

Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2004

Mayor Ken Bauer called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Bauer and Council members Kim Simonsen, Del Ellefson, Charles Martinson, Chad Hagen, Roger Cooper and Guy Swenson. Others in attendance were City Administrator Ray Miller, General Manager Gerald Dow, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Todd Meyer, Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering, Main Street Director Mandy Rubenstein, Police Chief Dean Ernst, City Attorney Mike Hannaher, Deputy Clerk Jeri Davis, Animal Control Officer Terry Lapos, Accountant Joel Haugrud, Bob LeNoue, Tim Heldebrand and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Mayor Bauer stated that he would like to add two additional items to the agenda. One being the discussion on the Regional League of MN Cities meeting and the other item to be the discussion on the Harry Holland plaque placement.

06-14-04-01 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the agenda as presented with the two additional items. Motion carried.

06-14-04-02 Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the May 10, 2004 Public Hearing minutes and the May 10, 2004 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer next asked if there were any citizens present to be heard. Mr. Bob LeNoue appeared before the council with a few concerns. Mr. LeNoue stated that several streets have the no truck signs; Mr. LeNoue questioned what the council considers a truck. Mr. LeNoue also asked council if a few more dumpsters could be placed in the community. The last questions Mr. LeNoue had for the council was the question of the number of employee's the city employees. Mayor Bauer addressed each of the questions and thanked Mr. LeNoue for his concerns.

Mayor Bauer next asked if there were any other citizens to be heard. There was none.

Mayor Bauer next went thru the department head reports.

Mayor Bauer stated that in the ambulance report it was noted that Judy Siggerud was named the EMT of the year for the State of Minnesota.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Todd Meyer informed the council that the lift station had malfunctioned on June 5th. As of now, the city only has one insurance claim that Mr. Meyer was aware of. Mr. Meyer is obtaining information on getting dialers installed.

Police Chief Dean Ernst updated council on the Cris Mortenson property. Mr. Ernst stated that Mr. Mortenson did start to clean up his property on June 1st. Council member Simonsen stated he would like to see zero tolerance to get some of these properties cleaned up. Mr. Simonsen

stated that the Planning & Zoning board has been doing a great job to get things cleaned up. Mr. Simonsen was also concerned about the old lumbar yard property, and questioned if an order of demolition should be in order. After much discussion, council members directed Police Chief Ernst to continue working with the property owners and share the information and progress with the ward representative.

Police Chief Dean Ernst informed council that the JTT's Auto Salvage has been working on getting their property cleaned up. Mayor Bauer stated he would like to proceed with the enforcement on the property. Council member Simonsen would like to have daily or weekly pictures on the progress on this property.

Police Chief Dean Ernst stated that updating the city warning siren will be in next years budget.

Animal Control Officer Terry Lapos discussed with council the dangerous dog requirements. Council directed City Administrator Ray Miller to obtain dangerous dog ordinances for the council and place on the July agenda.

Main Street Director Mandy Rubenstein informed council that the Community Picnic will be on July 22nd and welcomed all to attend.

Council member Roger Cooper questioned in the Planning Commission minutes about the discussion concerning the building inspector Brian Ellefson. Mayor Bauer stated that he along with City Administrator Ray Miller is addressing the issue.

Council member Guy Swenson questioned Mr. Miller on the status on the All Season Car Wash. Mr. Miller informed council that he had sent a letter to Mr. LeNoue, but has had no response. Council member Del Ellefson informed council that he had met with Mr. Craig LeNoue on June 1st, but he hasn't seen any progress or improvements as of yet. Mr. Ellefson stated he will continue to pursue.

Council member Chad Hagen informed council that he had received notices about Hector Airport in Fargo and he will post the notices at the airport.

- 06-14-04-03** Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the department head reports and the board and commission reports as presented. Carried.
- 06-14-04-04** Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the Knights of Columbus request for an On-Sale 3.2 beer license for August 28th. Carried.
- 06-14-04-05** Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the partial payment for the Street and Underground Improvements for Eighth Ave SE in the amount of \$15,699.70. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering recommended to council to hire Jeffrey Swenson, Jonathan Hodge and Teresa Gardner for the streets and parks department to be paid \$6.50 per hour.

06-14-04-06 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the hiring of Jeffrey Swenson, Jonathan Hodge and Teresa Gardner for the streets and parks department and to be paid \$6.50 per hour. Council member Guy Swenson abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering presented council a street maintenance plan. Mr. Riddering stated that he would like to go to a six year cycle. Mr. Riddering had prepared maps and presented the maps to the council.

06-14-04-07 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the six year plan for the street maintenance as presented. Motion carried.

