

**Barnesville City Council**  
Special Meeting  
October 22, 2002

This special meeting of the Barnesville City Council was called to order by Mayor Gene Prim at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council members Jerry Ames, Kim Simonsen, Charles Martinson, Larry Davis Jr., Roger Cooper and Chad Hagen. Also present were City Administrator Ray Miller, General Manager Gerald Dow, Finance Director Brian Jacobson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, department heads, Pam Aakre from the Record Review, and Angie Ernst.

The first item on the agenda was extending electrical service to a new home being constructed by Kent and Amanda Krueger on a thirteen-acre tract of land located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Southwest approximately 1900 feet south of Minnesota Highway 9. The home is located in the City of Barnesville Municipal Power service area. This service was reviewed at a special T.E.C. Board Advisory Board meeting on October 14, 2002. City Ordinances allow the city to make an installation charge for extraordinary expenses required by a consumer. The Board members recommended the Council review the letter to the property owner and approve the project costs less the 30% of the project costs to be paid by the owner. The electrical power lines will be buried, as soil conditions in the area are not conducive to power poles.

**10-22-02-01** Motion by Mr. Ames and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve extending electrical service to the Kent Krueger home at a cost of \$11,287.00 with funds from the Capitol Budget 30 percent of which will be paid by the owner. Carried.

The next item on the agenda was a budget discussion. Mr. Simonsen started the discussion by stating that nothing has been finalized for next year's budget as of yet. There will be cuts in State Aid in 2003 and even more in 2004. The City will need to allow for the State cuts in aid funding. This means that the City is going to have to make cuts in all departments. There will be a tax increase and a utility rate increase in the coming year but these increases will not be enough to balance the budget.

Mr. Jacobson provided everyone with figures for all the departments for the coming year. He also stated that the City has not budgeted for depreciation in the past. The Government will require depreciation to be shown by the 2004-2005 year.

Council members will review the budget and final decisions need to be made. The next Regular Council Meeting will be held November 4, 2002 at 7 p.m. and there will be a special Council Budget meeting November 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Prim adjourned this special meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Angela Ernst  
Minutes Recorder

Attest:

Eugene Prim  
Mayor