

**Barnesville City Council  
Special Meeting  
March 26, 2007**

Mayor Bauer called this special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Bauer and council members Larry Davis, Jr., Merlin Strom, Kim Simonsen, and Roger Cooper. Absent was Council member Chad Hagen. Others in attendance were City Clerk Jeri Reep, City Attorney John Shockley, TEC Coordinator Guy Swenson, Larry and Pearl Davis, Charles Krekelberg, and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Mayor Bauer stated that the only two items on the agenda was the discussion of the water and sewer charges for apartment buildings, and the discussion of the wheel loader bids.

Mayor Bauer next asked council member Del Ellefson to report to council members the portfolio findings concerning the water and sewer charges for apartment buildings. Council member Ellefson informed council members that he, along with Roger Cooper and City Attorney John Shockley that they have been working on the request from the Davis's concerning the water and sewer charges for their apartment building. Mr. Ellefson stated that it was the recommendation to leave the billing process the way it currently is, with no changes. Mr. Ellefson stated that the charges are based on the infrastructure. City attorney stated that this is a two tiered billing, that the base rate is the cost of the infrastructure, and that this does not cover any usage. The usage charge is based on the number of gallons used, that the water is billed to the owner. Mr. Shockley informed council members that there is no double billing going on.

Council member Chad Hagen arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Mr. Chuck Krekelberg representing Larry and Pearl Davis next approached the council. Mr. Krekelberg stated that he does not agree with what our attorney stated. Mr. Krekelberg felt that this charge is a revenue source for the city, asked what the infrastructure was for. Mr. Krekelberg stated that he did not think this billing was fair, that the city was collecting more from this property than anyone else. Mr. Krekelberg stated that he would like to receive the current water ordinance. Mr. Krekelberg stated that the city should be billing by the number of people in the home.

Mayor Bauer stated that he appreciated the comments from Mr. Krekelberg. Council member Ellefson stated that the committee looked at the charges that everyone pays for a base rate. Council member Davis stated that an elderly person on a fixed income cannot afford the base charges, something has to be changed.

Mayor Bauer stated that no action would be taken at this time.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion of the wheel loader bids. Mayor Bauer questioned the wording in the bid specifications as to what new model consisted of.

City Attorney John Shockley stated the city could investigate the two lowest bids and accept that bid.

**03-26-07-01** Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Davis to re-consider accepting the lowest bid as recommended at the March 14, 2007 council meeting. Motion carried.

Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering stated that the 2006 Cat 924Gz would be the best bid, that the loader is already built, and has a couple of features already on this loader.

Council member Davis informed members that the people that he called for a reference were pleased with the New Holland brand. Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering questioned what the re-sale would be for a New Holland.

**03-26-07-02** Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Davis to accept the bid from Fargo Tractor, the New Holland W130 in the amount of \$72,158.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri L. Reep  
City Clerk

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Kenneth J. Bauer  
Mayor

