

**Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2004**

Mayor Ken Bauer called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Ken Bauer and council members Chad Hagen, Roger Cooper, Del Ellefson, Charles Martinson, Guy Swenson and Kim Simonsen. Others in attendance were COO Michael Brethorst, General Manager Gerald Dow, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Sr. Accountant Joel Haugrud, City Attorney Mike Hannaher, Acting Water/Wastewater Superintendent Les LaFayette, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering, Deputy Clerk Jeri Davis, Shana Cihak, Pat Berndt, Youth Representatives Jessica Knight and Marissa Krull, Wade Klein from the F-M Metropolitan Council of Governments, Lawrence & Elaine Kava and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Mayor Bauer stated that the next item on the agenda was the pledge of allegiance. All rose to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bauer stated that he would like to add the following items to the agenda. The animal control applicants and a transfer for the Park Board. Mayor Bauer asked council members if there were any other items to add to the agenda. There was nothing else to add.

12-13-04-01

Motion by Mr. Hagen and second by Mr. Swenson to accept the agenda as presented with the additional items. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer next stated that Pat Berndt has accepted the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning board and thanked her for accepting the position.

Council member Kim Simonsen asked COO Michael Brethorst if there were any employees unhappy with the wage negotiations that had been held on December 3, 2004. Mr. Brethorst informed council that he was not aware of any.

12-13-04-02 Upon a roll call vote by COO Michael Brethorst, all members voted to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer next went thru the boards and commission reports.

Council member Del Ellefson informed council that the Planning Commission will be meeting on the first Monday of the month starting in January 2005.

Youth Representatives Jessica Knight and Marissa Krull presented the Youth Report to the council.

Mayor Bauer next asked if there were any citizens to be heard. There were no citizens present to be heard.

COO Michael Brethorst and Sr. Accountant Joel Haugrud presented council members a presentation of the 2005 budget and Truth-in-Taxation. Mr. Brethorst asked council if they had any questions on the budget or truth in taxation presentation. There were no questions for Mr. Brethorst.

Mayor Bauer next opened the public hearing for the 2005 Budget/Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Council member Kim Simonsen thanked Mr. Brethorst for the presentation that he had presented to the council.

Mayor Bauer asked for any additional comments. There were none.

Mayor Bauer closed the hearing at 7:32 p.m.

COO Michael Brethorst discussed the employee health insurance with council members. Council member Kim Simonsen stated that the personnel/finance committee has reviewed the plans that were presented and that the employee sub-committee has also reviewed the plans. Mr. Simonsen stated that the committee discussed changing to a percentage rate of 80% that the city would cover and the employee would be responsible for 20%. Council members discussed the option B and what the cost would be under the proposed option B plan. Mr. Brethorst informed council approximately \$3,100 per year increase. Mayor Bauer asked what option they used in the budget. Mr. Brethorst informed council that they had used Option A. Council member Simonsen stated that under Option B, that the retirees would have more of an out of pocket expense. Mr. Simonsen felt that this was tax payer monies and should not be used for retiree's health insurance premiums. Mr. Swenson stated that no promises had been made to the retirees and felt that it should be corrected.

12-13-04-03 Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the following resolution. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

**City of Barnesville
Of Clay County, Minnesota
2005 Health Insurance Employee Benefit**

Resolution Number 12-13-04-03

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville, Minnesota chooses to provide health insurance to Employees that are eligible.

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 adjust its personnel policy relating to health insurance as follows:

1.

The city will pay up to a maximum amount of 100% for single coverage of the monthly health insurance premium for existing full time employees. The city will pay up to a maximum of 80% amount for family coverage of the monthly health insurance premium for eligible FTE employee.

2.

Council members and Mayor are eligible to buy into the Health insurance pool at 100% of their cost. Full-Vested retirees are eligible to buy into the Health insurance plan at 100% of their cost in accordance with Minnesota State Law.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2004.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2004.

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor

Attest: _____

Michael M. Brethorst
Chief Operations Officer

12-13-04-04 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the following resolution. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

CITY OF BARNESVILLE

**OF CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
2005 BUDGET
RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-13-04-04**

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 2005 Budget be adopted.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2004.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2004.

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor

Attest: _____
Michael M. Brethorst
Chief Operations Officer

12-13-04-05 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the following resolution. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
OF CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
2005 LEVY
RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-13-04-05**

BEIT 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 2005 LEVY be adopted as follows:

I.
2005 LEVY \$285,347

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2004.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2004.

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor

Attest: _____
Michael M. Brethorst
Chief Operations Officer

Mayor Bauer next opened the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan at 7:57 p.m.

Mr. Wade Klein from the F-M Metropolitan council of Governments discussed with council members the comprehensive plan. Mr. Klein discussed the three updates that had been completed since last month's council meeting. Mr. Klein asked council members if they had any questions. Mayor Bauer asked several questions and comments for Mr. Klein. Council member Kim Simonsen thanked Mr. Klein for the outstanding job that Mr. Klein had done for the comprehensive plan. Mayor Bauer also thanked Mr. Klein. There were no further questions or comments. Mayor Bauer closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

12-13-04-06 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the Comprehensive Plan with the three new additions. Upon a voice roll call vote, motion carried.

