

Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2011

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, Merlin Strom and Jason Rick. Others in attendance were City Attorney John Shockley, City Administrator Mike Rietz, City Clerk Jeri Reep, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering, Ambulance Manager Jon Yeske, Dan Lubbesmeyer with People Service, Jon Olson with Ulteig Engineers, and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the following items needed to be added: Suspension of sign codes on Front Street during construction, Missouri River MISO MIA payment, and a purchase request for US Vector Controls.

05-09-11-01 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Rick to approve the agenda, with the following additions: Suspension of sign codes on Front Street during construction, Missouri River MISO MIA payment, and a purchase request for US Vector Controls. Motion carried.

05-09-11-02 Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Davis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular scheduled meeting held on April 11, 2011.
2. Department head reports
3. Approval of check numbers 70891-71086 in the amount of \$213,995.95 and EFT payments in the amount of \$162,615.71.
4. Hire the following seasonal employees for the Golf Course:
 - a. Darla Ackerson @ \$10.25 per hour
 - b. Mary Ann Thompson @ \$9.00 per hour
 - c. Wayne Emerson @ \$8.00 per hour
 - d. Gloria Emerson @ \$9.00 per hour
 - e. Cody Schepp @ \$7.50 per hour
 - f. Wayne Hanson @ \$7.75 per hour
 - g. Chanda Christianson @ \$8.00 per hour
 - h. Arnie Wagner @ \$7.25 per hour

- i. Chelsey Halverson @ \$7.25 per hour
 - j. Renee Hanson @ \$7.25 per hour
 - k. Rick Nicklay @ \$13.20 per hour
 - l. Allan Kertscher @ \$9.25 per hour
 - m. Dave Herbig @ \$8.25 per hour
 - n. Cory Amundson @ \$7.50 per hour
 - o. John Neumann @ \$8.25 per hour
 - p. Zack Buth @ \$7.50 per hour
5. Approve the resignation of Telephone Superintendant Tom Olson effective June 3, 2011
 6. Approval of the travel request for City Administrator Mike Rietz to attend the LMC Annual Conference
 7. Approval of the Pro Turf Systems service agreement in the amount of \$22,704.00 plus tax.
 8. Approval to hire Randi Trowbridge as Liquor Store Clerk @ \$8.86 per hour
 9. Approval of travel for Liquor Store Manager Sara Lien and Liquor Store Clerk Kelli Froslic to attend the MMBA Annual conference

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the board and commission reports. Council member Merlin Strom stated that P & Z are working on an off street parking ordinance, along with the Comp Plan.

Council member Jason Rick stated that the airport is now open.

Mayor Dahnke stated that the new fire truck has been ordered, and is on the way here. Council member Larry Davis, Jr. stated that the Park Board had their first meeting with the Golf Board.

Council member Jason Rick stated that the Community Education class enrollment is down.

05-09-11-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the road maintenance agreement with Humboldt Township.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that this road maintenance agreement with Humboldt Township is close to what the Township presently has with Clay County.

05-09-11-03 Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Rick to authorize City Administrator Mike Rietz to approach Humboldt Township to sign the proposed road maintenance agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the quotes received for the safety issues at 118 Front Street South.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that the city had given the present owner of the building at 118 Front Street South until today to repair the building. EDA Director Karen Lauer informed council members that there is a pending sale on the building, and suggested to give the potential owners of the building until May 25, 2011 to make the necessary repairs. After some discussion, council authorized City Administrator Mike Rietz to authorize the potential buyers for the property at 118 Front Street South until May 25, 2011 to repair. If the sale does not finalize, then the city will award the bid to Boone Masonry in the amount of \$5732.36 or to Halverson Siding, Inc. in the amount of \$5719.00.

05-09-11-05 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Allmaras to authorize City Administrator Mike Rietz to authorize the potential buyers for the property at 118 Front Street South until May 25, 2011 to repair. If the sale does not finalize, then the city will award the bid to Boone Masonry in the amount of \$5732.36 or to Halverson Siding, Inc. in the amount of \$5719.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the Braton Excavating nuisance enforcement.

Mayor Dahnke stated that some of the items at the Braton property have been removed. Police Chief Dean Ernst stated that he had spoken to Mr. Dennis Braton approximately two weeks ago, but still had some cleaning up to do.

05-09-11-06 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Allmaras to extend Mr. Dennis Braton's property at 908 Front Street South until the June 13, 2011 regular city council meeting to bring his property into full compliance. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the suspension of sign codes during the Front Street construction.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that he is recommending to suspend the enforcement of Subdivision 3,4,5,9 and 11 of Section 11.40 of the City Code related to the signs for advertising businesses on Front Street from 2nd Ave. NE to the South city limits, subject to approval of the City Administrator for signs placed within one block of the construction area. Mr. Rietz stated the duration shall be until August 22, 2011.

05-09-11-07 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Rick to authorize the City Administrator to suspend the enforcement of Subdivision 3,4,5,9 and 11 of Section 11.40 of the City Code related to the signs for advertising businesses on Front Street from 2nd Ave. NE to the South city limits, subject to approval of the City Administrator for signs placed within one block of the construction area. Mr. Rietz stated the duration shall be until August 22, 2011. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the request to advertise for a Part-time telephone technician.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that with the resignation of Telephone Supt. Tom Olson effective June 3, 2011, that he would like to hire a part-time telephone technician to help with this year's projects. Mr. Swenson stated that this was not a budgeted item, but with Mr. Olson's early retirement, that there are funds available. Mr. Swenson stated that he would like authorization to advertise for the position, at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour with a maximum of 600 hours, with no benefits.

