

**Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2005**

Mayor Bauer called this meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Bauer and Council Members Chuck Martinson, Del Ellefson, Roger Cooper, Chad Hagen and Kim Simonsen. Others in attendance were City Attorney Mike Hannaher, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Public Works Director Dave Riddering, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Finance Director Joel Haugrud, Youth Representative Eric Bucholz, City Clerk Jeri Davis, Librarian Shaw Simonsen, Gary Giltner with People Service, Merlin Strom, Fred Dahnke, Steve Mortensen, and Gene Prim from the Record Review.

Mayor Bauer stated that 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. The only addition is the gambling permit for the Barnesville Rod & Gun. There were no other additions to the agenda.

12-12-05-01

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Barnesville Rod & Gun gambling permit. Motion carried.

12-12-05-02

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried. The following items were included in the consent agenda.

1.
Approval of the November 14, 2005 minutes.
2.
Department Head reports.
3.
Finance report-approval of check numbers 54555-54734 in the amount of \$332,941.49, and EFT payments in the amount of \$80,957.03.
4.
Liquor License Renewals for the American Legion Post 153, VFW Post 4628, and Ratzos Pool Hall.
5.
Cigarette License Renewals for the American Legion Post 153, VFW Post 4628, Ratzos Pool Hall, Fire Hall Liquors, Barnesville Super Valu, Barnesville Amoco and Farmers Coop General Store.
6.
Clay County Historical Society Donation.
- 7.

Approval of the Elected Officials Out of State Travel Policy.

8.

Employment contract with TEC Coordinator Guy Swenson.

9.

Accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Tracy Ronsberg.

10.

Approval to hire Kari Fankhanel as a Liquor Store Clerk

11.

Approval to hire Carl Kringler and Valerie Fankhanel as a skating rink attendant.

12.

Gambling permit for Barnesville Rod & Gun at the American Legion for February 17, 2006.

13.

Approval of travel for Shana Cihak and Lori Haick to attend the Incode Education Forum.

14.

Approval of travel for Guy Swenson, Tom Olson and Mike Pearson to attend the Gopher State One Call training.

Mayor Bauer next went thru the board and commission reports with council members. Youth Representative Eric Bucholz presented the Youth Report to Council members.

12-12-05-03

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the board and commission reports. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Bauer next called on Dawn Tommerdahl with the Clay County Collaborative. Ms. Tommerdahl discussed with council the Collaborative and asked to have a representative from the City to attend the meetings. Council members stated that they would try to have representation at the board meetings in the future. Council members had no other questions for Ms. Tommerdahl.

Mayor Bauer next called on Librarian Shaw Simonsen. Mrs. Simonsen updated council members on the Library of the Future. Mrs. Simonsen stated that they had received a good response on the surveys that were mailed and that the Focus Groups had met. Council members had no other questions for Mrs. Simonsen.

Mayor Bauer next called on Mr. Jim Braton with J & J Braton Properties, LLC. Mr. Braton had received a billing from the City from the water main break at his property. Mr. Braton stated he was not pleased with how the job was done. Mr. Braton questioned where does the line start and stop, and why the complete line was not repaired. Council member Simonsen stated that the cost was high due to needing to go thru the concrete on Front Street. Mr. Simonsen suggested that the City pay 50% of the bill, with the expense to be paid from the replacement fund.

12-12-05-04

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Simonsen to pay one half of the bill of J & J Braton Properties in the amount of \$7,684.90. Any additional bills will need to be addressed at the Public Works and Personnel and Finance committee meetings. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item on the agenda was the staff presentation for the 2006 budget. Finance Director Joel Haugrud presented council members a handout on the 2006 budget.

Mayor Bauer next opened the public hearing on the 2006 Budget/Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 7:55 p.m. Mayor Bauer asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Bauer closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

12-12-05-05

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the following budget resolution. Motion carried.

CITY OF BARNESVILLE
OF CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
2006 BUDGET
RESOLUTION 12-12-05-05

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota is required to maintain a budget for its fiscal operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota has the legal authority to use its taxation authorities to levy necessary funds to operate the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota is continually monitoring its budget and develops a fiscal budget based on the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Barnesville that 2006 Budget be adopted.

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2005.

Approved this 12th day of December, 2005.

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeri Davis

12-12-05-06

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the following levy resolution. Motion carried.

CITY OF BARNESVILLE
OF CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
2006 LEVY
RESOLUTION 12-12-05-06

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota is required to maintain a budget for its fiscal operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota has the legal authority to use its taxation authorities to levy necessary funds to operate the city.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota is continually monitoring its budget and develops a fiscal budget based on the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Barnesville that 2005 LEVY be adopted as follows:

I.

2006 LEVY \$319,564

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2005.

Approved this 12th day of December, 2005.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item on the agenda was the first reading to increase the garbage rates. City Clerk Jeri Davis informed council members that this increase is due to increased operation costs.

