

## **Barnesville City Council**

### **Regular Meeting**

Monday, January 12, 2004

Mayor Gene Prim called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Prim, Council members Chad Hagen, Roger Cooper, Larry Davis, Jr., Charles Martinson, and Kim Simonsen. Absent was council member Jerry Ames. Others in attendance were City Administrator Ray Miller, Finance Director Brian Jacobson, General Manager Gerald Dow, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Todd Meyer, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Electric Superintendent Jerry Tenderholt, City Attorney Mike Hannaher, Pam Aakre from the Record Review, Deputy Clerk Jeri Davis, Youth Board member Marie Emmerich, Ken Bauer, Del Ellefson, and Cris Mortensen.

**1-12-04-01** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the minutes as presented with the correction on the 12-08-03 minutes to clarify the health insurance coverage for employees. Carried.

Mayor Prim next asked if there were any citizens to be heard. There was no citizen input.

Youth board member Marie Emmerich next read to the council the Youth Board Report. Council members had no further questions for Ms. Emmerich.

Mayor Prim next went thru the department head reports.

EDA Director Karen Lauer stated that the Main Street Visioning session is scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 17, 2004 and invited all council members to attend.

Council member Larry Davis Jr., stated that the airport had been closed.

Council member Kim Simonsen next asked Police Chief Dean Ernst for the latest update on the CM Repair property. Police Chief Ernst stated that there had been some improvements over the past month, but there was still a few issues that needed attention. Mr. Mortensen stated that he thought he could have until Spring to clean up the area. Council member Kim Simonsen asked several questions from Mr. Mortensen and what his intentions were. Council member Chad Hagen stated that he would like to see this area cleaned up, that he was willing to wait until spring, but it would need to be cleaned up at that time.

**1-12-04-02** Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Simonsen that Mr. Mortensen of CM Repair will have until June 1, 2004 to be in compliance of this property. City Attorney Mike Hannaher will proceed with proper notification if this is not in compliance by June 1, 2004. Carried.

Council members next discussed the JTT's property. Council members felt that they could use extra signage at this location. Police Chief Ernst stated that he had talked to Mr. Poppel and Mr. Poppel stated that he hoped by the end of the month to have this property cleaned up.

**1-12-04-03** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Davis to approve Police Chief Dean Ernst to purchase additional signage for this property. Carried.

Council members next discussed the application for the transfer of the liquor license from Big Bob's to Old 52 Bar & Grill. A public hearing had been held prior to the regular council meeting. There had no citizen input for or against the transfer of the liquor license

**1-12-04-04** Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the liquor license to Old 52 Bar & Grill. Carried.

Mayor Prim next discussed the mayor's State of the City letter to the council. Mayor Prim had included this letter in the agenda packets for the council members. Mayor Prim thanked the council members for the past four years of service to the city.

City Administrator Ray Miller next presented retiring council members Gene Prim, Larry Davis Jr., and Jerry Ames, with engraved clocks from the city of Barnesville.

City Administrator Ray Miller presented Ken Bauer the Mayor oath of office.

City Administrator Ray Miller next presented the oath of office to the new council members Guy Swenson and Del Ellefson.

Mayor Ken Bauer next distributed a list of portfolio holders and committee assignments. Mayor Ken Bauer stated that he is looking forward to working with the boards and encourage the portfolio holders to meet with the departments.

Council member Kim Simonsen stated that the TEC board will have an opening on the board. Mr. Simonsen asked the council's permission to gather names for the TEC board and make a recommendation at the next regular council meeting.

**1-12-04-05** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the city officers as follows:

Acting Mayor-Kim Simonsen, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer-Ray Miller, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer-Jeri Davis, City Attorney-Mike Hannaher, and Chief of Police-Dean Ernst.

Motion carried unanimously.

**1-12-04-06** Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the following depositories:

Wells Fargo Bank, Wells Fargo Investment Services, Midwest Bank, and Minnesota Municipal Money Market Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

**1-12-04-07** Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the Record Review as the official newspaper. Carried.

Mayor Bauer next discussed the status of the street and underground utility improvements for the Stoneridge Addition.

**1-12-04-08** Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the partial payment to Mark Sand & Gravel Co. In the amount of \$122,285.61 for the trunk highway 9 street and underground utility improvement project. Carried.

**1-12-04-09** Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the payment of \$2,061.50 for Braun Intertec for testing services on the TH 9 street and underground utility improvements. Carried.

**1-12-04-10** Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the hiring of Monica Nicklay and Jill Gannon to work as ice rink attendants. Carried.

**1-12-04-11** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the advertisement for bids for the seal coating of city streets, with bids to be opened on March 2, 2004. Carried.

**1-12-04-12** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to adopt the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Barnesville that it hereby approves the Premises Permit Application of the Barnesville Booster Club to the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board for charitable gambling at the Pool Hall. Carried.

**1-12-04-13** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the premises permit application of the VFW Post 4628 to the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board for charitable gambling at VFW Post 4628. Carried.

**1-12-04-14** Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Simonsen to accept the resignation of Cheri Larson. Carried.

General Manager Gerald Dow next discussed with the council the power factor agreement with Missouri River Energy Services.

**1-12-04-15** Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the expenditure for engineering services and call for bids for the equipment for the "power factor". Estimated cost for these services is \$3,224.00. Carried.

Council members next discussed the comp time for employees. After much discussion, City Administrator Ray Miller stated that he would monitor the comp time for the employees.

**1-12-04-16** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the step increases as presented. Mayor Bauer stated that he would like to see a different method used for salary increases in the future. Finance Director Brian Jacobson stated that the police salaries were incorrect in the sheets provided and they should be the amended amounts. Carried.

EDA Director Karen Lauer encouraged council members to attend the annual intergovernmental retreat to be held in Detroit Lakes on January 23-24, 2004.

**1-12-04-17** Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the cigarette license for the VFW Post 4628. Carried.

**1-12-04-18-** Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the gambling application for the Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions for July 17-18, 2004 at the Barnesville Fair Grounds. Carried.

**1-12-04-19** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the requested transfer of budgeted funds as presented. Carried.

**1-12-04-20** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the passing of the 50% premium holiday to health insurance policy holders at 50% of what they paid. This is made possible because of the savings realized by Medica through the cost management efforts over the last several years. Carried.

City Council members next discussed the Community Project LT Investment Fund 240. This was an informational discussion only on the community project fund.

**1-12-04-21** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to pay the expenses for the EMT basic class, this amount will be reimbursed by the EMSRB after the students pass the EMT and become members. The amount is \$5,271.68. Motion carried.

**1-12-04-22** Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the travel expense for General Manager Gerald Dow to attend the MTA meeting in St. Cloud. Carried.

**1-12-04-23** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the travel expense for General Manager Gerald Dow to attend the 702 Communications board meeting. Carried.

**1-12-04-24** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the discretionary funds for 2003 as presented. Carried.

City Administrator Ray Miller next discussed with the council the revocation of the personnel policies, article 2, section 9-fringe benefits, paragraph D.

**1-12-04-25** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to revoke the article 2, section 9, fringe benefits, paragraph D in the personnel policy. Carried.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Todd Meyer updated council members on the lift station pumps.

**1-12-04-26** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the checks numbers 12042-12235 in the amount of \$695,941.72 and also the EFT payments in the amount of \$\$101,295.96. Carried.

**1-12-04-27** Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Swenson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Carried

Submitted by:

Jeri Davis  
Deputy Clerk

Attest:

Kenneth J. Bauer  
Mayor