

City of Barnesville
City Council Regular Meeting
September 9, 2002

Mayor Gene Prim called this meeting to order at the Barnesville City Hall council chambers at 7:02 p.m. with council members Chad Hagen, Roger Cooper, Larry Davis, Jr., Charles Martinson, Kim Simonsen, and Jerry Ames attending. Others in attendance were Attorney Mike Hannaher, City Administrator Raymond Miller, General Manager Gerald Dow, Finance Director Brian Jacobson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Records Manager Laurie Andvik, department heads and Karen Dollison from the Record Review. Youth representative Marlina Figliuzzi and Becca Gilbuena were absent.

09-09-02-01 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ames to approve the agenda with the additional of the supplemental agenda and the following new items: 911 informational, health package for City Administrator, and Oliver Park. Carried.

09-09-02-02 Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2002 regular council meeting with the correction of Chad Holland changed to Chad Hagen and minutes from the August 21, 2002 special council meeting. Carried.

Under citizens to be heard, Ed Gilbertson addressed the council in behalf of the Boy Scouts Organization. The Boy scouts are beginning a project to replace the perimeter fence at the City Cemetery and are requesting assistance from City Utility crews to assist in digging holes with a digger truck for the footings. Mr. Dow stated that the T.E.C. Advisory Board asked that since it is outside city limits that insurance coverage be verified. This has been done and the T.E.C. Advisory Board recommends approval by council.

09-09-02-03 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to assist the Boy Scouts in their fence project at the City Cemetery by providing a digger truck. Carried.

Next was Dana Holland representing the Babe Ruth Baseball program in Barnesville. Mr. Holland presented council with a plaque for their support in the Babe Ruth program.

Members from the Barnesville Cemetery Association were present as well as John Dobmeier to address their problems and a request of the council to cover expenses for the cemetery. John Dobmeier presented council with some past history as his father and he remember about the cemetery since they have been funeral directors in Barnesville. They stated that the assumption was that the city owned the cemetery and took care of the expenses. Perpetual care fund money was believed to have been put in the general fund. However, when the new Cemetery Association Board took over there were no funds. The Board is proposing that the City take care of all the expenses at approximately \$5,000 a year until there is enough money in the perpetual care fund. The Board says it needs \$200,000 in the perpetual care fund to take over the expenses and currently has \$21,000. Mr. Simonsen stated that the City is currently in a budget crunch and felt that a decision could not be made at this meeting. This item was tabled until the Mayor and the finance committee has a chance to review this during the budget process.

Under department head reports there was discussion on what could be done with the weeds in Blue Eagle Lake. Dave Riddering stated that he is not sure that the DNR

would let them do any more chemically. Mr. Davis asked if the department would look into what it would cost to have it done mechanically.

The Mayor asked for some clarification with the administrator report on documentation sent to Municipal Codifiers and paid time off research. Administrator Ray Miller stated that all the corrections made to ordinances on the draft were sent back for review and new ordinances were sent to Municipal Codifiers. We needed to do this step to finally get the codification of ordinances completed. Mr. Miller stated that he is researching a new system for vacation and sick time. The Mayor and Mr. Simonsen expressed concern that it may not work for the City. The Mayor directed the Finance Committee to meet and review the material from the League of Minnesota Cities.

Merlin Strom, Chairperson from the Planning Commission was present to review their recommendations from their meeting preceding this council meeting. Mr. Strom stated that the Planning Commission met with Red River Serenity Manor personnel, city personnel and the individuals requesting the revocation of the conditional use permit for Serenity Manor. They also listened to information presented by lawyers from all parties. After review all the information presented the Planning Commission recommends the conditional use for the Red River Serenity Manor remain as it is.

09-09-02-04 Motion by Mr. Ames and second by Mr. Cooper to deny the petition of revocation for Red River Serenity Manor. Carried.

The second recommendation from the Planning Commission is the approval of a conditional use permit for Amanda and Kent Krueger to build a home with attached garage on 3 acres located in an ____ zone.

09-09-02-05 Motion by Mr. Ames and second by Mr. Davis to approve the conditional use permit for Amanda and Kent Krueger to build a 1,290 square foot house with attached garage on 3 acres located in _____ with the following conditions: 1.