

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
January 10, 2011**

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Darin Allmaras, Larry Davis, Jr., Del Ellefson, Jeremy Krause, Jason Rick and Merlin Strom. Others in attendance were City Attorney John Shockley, City Administrator Mike Rietz, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Brad Field, Kim Peterson and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Dahnke asked City Administrator Mike Rietz to take roll call.

The next item on the agenda was the pledge of allegiance. All rose to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Dahnke stated the only item on the agenda was the discussion of the Special Assessments against unsold lots in the new housing Sub-division.

EDA Director Karen Lauer informed council members that the EDA Housing Committee is recommending that action be taken to return the special assessment to the original principal amount on all unsold lots in residential subdivisions. At the time any of these lots are sold or on December 31, 2017, whichever comes first; the City would certify the principal amount at the original term and the original interest amount. Owners of these lots would be required to sign a Developers Agreement with the City agreeing to allow the assessments to be certified at a later date. The Development Agreement would require that all property taxes must be current and remain current, or the special assessments will be immediately certified to the County. In addition, each developer would contribute \$40 per unsold lot, per year to the EDA to be used for marketing.

Mrs. Lauer stated that she has visited with Mr. Todd Hagen with Ehlers & Associates, and he supported this recommendation.

Mrs. Lauer stated that the EDA Housing Committee believes that this will create interest in the un-sold lots.

Council member Jason Rick stated that this is a step in the right direction.

Council member Darin Allmaras stated that he liked the concept, that we need to do something to get the lots sold.

Council member Del Ellefson was in agreement.

Council member Larry Davis, Jr. stated that this is a step in the right direction. The EDA and Mrs. Lauer have put in a lot of work on this project.

Council member Merlin Strom was in agreement, along with Council member Jeremy Krause.

01-10-11-01 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Rick to direct City Attorney John Shockley and City Administrator Mike Rietz to develop a Developers Agreement to return the special assessments to the original principal amount on all unsold lots in residential subdivisions, allowing the assessments to be certified at a later date. The agreement would require that all property taxes must be current and remain current, or the special assessments will be immediately certified to the County. Each developer will contribute \$40.00 per unsold lot, per year, to the EDA to be used for marketing. Motion carried.

01-10-11-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Fred Dahnke
Mayor