06-14-04-08 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the second reading of the following ordinance. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-1

SECTION 13.00

C-2 ~~HIGHWAY BUSINESS~~ COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

13.01 Purpose: C-2, the ~~Highway~~ Business District is designated to provide areas for commercial establishments that offer a broad range of goods and services. ~~largely to accommodate automobile-oriented customers. These uses may require larger lots than typically found in the C-1 District, are less dependent on adjacent commercial development, and directly benefit from proximity and access to major roadways.~~

06-14-04-09 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the second reading of the following ordinance. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-6

SECTION 12.00

C-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

12.01 Purpose: C-1, the Central Business District, is designated for providing the core service and retail businesses ample space to develop and to allow those services to be accessed conveniently by the residents and other customers. All businesses and services located in this district shall be of a beneficial nature to the City and promote orderly development and generate economic use of land.

06-14-04-10 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the second reading of the following ordinance. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2004-11

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2004-09 TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR

CABLE TV SERVICES .

The City Council of the City of Barnesville does hereby ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council did previously enact Ordinance 2004-9, an ordinance to establish rates for cable TV services;

NOW, THEREFORE, Ordinance No 2004-9 is repealed.

06-14-04-11 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the first reading of the following ordinance. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2004-12

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR BROADBAND AND INTERNET SERVICE.

General Manger Gerald Dow discussed with council members the need to place distribution cables in the Stoneridge Addition and the need to complete the distribution plan at this time. The proposed cost to place distribution cables in Stoneridge Addition is estimated at \$23,400.00.

06-14-04-12 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the distribution cables for Stoneridge Addition at an estimated cost of \$23,400.00. This expense is covered under the 2004 budget under the new subdivisions. Motion carried.

General Manager Gerald Dow informed council members that he had been notified by Missouri River Energy Services that the “power factor” in the Barnesville Municipal Power distribution was below the levels allowed in our power agreement. The problem was referred to Ulteig Engineers for review. Mr. Dow informed council that the installation of the pole mounted capacitors from Otter Tail Power Co. is \$15,705.00.

06-14-04-13 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the purchase of the installation of the pole mounted capacitors from Otter Tail Power Co. in the amount of \$15,705.00. Motion carried.

General Manager Gerald Dow next discussed with council members the ESPN programming agreement. Mayor Ken Bauer questioned if all the cable agreements are this long of a term. The proposed ESPN agreement extends to the year 2013. Mr. Dow informed council that this is the longest term agreement that the city signs.

06-14-04-14 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the ESPN contract and to authorize General Manger Gerald Dow to sign in behalf of the city. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Jeri Davis asked council members to approve a temporary pay increase for liquor store clerk Lisa McCleary for the time she has been filling in as liquor store manager.

06-14-04-15 Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Hagen to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Lisa McCleary effective May 17, 2004. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering discussed with council members the labor cost of the water/wastewater department conducting the daily rounds and the expense to the public works department. Council member Guy Swenson questioned if we still do the daily rounds. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Todd Meyer informed council that the daily rounds are still being done.

06-14-04-16 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Simonsen to assess the labor cost to the department which require it and we pay out the overtime required to do the rounds and budget that amount in the Water and Wastewater department. Motion carried.

06-14-04-17 Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the following travel. General Manger Gerald Dow to attend the 702 Communications board meeting, the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Information Technology committee meeting to be held at Big Lake, and also the attendance at the broadband seminar in Moorhead. Motion carried.

Council members next discussed the watering restrictions for trailer court homes. Council member Roger Cooper recommends the city go by lot number rather than the mobile home court address.

06-14-04-18 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the water restrictions for the trailer courts. Residents with odd number house numbers shall water lawns or wash cars only on odd numbered calendar days and those with even numbered addresses shall water lawns or wash cars only on even numbered days. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering discussed with council members the request for a backpack sprayer for mosquito barrier control. Mr. Riddering informed council members that the price for the backpack is approximately \$800.00 and would be funded through the mosquito control budget in the Parks Department.

06-14-04-19 Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the purchase of the backpack sprayer for an estimated cost of \$800.00 to be funded thru the Parks Department. Motion carried.

Council member Guy Swenson updated council members on the window status for the Youth Alive. Mr. Swenson stated that the cost to replace the windows would be quite expensive and he would like to see it be a budget item for next year's budget. Mr. Swenson would like to see the Youth Alive program receive a air conditioner, the estimated cost is \$2,540.00 and could be funded out of the building maintenance fund, and if necessary the balance out of the discretionary fund.

06-14-04-20 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the purchase of an air conditioner for the Youth Alive Center for a cost of \$2,540.00 and to be funded out of the building maintenance fund, and if necessary the balance out of the discretionary fund. Motion carried.

Mayor Ken Bauer next discussed the upcoming League of MN Cities regional meeting. Mayor Bauer stated that the meeting is to be held on July 21st in Perham. Mayor Bauer asked if any council members wished to attend, to let Deputy Clerk Jeri Davis know.

Mayor Bauer next discussed with the council the placement on the Harry Holland plaque. Council members felt it should be placed in the administrative offices rather than the council chambers.

06-14-04-21 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the check numbers 13001 thru 13198 in the amount of \$270,445.32 and also the EFT payments in the amount of \$93,769.86. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Davis
Deputy Clerk

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor