

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
June 4, 2009**

Mayor Dahnke called this special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present were Mayor Dahnke, and Council members Larry Davis, Jr., Merlin Strom, Jeremy Krause, Del Ellefson, and Chad Hagen. Council member Roger Cooper was absent. Others in attendance were City Attorney John Shockley, City Clerk Jeri Reep, TEC Manger Guy Swenson, Public Works Supt. Dave Riddering, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Sr. Accountant Laurie Schell, Dan Hanson with Ulteig Engineers, and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke next asked City Clerk Jeri Reep to take roll call. The next item on the agenda was the pledge of allegiance. All rose to recite the pledge.

Mayor Dahnke stated the only items on the agenda were the Front Street Improvement District No. 1 Information, and the Front Street District No. 1 Resolution.

City Attorney John Shockley stated that the subcommittee has met. Mr. Shockley stated that the city would be following our assessment policy. Mr. Shockley informed council members that the question on why not assess all citizens would come up, but stated the reasons would be that it would be contrary to our assessment policy, and it would be invalid, too hard to justify. The City needs to draw boundaries of assessments. Mr. Shockley stated that this is the recommendation of the sub-committee. Mr. Shockley asked council members if they were comfortable with the assessed property.

City Engineer Dan Hanson presented council members with a listing of a breakdown of the cost of the project. Mr. Hanson stated that Clay County will be paying for one-half of the roadway. Mr. Hanson stated that it is possible that the City could receive PFA funding for this project.

Council member Jeremy Krause questioned if we are using any of the replacement funds that we have been collecting. City Engineer Dan Hanson stated that if the City will provide that number, he can change the proposed costs. Council member Larry Davis, Jr. stated that staff needed to provide this number. Council member Larry Davis, Jr. asked when the start date would be. Mr. Hanson stated that everything has been submitted to the PFA. Mr. Hanson stated that the project was originally scheduled for a construction date of 2011, but if we receive any stimulus monies, the start date would be 2010. Mr. Hanson suggested that we bid the project out this winter, so the project would be shovel ready.

Mr. Hanson stated that a meeting is scheduled on June 11, 2009 with the business owners and tenants to discuss this project with them.

06-04-09-01 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Davis to present the proposed assessment costs for the Front Street (CSAH 52) Reconstruction to the business owners and tenants. Motion carried.

City Attorney John Shockley wanted it noted that the meeting on June 11, 2009 is an informational meeting only, and it is not an assessment hearing. Mr. Shockley next stated that the Front Street District No. 1 Resolution needed adoption.

06-04-09-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the following resolution. Upon a roll call vote the following voted in favor of: Council members Hagen, Davis, Ellefson, Strom and Krause. Those voting against: None. Those members absent: Council member Roger Cooper. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 06-04-09-02
RESOLUTION CREATING SOUTH FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT NO. 1 AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON
FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS: Dan Hanson, a Registered Profession Engineer, is the Engineer for the city of Barnesville, and the City Council has consulted with him relating to the establishment, size and form and other matters with regard to South Front Street Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Barnesville; and

WHEREAS: it is proposed to improve and reconstruct old Highway 52 and various water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer improvements in connection with said project, all being within the City of Barnesville; and to access the benefitted property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota Statues, Chapter 429; and

WHEREAS: the City of Barnesville previously adopted a special assessment manually dated August 2007, which sets forth the City of Barnesville's special assessment policy providing that the costs associated with South Front Street Improvement District No. 1 shall be split between the City and special assessments apportioned and levied upon area-wide benefiting properties in a fair and equitable manner consistent with the City's special assessment policy; and

WHEREAS: it is deemed necessary to establish a water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street improvement district within the said City of Barnesville;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that there is hereby created South Front Street Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Barnesville, the boundaries of which shall be as follows:

SEE ATTACHED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed improvement, called South Front Street Improvement District No. 1, be referred to Dan Hanson for study, and that he is hereby instructed to report to the Council with all convenient speed advising the Council in a preliminary way as to whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible; whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement; the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended; and a description of the methodology used to calculate the individual assessments for affected parcels.

Approved:

Fred Dahnke
Mayor

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

06-04-09-03 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Ellefson to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Fred Dahnke
Mayor