amount of money to the EDA. Council member Enstad stated everything comes back to costs, propose to cutting of EDA. Mr. Tim Thompson stated he was frustrated with the EDA Director and City Administrator, a true lack of miscommunication. Council member Davis stated the city has spent 20 years to build the EDA, the EDA Director has been doing their job, dedicated is not even a word strong enough, gives 110%. Mr. Davis stated he would not be a part of eliminating the EDA. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Rick, Davis, and Sylvester. Nay: Strom and Enstad. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-13 Motion Rick, second Enstad to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-10, a ordinance to amend and reenact Section 5-106 Subd. 2 of the Municipal Code regarding public sidewalk requirements. The following voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, and Enstad. Nay: Sylvester. Motion carried.

- 09-09-13-14 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the Summary Ordinance 2013-10. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-15 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the attendance for City Administrator Mike Rietz to attend the ICMA conference on September 23-25, 2013. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-16 Motion Davis, second Rick to allow an employee to use sick leave instead of vacation leave due to a medical condition. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-17 Motion Rick, second Davis to approve the following resolution. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Council members Rick, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. The following voted nay: None. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-18 Motion Enstad, second Davis to set the November regular council date to Tuesday, November 12. Motion carried.
- 09-09-13-19 Motion Davis, second Rick to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

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