

**Barnesville City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 3, 2005**

Mayor Bauer called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Bauer and Council members Del Ellefson, Roger Cooper, Chad Hagen, Kim Simonsen and Guy Swenson. Absent was Council member Charles Martinson. Others in attendance were COO Mike Brethorst, City Attorney Mike Hannaher, General Manager Gerald Dow, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering, Sr. Accountant Joel Haugrud, Deputy Clerk Jeri Davis, Brandon Anderson and Gary Giltner with People Service, Chris Hoppe and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Mayor Bauer stated the first item on the agenda for the evening was the pledge of allegiance. All rose to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bauer asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Council member Guy Swenson stated that he had a correction to the TEC Board minutes. Council member Swenson also stated the hours for the Ratzos' Pool Hall for the Festival Liquor license hours should be 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Mr. Swenson also stated that he was not present at the TEC Board. Council member Chad Hagen stated that at the July regular meeting he questioned if there was a problem to abstain from the gambling permit for the Ducks Unlimited since he had signed the application. There was no problem with Mr. Hagen voting on the Ducks Unlimited permit, and Mr. Hagen did vote in favor of the permit.

**08-03-05-01**

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the consent agenda with the corrections as listed. Motion carried. The following items were included in the consent agenda.

1.  
Approval of the regular council meeting minutes held on July 6, 2005.
2.  
Department head reports
3.  
Finance report-approval of check numbers 53601 - 53849 in the amount of \$209,637.77 and EFT payments in the amount of \$110,251.40
4.  
Approval to hire Bryce Yokom for a seasonal part-time position.
5.  
Approval of the Safe & Sober Resolution No. 08-03-05-01.
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Approval of the Rod & Gun Gambling License for August 27, 2005 to be held at Ratzos Pool Hall.

7.

Approval for Old 52 Bar & Grill, VFW Post 4628 and Ratzos Pool Hall for a Special Liquor License for August 27, 2005.

Mayor Bauer next went thru the board and commission reports with the council members.

Mayor Bauer stated that the Fire Board authorized the purchase of a new rig for the Fire Department and has been ordered. Mr. Bauer also informed council that the Fire Department will be sponsoring a demolition derby on August 26, 2005.

Council member Chad Hagen informed council that the Community Education was preparing for Fall classes.

Council member Roger Cooper informed council that the Red River Serenity Manor three properties have been listed for sale.

**08-03-05-02**

Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Bauer next stated the next item for discussion was the differential Military Leave pay. Council member Guy Swenson stated that the personnel and finance committee recommend a change in the personnel policy to reflect that the city may pay to an eligible member of the national guard an amount equal to the difference between the member's basic active duty military salary and the salary the member would be paid as an active employee. Council member Swenson stated that the recommendation for COO Michael Brethorst would be effective September 1, 2005, with Title 10 orders. COO Brethorst explained the Title 10 orders to council members.

**08-03-05-03**

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Simonsen to change the personnel policy to change the policy of Title 10 as discussed. Motion carried.

**08-03-05-04**

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Swenson that effective September 1, 2005 COO Michael Brethorst be paid an amount equal to the difference between the member's basic active duty military salary and the salary Mr. Brethorst would be paid as an active political subdivision employee, pending his Title 10 orders. Motion carried unanimously.

COO Michael Brethorst next discussed the proposed KDV bi-monthly audit contract. COO Brethorst informed council that KDV would perform spot checks on the accounting

transactions while he is gone. The estimated cost is \$1,000 month. Mr. Brethorst stated that this would be paid by the salary difference of his absence.

**08-03-05-05**

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the contract with KDV for approximately \$1,000 per month. This will be a month-to-month contract. City Attorney Mike Hannaher will approve the contract prior to formal approval. Motion carried.

General Manager Gerald Dow next discussed with council the 2nd Street NE project. Mr. Dow stated that this area is difficult to get to, and has been a maintenance issue. Mr. Dow stated that new underground service wires would be extended to each home.

**08-03-05-06**

Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the 2nd Street NE project, which will extend underground service wires to each home in the affected area. The estimated cost of this project is \$29,077 which is in the 2005 budget. Motion carried.

