

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
April 29, 2010**

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 a.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, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, , Dan Hanson with Ulteig Engineers, Jane Larson and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.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 first item on the agenda was the discussion on the Front Street preliminary assessment.

Mr. Dan Hanson with Ulteig Engineering discussed with council members the special assessments for the various properties. The properties include the downtown abutting properties from Main Avenue to 5th Avenue, downtown abutting properties one block north of Main-which would be the sidewalk assessment only, and the area wide assessment district. Mr. Hanson presented estimated numbers for the various assessments for the Front Street project. Council members had no further questions for Mr. Hanson.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion on financing method for the Streetscape project. Mr. Hanson discussed taking the Streetscape portion out of the assessment districts for the Front Street project. The Streetscape project would then be a general tax levy to the entire city. By taking out the Streetscape project, this reduced the area wide assessment cost to an estimated cost of \$1,293.33. Council member Larry Davis, Jr. questioned if any water and sewer funds were factored in the estimated costs.

Mr. Dan Hanson discussed the area wide assessment districts. Mr. Hanson stated that the City has nine assessable districts. Mr. Hanson stated that the three types of assessments are:

1. Front foot assessment
2. Area wide-north/south assessment
3. Area wide-east/west assessment

Mr. Hanson stated that if council members are in agreement of removing the Streetscape project out of the Front Street project that the preliminary numbers presented would be presented at the May 17th special council meeting.

04-29-10-01 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the proposed estimated special assessments for various properties for the 2011 Front Street Reconstruction as presented for the special council meeting to be held on Monday, May 17, 2010.

Council member Jeremy Krause stated that the City may have to put more money on the tax levy. Mr. Krause felt that the assessment is too much money for the downtown businesses. Mr. Krause questioned if the city should change the assessment to a type three assessment, and charge city wide. Mr. Krause stated that he does not agree 100% with the assessment policy, not 100% correct.

Council member Del Ellefson stated that this is similar to what other cities have for their assessment policy.

Council member Jeremy Krause stated that he felt that the Main Street was more than a collector street.

Council member Del Ellefson stated that we need to treat each project fairly.

Council member Jeremy Krause stated that he does not agree 100% on this.

Mr. Guy Swenson stated that as a citizen, he thought it was the fairest way to go.

City Attorney John Shockley stated that whatever way the council makes assessments, that there will be people that agree with you and some that do not agree with the city.

Council member Darin Allmaras stated that he thought it was the fairest way to assess the project.

Motion carried.

04-29-10-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Strom to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri L. Reep
City Clerk

Fred Dahnke
Mayor

