

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
May 17, 2010**

Mayor Dahnke called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 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, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Main Street Director Karen Hagen, Dan Hanson with Ulteig Engineers, and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 that before he opens the public hearing on the Front Street project, that he would limit people to three minutes for citizens to speak.

Mayor Dahnke next called on Mr. Dan Hanson, with Ulteig Engineers to discuss the Front Street reconstruction project. Mr. Hanson discussed the history of Front Street, the project timeline for the project, and the estimated special assessment costs.

City Administrator Mike Rietz next discussed the reasons why Cities use special assessments and provided levy increase analysis. Mr. Rietz provided examples on a levy increase on a \$100,000.00 home and business.

City Attorney John Shockley next discussed the legal aspects of special assessments. Mr. Shockley stated that the council will decide tonight whether or not to proceed with the front street improvement project. Mr. Shockley stated that the special assessment hearing will be held at a later date.

05-17-10-01 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Strom to open the public hearing for the Front Street Reconstruction project at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Dahnke next asked if there were any citizens present to be heard.

Mr. Mitch Landphere- 319 3rd Street SE. Mr. Landphere questioned who is going to pay for the city owned properties for the front street project.

Ms. Barbara K. Carlisle-102 3rd Street SE. Ms. Carlisle had several questions for council members-including, questioned the mis-counts on the special assessments, questioned in the special assessment policy, the type 2 improvement, and why the improvement should be a type 3 improvement, questioned the monthly \$6.90 sewer and water main replacement charge on her monthly bill, the quality of the medallion and colored cement in the Streetscape plan, the cost of each parcel scheduled to pay, what is the total assessed shared cost.

Mr. David Renecker-902 4th Street SE. Mr. Renecker questioned if other areas will not be assessed the same as everybody else. Mr. Renecker stated the project should be a type 3 project, and charged to the entire city. Mr. Renecker stated that everyone will benefit from this improvement. Mr. Renecker stated that he will ask his council members, Mr. Krause and Mr. Rick to stop this project from going forward.

Council member Jeremy Krause stated that the council works hard to keep the cost fair, and they do the best they can for the community.

Council member Jason Rick stated that he agrees with council member Krause, and nothing is final in this project yet.

Mr. David Herbig-303 5th Street NE. Mr. Herbig questioned if replacing the water and sewer lines, if this will help with the water pressure.

Mr. Gene Prim-602 9th Street SE. Mr. Prim asked for a type 3 clarifications in the special assessment policy. Mr. Dan Hanson, with Ulteig Engineers stated that a type 3 improvement that the entire area will benefit, and a type 2 improvement that the improvement is more regional. Mr. Prim next questioned why isn't the county money being distributed equally. Mr. Prim asked council members that if they were promising that citizens will not be assessed more than a north/south assessment or east/west assessment. Mr. Prim questioned if future councils will respect what this council is doing now. Mr. Prim questioned why the council is doing it this way. Council member Jeremy Krause stated that the project is a work in progress; all of this is preliminary at this time. Mr. Krause stated that they are working for the assessments to be fair to everybody. Council member Del Ellefson stated that if it goes to a tax levy, that it will not go away. The special assessment policy is a policy that can be used for a very long time. Mr. Prim stated that he does not disagree that the project shouldn't be done, but the cost should be spread more evenly.

Mr. Mike Detloff-1012 5th Street SE. Mr. Detloff stated the we need to move forward with this project. Mr. Detloff asked how many council members were here at the time that the assessment policy was adopted. Mr. Detloff stated that he did not appreciate the Mayor's comments at the beginning of the meeting, that everyone here is professional, and would like to keep it professional.

Ms. Tonya Streicker-302 Main Ave W. Ms. Streicker stated that she would like to see where the numbers come from. Ms. Streicker questioned where does the county money come into this, questioned if we can get a line item for the parts of the project.

Mr. David Herbig-303 5th Street NE. Mr. Herbig asked council members to please, consider this policy to go city wide.

Mr. David Renecker-902 4th Street SE. Mr. Renecker questioned what the county is paying for.

Ms. Barbara K. Carlisle-102 3rd Street SE. Ms. Carlisle stated on the list of area parcels, it was counted 403, now the sheet says 405, questioned why 2 extra parcels. Ms. Carlisle stated that this is inaccuracies in the city, how many more. Ms. Carlisle stated that 72 people are here tonight, that the council should have rescheduled the meeting.

Mrs. Theresa Renecker-902 4th Street SE. Mrs. Renecker stated that she knows the project needs to get done, questioned who is really going to benefit. Asked council members to be prepared-as long as it's fair.

Mayor Dahnke asked if there were any other citizens present to be heard. There were none.

05-17-10-02 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Ellefson to close the public hearing at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

05-17-10-03 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the following resolution.

CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNTY OF CLAY
STATE OF MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION ORDERING SOUTH FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1
RESOLUTION 05-17-10-03

Member Larry Davis, Jr. introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a resolution of the City Council adopted the 12th day of April, 2010, fixed a date for a Council hearing on South Front Street Improvement District No. 1, which involves the proposed improvement located one block north of the centerline of Main Avenue (Minnesota Highway No. 9) to the southern City limits and consisting of street reconstruction, water main and sanitary sewer replacement, sidewalk reconstruction, streetscape improvements, and street lights; and

WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, and the hearing was held thereon on the 17th day of May, 2010, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARNESVILLE, MINNESOTA:

1. South Front Street Improvement District No. 1 is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as detailed in the feasibility report, which was accepted by the City Council on April 12, 2010.
2. Such improvement is hereby ordered as proposed in the Council resolution adopted 12th day of April, 2010.
3. South Front Street Improvement District No. 1 has no relationship with the comprehensive plan since it is an improvement to rebuild and reconstruct existing infrastructure, including underground utilities, sidewalks and streets.
4. Dan Hanson of Uiteig Engineers, is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.
5. The City Council declares its official intent to reimburse itself for the costs of the improvement from the proceeds of tax exempt bonds, and the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an official declaration of intent on behalf of the City of Barnesville.

Adopted by the Council this 17th day of May, 2010.

APPROVED

Fred Dahnke
Mayor

Jeri Reep
Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Member Ellefson. On roll call vote, the following Members voted aye: Rick, Allmaras, Ellefson, Davis, Strom and Krause. The following Members voted nay: none. The following Members were absent and not voting: none. The majority having voted aye, the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

05-17-10-04 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Fred Dahnke
Mayor