12-12-05-07

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the 1st reading of the garbage rate increase. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2003-21 is hereby amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 2006-1

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE FEES FOR GARBAGE SERVICE

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

WHEREAS: the City Council did previously enact Ordinance No. 2003-21, Defining garbage and rubbish and providing for an regulating the keeping, gathering, and disposal, thereof and providing for the establishment of fees to be charged for garbage collections., and

WHEREAS: THE City Council for the City has recommended that the fee be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, ordinance No. 2003-21, is hereby amended as follows;

Section 5. Fees

Fees payable by those receiving the garbage collection service shall be payable on a monthly basis, and are hereby established as follows:

\$12.60 monthly per residential customer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Barnesville City Council this 9th day of January, 2006.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion of the vacancy in Ward 2. Mayor Bauer stated that Merlin Strom and Fred Dahnke have expressed an interest in serving on the council. Mayor Bauer called on Merlin Strom and Fred Dahnke to discuss their interest with the City. Both Mr. Strom and Mr. Dahnke discussed with council members their interests with the City.

12-12-05-08

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to appoint Mr. Merlin Strom as Ward 2 council member to be appointed at the at the January 9, 2006 council meeting. This term will be until the November 2006 General Election. Council member Kim Simonsen thanked both Mr. Strom and Mr. Dahnke for their interest. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item for discussion was the Clay County Commission vacancy. City Clerk Jeri Davis informed council members that this vacancy is open on the Clay County Commission, and recommended that the City have a representative from this area on the Commission. Mayor Bauer stated that he would recommend Building Inspector Roland Holm for this vacancy. City Clerk Jeri Davis will provide the County with the recommendation of Roland Holm to serve on the Clay County Commission.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item on the agenda was the variance request from Mr. Steve Mortensen. Mayor Bauer asked for council comments. Council member Kim Simonsen stated that Mr. Steve Mortensen is a good neighbor, but the council needs to follow the ordinance. Council member Del Ellefson stated that the Planning Commission will review the present ordinance regarding the variance request in the future.

12-12-05-09

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to deny the variance request for Mr. Steve Mortensen due to the findings at the November 14, 2005 meeting. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted to deny the variance request. Motion carried.

EDA Director Karen Lauer next discussed with council the CUP request for Eugene and Tammy Ernst. Mrs. Lauer informed council that a public hearing was held earlier in regards to this CUP request. Mrs. Lauer stated that staff recommends to grant the CUP to Eugene and Tammy Ernst with the conditions set forth.

12-12-05-10

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the CUP request for Eugene and Tammy Ernst to place a manufactured home on Block 1, Lot 12, Wyland's 1st Addition, with the staff conditions set forth. Motion carried.

EDA Director Karen Lauer next discussed with council members the Serenity Manor property located at 123 2nd Street NE. Mrs. Lauer stated that this property is zoned C-1, and possibly should be changed to an R-1 zone. Council members directed City Attorney Mike Hannaher to research if it is possible to re-zone this property and report back.

TEC Coordinator Guy Swenson next discussed with council members the request from Ottertail Power to renew the truck storage rent at \$75.00 per month. Mr. Swenson stated that the recommendation from the TEC board is to increase the rental amount to \$150.00 effective December 1, 2005.

12-12-05-11

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to increase the truck storage to Ottertail Power to \$150.00 per month effective December 1, 2005. Motion carried.

TEC Coordinator Guy Swenson next discussed the WAPA contracts.

12-12-05-12

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the WAPA contracts as presented. Motion carried.

TEC Coordinator Guy Swenson discussed with council the need to purchase a DSL shelf at the Central Office. Mr. Swenson stated that the estimated cost is \$6,540.

12-12-05-13

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the expenditure of a DSL shelf at the Central Office not to exceed \$6,540. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item for discussion was the partial payment to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$68,780.00 for the water supply system improvements.

12-12-05-14

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the partial payment to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$68,780.00 for the water supply system improvements. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dean Ernst next discussed with council members a budget surplus in the police department. Mr. Ernst was requesting to purchase investigative equipment items and security related items for the police department.

12-12-05-15

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve Police Chief Dean Ernst to purchase investigative equipment and security related items not to exceed \$10,000 with the funds from the 2005 budget. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dean Ernst next discussed his job description with the council. Mr. Ernst stated that by changing his job description that this position would also supervise the Youth Alive Center, that this would meet the insurance requirements for Youth Alive.

12-12-05-16

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Hagen to change the job description of the Police Chief to the following: to supervise and coordinates the animal control functions;

provides supervision and support for the Ambulance Manager, Police Secretary, and Youth Alive Center. Motion carried.

Finance Director Joel Haugrud next discussed the proposed 2006 salary increase to the council.

12-12-05-17

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the recommended salary increases for city employees as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri L. Davis
City Clerk

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor