

**Barnesville City Council**  
Special Meeting  
November 25, 2002

This special meeting was called to order by Mayor Gene Prim at 7:10 p.m. in the Barnesville Council chambers with members Charles Martinson, Kim Simonsen, and Jerry Ames present. Also present were City Administrator Ray Miller, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Main Street Director Brenda Brand, Finance Director Brian Jacobson, Department heads, Pam Aakre from the Record Review, and Minutes Recorder Angie Ernst. Absent were Council members Chad Hagen, Larry Davis Jr., and Roger Cooper.

Mayor Prim stated that this would be an informational meeting only because of a lack of quorum.

Mr. Jacobson went over budget concerns with the Council. New updated figures were presented. Mr. Jacobson stated that Capital expenditures have been cut the last two years; he also discussed debt service and transfers from enterprise funds with the Council. The City will need to come up with \$97,160.00 in the year 2004 to replace funds borrowed in 2003 from the community, park, and library funds. If there is a cut in state aid, more revenue will have to be obtained for the city to operate.

Mayor Prim stated in a memo that the Council needs to deal with the City's financial problems now as next year there will be no reserves to fall back on.

The Cemetery Association was present to find out information on their previous request for funds. Mayor Prim proposed taking funds from the Community Fund interest to give the Association a one-time contribution of \$25,000. He suggested a three-year time frame to complete the donation process. Linda Rice presented the Council with a financial statement from the Cemetery Association.

An interim punch list was presented by Mr. Miller for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE project. Dave Riddering stated the need to fix the radius on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE before snowfall. If it is not fixed, it could damage snow removal equipment.

There will be another special meeting to discuss the above issues with a quorum on Wednesday December 11, 2002 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Prim adjourned this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Angela Ernst  
Minutes Recorder

Attest:

Eugene Prim  
Mayor