

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

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Darin Allmaras, Del Ellefson, Jeremy Krause, Merlin Strom and Jason Rick. Absent was council member Larry Davis, Jr. Others in attendance were City Attorney John Shockley, City Administrator Mike Rietz, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Jon Olson with Ulteig Engineers, and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 first item on the agenda was an update on the Front Street project.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that the bid opening was at 10:00 a.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Clay County. Mr. Rietz stated that only two bids were received. The two bids received were from Sellin Brothers and Central Specialties. Mr. Rietz stated that the bids had been higher than the engineers estimate.

Mr. Jon Olson with Ulteig Engineering next approached the council and discussed the project. Mr. Olson stated that there were 16 potential bidders, with only two bids submitted. Mr. Olson stated that the numbers received, that they are a dis-advantage to the city, but an advantage to the County. The City items are more costly. The City of Barnesville estimated cost is \$2,363,000.00. Mr. Olson stated that with the petroleum increases and the PVC price increases, is the likely cause of the increase of bids received.

Mr. Olson stated that the MN DOT would need their approval of bids that the bids will go from the County to the MN DOT for review.

Council member Jason Rick questioned when they would start construction. Mr. Olson stated that after the award of the bid.

Mr. Olson stated that the two bids received were:

	Engineers <u>Estimate</u>	Sellin Brothers <u>Inc.</u>	Central Spec. <u>Inc.</u>
Base Bid	3,507,405.66	3,622,649.20	4,007,756.66
Alternate A-Sound System	1,000.00	70,000.00	65,000.00
Alternate B-Tele. Raceway	4,800.00	4,400.00	7,200.00
Totals:	3,563,205.66	3,697,049.20	4,079,956.66

Mr. Olson stated that the low bidder did not meet the goal of the Federal Aided project DBE goal. The 2<sup>nd</sup> low bidder did meet the goal.

Mayor Dahnke stated that more information was needed before the City could award the bid. Mayor Dahnke stated that he would call for a special meeting when more information would be available on the status of the bids received.

**05-10-11-01** Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri Reep  
City Clerk

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Fred Dahnke  
Mayor