General Manger Gerald Dow next discussed with council the annual oil test conducted on the East Substation. Mr. Dow stated that the recommendation is to award the contract to Otter Tail Power Company in the amount of \$133,455.00. Mr. Dow stated that the funding for this would be as follows: \$70,000 from the sale of the F550 truck and \$63,455.00 from cash reserves.

**08-03-05-07**

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to award the bid to replace the East substation transformer to Otter Tail Power Company in the amount of \$133,455.00 with funding from the sale of the F550 truck in the amount of \$70,000 and the balance from cash reserves in the amount of \$63,455.00. Motion carried.

General Manager Gerald Dow discussed with council the recommendation to install electric, telephone and cable in the Heartland Addition. Mr. Dow stated that this will be in Block 5 and 6 of Heartland Addition. Estimated cost is \$24,276.00 and is a budgeted item for 2005.

**08-03-05-08**

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the expenditure for electric, telephone and cable installation in Block 5 & 6 of Heartland Addition. The estimated cost is \$24,276.00 which has been budgeted for 2005. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer next discussed the 6TH Street Northwest street improvements. Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering that the estimated preliminary engineering cost is \$3,300. COO Michael Brethorst questioned if it would work to put drain tile down on the road.

**08-03-05-09**

Motion by Mr. Ellefson to authorize staff to spend up to \$3,300 for a preliminary engineering report for the 6th Street Northwest area. There was no second. Motion failed.

Council members directed Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering to report back to council on the estimated cost to install drain tile in the affected area.

Mayor Bauer next called on EDA Director Karen Lauer to discuss the storm water master plan received from Houston Engineering, Inc. The estimated cost is \$48,000 - \$55,000. Mrs. Lauer informed council that this was part of the Comprehensive Plan. It was included in the Comprehensive Plan to bring our attention that we are not presently in compliance. COO Michael Brethorst informed council that we could ask our engineers for an estimate to prepare the study. Mr. Brethorst stated that we already have this information, just not in this format. Council did not wish to proceed with the study from Houston Engineers, Inc. at this time.

Mayor Bauer next called on Police Chief Dean Ernst to discuss with council the police tazer gun. Mr. Ernst stated that this was not a budgeted item. Mr. Ernst informed council that because the department has been operating without one officer, there has been a savings of approximately \$16,000. Mr. Ernst would like to purchase two tazer guns and equipment with some of the savings in the department. Council member Chad Hagen explained to council member how the tazer gun works. Mr. Ernst informed council that Gabe Tweton is a tazer gun instructor.

**08-03-05-10**

Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Hagen to authorize Mr. Ernst to purchase two tazer guns, holsters and video recording equipment. Motion carried.

COO Michael Brethorst next discussed with council the 2006 budget. Mr. Brethorst stated that council will review the formal budget in September. Mr. Brethorst stated the approximate increase would be 10%. Mr. Brethorst informed council that the formal presentation would be at the September 12, 2005 regular council meeting.

**08-03-05-11**

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to set the Truth-in-taxation hearing for December 12, 2005 and a continuation date of December 19, 2005 if necessary. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer next discussed the Del Peterson payment. The payment of \$10,000 will be paid out of the telephone fund. After the city bonds for this improvement, the monies will then be placed back into the telephone fund. This \$10,000 is for payment for the city's share of the land acquisition cost. This payment will be authorized by Mayor Bauer and Sr. Accountant Joel Haugrud when bids are approved.

**08-03-05-12**

Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Simonsen to authorize Mayor Ken Bauer and Sr. Accountant Joel Haugrud to approve the \$10,000 payment to Del Peterson, for the cities share of the land acquisition cost for the Peterson-Gilbertson project. This expenditure will be paid out of the telephone fund, after the city bonds for this project, the monies will then be placed back in the telephone fund. This payment will be when the bids are approved for the Peterson-Gilbertson development. Motion carried.

Council member Kim Simonsen next thank COO Michael Brethorst for the work that he has done since he started with the city, and wished him the best as he is deployed to Iraq with the National Guard.

COO Michael Brethorst next presented Mayor Bauer with a Patriotic Employer Award.

Mayor Bauer adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri L. Davis  
Deputy Clerk

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Kenneth J. Bauer  
Mayor