

**City of Barnesville**  
City Council Informational Meeting  
May 13, 2002

Mayor Gene Prim called this informational meeting to order in the Barnesville City Hall council chambers at 6:30 p.m. with council members Chad Hagen, Roger Cooper, Larry Davis Jr., Charles Martinson, Kim Simonsen, and Jerry Ames attending. Also present were Tom Trowbridge and Gary Nansen from Larsen-Peterson, General Manager Gerald Dow, EDA Director Karen Lauer, City Administrator Ray Miller, Main Street Director Brenda Brand, Laurie Andvik, Angie Ernst, and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Tom Trowbridge gave a preliminary engineering report outlining the feasibility of street, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements to be done in the northeast portion of the city. This includes the Stoneridge addition; which is a subdivision that will be built in the northeast area of the city. Trowbridge reviewed the three options that have been placed before the council. Option 1 would be to run the storm sewer from Stoneridge to Blue Eagle Lake. Option 2 would be to run the storm sewer along the East City Limits Road. Option 3 would be to run the storm sewer along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Nansen stated the depth of the sewer would be about 5 feet. At this depth, insulation would be needed around the pipes to prevent freezing. An easement from the north would be needed if the pipe would be laid at a deeper level, preferably at a depth of 6 to 10 feet. The council also needs to be aware that the depth of the sanitary storm sewer will limit the type of homes being built and basement depths.

Mr. Dow expressed his feeling that the project should be completed in one phase. He also stated that a viable storm sewer route needs to be decided on.

Mr. Simonsen questioned Mr. Nansen as to whether bids could be submitted yet this year. Mr. Nansen replied that if the project is bid in the next few weeks bids should be reasonable as contractors are still looking for jobs for this year.

Mr. Simonsen also commented on the assessment costs for the project being higher than normal assessments are in our city. He wondered if there were any options available at a lower cost. Karen Lauer stated that the assessments are comparable to the F-M area costs. The Del Acres lots have lower assessments because the improvements were made earlier and therefore cost less. Mayor Prim let the council know that if the project is put off for a couple of years, the assessments won't be paid for 6 or 7 years. The city doesn't want to wait too long for this reason.

Mayor Prim gave the council three issues to make decisions on. The first is the establishment of a long-term assessment policy. The second is the location and size of the storm sewer. The third is the timeline for this project to begin and be completed.

Informational meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Angela Ernst  
Minutes Recorder

Eugene Prim  
Mayor