COO Michael Brethorst informed council members that the city needs to have two council members attend a local board of appeal and equalization training session. Mr. Martinson and Mr. Cooper will represent the city.

COO Michael Brethorst informed council members that he has been working with Lawrence and Elaine Kava on a first right of refusal for possible sewer ponds. Mr. Brethorst had invited Mr. & Mrs. Kava to attend the meeting tonight. Mayor Bauer asked Lawrence and Elaine Kava if they had any questions for the council. They had no

questions at this time.

12-13-04-07 Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Ellefson to enter into a First Right of Refusal agreement with Lawrence and Elaine Kava in the amount of \$1.00. Motion carried.

COO Michael Brethorst informed council members of increasing the deductible on the cities insurance policy. This would be a savings of 6% which is approximately \$2,000.

12-13-04-08 Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Martinson to approve the higher deductible for the cities insurance policy as presented. Motion carried.

COO Michael Brethorst informed council members the Teamsters Local 116 agreement had been completed with the police department. Mayor Bauer asked for any comments. Councilmember Kim Simonsen stated that this was a two year agreement with the Teamsters. Police Chief Dean Ernst stated that he felt that it was fair.

12-13-04-09

Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Simonsen to approve the Teamsters Local 116 Agreement. Motion carried.

12-13-04-10

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Hagen to approve the following 2005 cigarette licenses: American Legion Post 153, Ratzos Pool Hall, Old 52 Bar & Grill, Fire Hall Liquors, Barnesville Super Valu, Barnesville Amoco, and Farmer's Coop General Store. Motion carried.

12-13-04-11

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the following 2005 liquor combination licenses: VFW Post 4628, American Legion Post 153, Ratzos Pool Hall, and Old 52 Bar & Grill. Also to accept the 2005 Sunday liquor licenses: VFW Post 4628, American Legion Post 153, Ratzos Pool Hall, and Old 52 Bar & Grill. Motion carried.

Mayor Bauer stated the next item on the agenda was the Permanent part time employee holiday pay. Council members Swenson and Simonsen stated that they had discussed this item at the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting and are clarifying the original intent of the Article 4, Section 2, Item D.

12-13-04-12 Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr Swenson to change the personnel policy for the Holiday Pay-Permanent Part-time employees, which is found in the personnel policy, Article 4, Section 2, Item D. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dean Ernst informed council members that he is recommending hiring Nickita Bartelson for the animal control position.

12-13-04-13 Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Hagen to hire Nickita Bartelson for the animal control position at a rate of pay of \$8.50 per hour. Motion carried.

12-13-04-14

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Martinson to approve travel for Michael Pearson to attend the Avaya Key System training in Fargo. Motion carried.

12-13-04-15

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Cooper to approve the travel for General Manager Gerald Dow to attend the 702 Communications Board meeting and also to travel to Detroit Lakes to attend the MRE meeting. Motion carried.

12-13-04-16

Motion by Mr. Simonsen and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the HITS service for the cable TV, which will be an additional tier of service. The estimated cost of the equipment necessary to facilitate the deployment of the HITS service is \$24,500. Motion carried.

12-13-04-17

Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the carry over request of \$3,448.00 to be utilized to place the fiber optic cable. Motion carried.

12-13-04-18

Motion by Mr. Martinson and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the request from the EDA to approve the use of restricted funds for the following projects.

1.

Consultant fee to prepare 2004 Small Cities Application-\$5,000

2.

Acquisition and demolition of the old Lewis Lumberyard Project. The total project cost is estimated to be \$21,000 - \$26,000. The EDA has received a grant from West Central Initiative to assist with demolition costs. Out of pocket costs to the EDA are estimated to be approximately \$16,000. Motion carried.

EDA Director Karen Lauer discussed with council members the agreement letter with Ottetail Valley Railroad.

12-13-04-19

Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Swenson to approve the proposed letter and confirming our agreement with Ottetail Valley Railroad. Council member Swenson asked Mrs. Lauer if she has talked to Pam Slifka with Ottetail Valley Railroad. Mrs.

Lauer stated that she will check with the Ottertail Valley Railroad. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Riddering informed council members that as of date, he had only received two applicants for the part-time seasonal position.

12-13-04-20

Motion by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Ellefson to approve the request to carry over \$7,300 to the Park Department for a fountain at the Blue Eagle Lake. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mike Hannaher informed council members that the city needs to transfer the Cris Mortenson litigation case to a different law firm.

12-13-04-21

Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Simonsen to allow City Attorney and COO Michael Brethorst to decide what law firm to transfer the Cris Mortenson litigation to. Motion carried.

12-13-04-22

Motion by Mr. Swenson and second by Mr. Ellefson to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Davis
Deputy Clerk

Kenneth J. Bauer
Mayor