05-09-11-08 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Strom to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to advertise for a part-time Telephone Technician for up to 600 hours at \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the S & I Contracting FITH project. TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that this is a project that was started three years ago, the fiber to home project. Mr. Swenson stated that 48 homes in this first phase have had the conduits and trunk fibers installed, but not spliced. The next year the funding was cut for the FTTH project. To fully utilize the investment of the installed infrastructure, staff is recommending completing this phase of the FTTH project. There are capital funds available to complete this project. The estimated cost to complete this project is \$43,991.16.

05-09-11-09 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Strom to approve to purchase of 40 ONT's and power supplies from Calix Network in the amount of \$20,002.00, labor to map, install ONT's and splice fiber to 48 homes from S & I Contract in the amount of \$16,827.00, purchase 1-144 fiber patch panel at \$3,437.16 from Border States, and labor to map and install the 144 fiber patch panel at \$3,725.00 from S & I Contracting for a total project cost of \$43,991.16. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the Western Area Power Administration 2021 power marketing initiative.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that our current WAPA contract will expire in 2020. WAPA has begun the process of writing the next contract to continue providing low cost hydro power to all of the members. The new contract is proposed to have a 30 year term. In this new contract, WAPA proposes to reduce our allotment by 1% every 10 years, for a total of 3% over the life of the contract. MRES is suggesting WAPA extend the new contract to 40 years rather than 30 years.

05-09-11-10 Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mr. Strom to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to send a letter in support of the WAPA 2021 Power Marketing Initiative. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the NCTC Weather Channel member participation agreement.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that on our most recent agreement with the Weather Channel expired February 28, 2011; the term of the new agreement is 4 years old, expiring February 28, 2015. The pricing for the term of the agreement is as follows:

3/1/11-2/28/12	\$0.2137 per sub
3/1/12 – 2/28/13	\$0.2265 per sub
3/1/13 – 2/28/14	\$0.2401 per sub
3/1/14 – 2/28/15	\$0.2545 per sub

05-09-11-11 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Allmaras to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the NCTC Weather Channel Member Participation Agreement. This agreement will expire February 28, 2015. The pricing for the term of the agreement is as follows:

3/1/11-2/28/12	\$0.2137 per sub
3/1/12 – 2/28/13	\$0.2265 per sub
3/1/13 – 2/28/14	\$0.2401 per sub
3/1/14 – 2/28/15	\$0.2545 per sub

Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the NCTC HITS-QHD member participation agreement.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that most of our HD signals come from HITS-QHD; and our current agreement is direct with Comcast Media Center. This agreement expired on March 31, 2011. The new contract has the same pricing as our expired direct agreement. Staff recommends signing the agreement.

05-09-11-12 Motion by Mr. Allmaras and second by Mr. Rick to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to sign the NCTC HITS-QHD Member participation two year agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the MISO MIA payment.

TEC Manager Guy Swenson informed council members that this was information only, and no action was needed. Mr. Swenson informed council members that Missouri River Energy Services approved payments to members that have executed a Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) Market Implementation Agreement (MIA). The City of Barnesville utility payment will be \$39,606.27.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the request for a mosquito sprayer.

Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering informed council members that this request is for a new London Fog sprayer in the amount of \$7,850.00, which includes the delivery and set up. Mr. Riddering stated that this would allow staff to have two sprayers going, and to have a back up if necessary.

05-09-11-13 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Davis to authorize staff to purchase a London Fog sprayer in the amount of \$7,850.00 from US Vector Controls. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the School Resource Officer contract with the School District.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that this contract was approved by the School Board. This contract is with Police Officer Jeff Tharaldson for a five year agreement, to expire December 31, 2016.

05-09-11-14 Motion by Mr. Rick and second by Mr. Strom to approve the School Resource Officer contract with School District #146 with Officer Jeff Tharladson. This contract will expire December 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2011-6, a Golf Fund transfer into the Park Fund.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that this is moving the Golf Funds into the Park Fund.

05-09-11-15 Motion by Mr. Krause and second by Mr. Rick to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2011-06. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 2, SEC. 2.54 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
GOLF FUND.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Barnesville as follows:

CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.54, is amended as indicated:

Sec. 2.54 Golf Fund: An Enterprise Fund known as the Golf Fund is hereby dissolved and any current assets and funds shall be made part of the Park Fund. Into the Park Fund shall be deposited all monies received by Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Barnesville City Council this 9th day of May, 2011.

APPROVED:

Fred Dahnke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeri Reep, City Clerk

First Reading: April 11, 2011
Second Reading: May 9, 2011
Adopted: May 9, 2011
Publication: May 16, 2011

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the LMC Annual Conference. Mayor Dahnke stated that if council members were interested in attending, to let staff know.

Mayor Dahnke stated the next item on the agenda was the public forum. Mayor Dahnke asked if there were any citizens present to be heard. There were none.

05-09-11-16 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Rick to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Fred Dahnke
Mayor