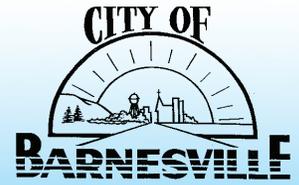


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CITY OFFICES CLOSED FEBRUARY 16

Barnesville City Hall will be closed on **Monday, February 16** in observance of President's Day.

NEW CHANGES FOR REBATES: BRIGHT ENERGY SOLUTIONS



Barnesville Municipal Power, in cooperation with Missouri River Energy Services will continue to offer rebates for the purchase of energy efficient appliances through the Bright Energy Solutions program.

Rebates are available for CFL light bulbs, ceiling fans, clothes washers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, heating & cooling systems and refrigerators. **NEW this year are rebates for clothes dryers, LED bulbs and LED retrofit kits.** Rebates can range up to \$80!

Complete information on the rebates is posted at www.brightenergysolutions.com. Customers can apply for rebate online or on paper at City Hall.

Customers are also reminded that rebates must be submitted within 30 days of purchase.

NOW IS THE TIME TO LICENSE PETS....



A reminder to all pet owners that **all dogs and cats owned within the Barnesville city limits MUST be licensed each**

and every January 1. If you have not done so already, please stop in at the Barnesville City Hall, the Police Department or Barnesville Animal Care Clinic to purchase a license.

License fees range from \$5 to \$10 with proof of current vaccinations. Having a current pet license will help Animal Control locate the owner of a lost pet!

WATCH FOR NEW 2015 PHONE DIRECTORY

The new 2015 Phone Directory should arrive in your mail at the end of the month. If you don't receive your directory, stop by City Hall to pick one up.

"TOAST OF THE TOWN" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

The 7th Annual Toast of the Town sponsored by the Main Street Program will be held on **Saturday, February 21 from 7-9 pm** at the Galaxie Sports Bar & Supper Club.



Join us for a relaxed evening of appetizers, wine & beer tastings, silent auction, door prizes, entertainment and fun. Tickets are \$25 for two or \$15 for one. Funds raised are used for the beautification of Barnesville including banners, holiday decorations, flowers and plants.

VALUABLE COUPON

FIREHALL MUNICIPAL LIQUORS

Front door parking at 104 Main Avenue West

15% OFF

TOTAL PURCHASE

Must have original coupon - no photocopies. Limit one coupon per household. Coupon good on regular priced items only.

Coupon expires February 28, 2015

WIND POWER BLOCKS AVAILABLE



Wind power is a non-polluting energy source that reduces the use of fossil fuels. Sign up today to purchase this clean renewable energy. For more information call City Hall at 354-2292.

WARNING

PREVENT WATER LINE FREEZE-UPS!

To Insure That The Water Line To Your Home Does Not Freeze, Check The Water Temperature Regularly. If It Drops Below 40 Degrees, Leave One Faucet Open To Run A Trickle About The Size Of Pencil Lead.

Frozen Water Lines Are The Responsibility Of The Property Owner, Not The City!



Due to the cold weather and the lack of snow cover this winter, the frost table is lower than most years. This can cause frozen water service lines and there have already been a few in Barnesville.

An indicator of an impending water service line freeze-up is to check the temperature of your water after running it 2-3 minutes until it is cold. The water temperature should be about 45 degrees. If the temperature is 41 degrees or below, frost may be getting close to your service line. **You can prevent your line from freezing by letting the water run at a pencil lead size stream from a faucet.**

If you start running your water please call City Hall so we can make a bill adjustment to your usage charge. Questions? Call 701.893.8825.



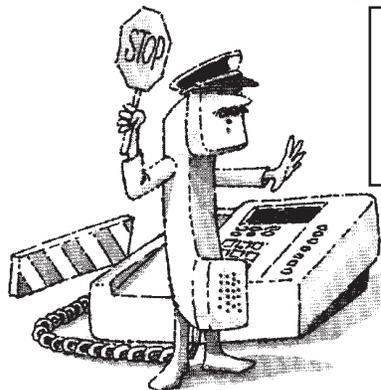
The full version of all Barnesville City Council agendas and minutes, back to 2002 is available on the City of Barnesville website at www.barnesvillemn.com. A summary of minutes from the previous meeting is published in the monthly City newsletter which is mailed out with the utility billing.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • December 8, 2014

Mayor Gene Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Larry Davis, Jr, Jason Rick, Betty Strom, Don Goedtke, Richard Sylvester and Cathy Enstad.

- 12-08-14-01 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the agenda as presented and add the Metro Council of Governments Advisory Board appointment and cable rate increase. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-02 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to approve the consent agenda, and to remove the approval of the November 26, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-03 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to open the truth in taxation hearing at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-04 Motion Davis, second Rick to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-05 Motion Rick, second Sylvester to approve the 2015 levy resolution. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-06 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the 2015 budget resolution. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-07 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the 2015 employee wages. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-08 Motion Strom, second Goedtke to authorize staff to sign the agreement letter with Clifton Larson Allen for the 2014 audit. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-09 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the Committing Fund Balance resolution. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Sylvester, and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-10 Motion Davis, second Strom to authorize Mike Rietz to execute the grant application for the fish ladder at Whisky Creek Spillway and complete the contract, and approve the work plan in the amount of \$402,909.00. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-11 Motion Davis, second Strom to accept the bid from North Central Ambulance in the amount of \$95,813.00 to remount our existing ambulance module onto a new Ford Chassis. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-12 Motion Sylvester, second Goedtke to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-01, an Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Chapter 7-09 of the Municipal Code, Accessory Structures in Residential Districts. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-13 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-02, a Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Subdivisions 3 and 10 of Section 2-0202 of the Revised Barnesville City Code of 2013 relating to Gas Franchise Adoption and Fee. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-14 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-03, an Ordinance amending Chapter 8-01, Sec. 2-0106 of the Municipal Code regarding Refuse Collection Fees. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-15 Motion Strom, second Davis to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-04, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8-01, Sec. 8-01 of the Municipal Code Regarding Ambulance Fees. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-16 Motion Sylvester, second Strom to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-05, an Ordinance to Amend Section 20-0113 of the Revised Barnesville City Code of 2013. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-17 Motion Sylvester, second Rick to approve the increase in retail rate for HBO to \$16.00 per sub, and Cinemax to \$9.25 per sub, and the HBO/Cinemax package to \$24.50. Motion carried.

- 12-08-14-18 Motion Rick, second Enstad to approve the payment to Arvig Construction in the amount of \$328,136.59. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-19 Motion Strom, second Rick to authorize staff to purchase 400 AMI electric meters in the amount of \$54,506.25 from Cannon Technologies. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-20 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to appoint City Administrator Mike Rietz to the FM Metro COG policy board, and EDA Director Karen Lauer as an alternate. Also to appoint City Administrator Mike Rietz to the Transportation Technical Committee. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-21 Motion Davis, second Rick to go into a closed session for the purpose of conducting the annual performance review of City Administrator Mike Rietz. Motion carried.
- 12-08-14-22 Motion Davis, second Rick to re-open the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Prim stated that City Administrator Rietz's performance was determined to be meeting expectations.
- Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.



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The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home.

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the Internet. To register by telephone, call **1-(888)382-1222**. You must call from the telephone number that you wish to register. You may also register, or obtain more info, via the Internet at www.donotcall.gov. Do Not Call will be effective 31 days after your registration.

Prior to Feb. 2008, your registration was only valid for 5 years. **If you registered several years ago, we recommend registering again.** If you register your number now, your number will remain permanently on the list. You also can remove your name from the list at any time.