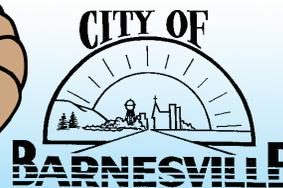


KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



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TREE TRIMMING OPPORTUNITY!

The City has contracted with Carr's Tree Service to trim tree branches growing close to City's utility lines throughout town. This work will occur during January and February. Most trees are accessible from streets or alleys. Carr's will try to inform homeowners prior to trimming.

Since Carr's will be working in Barnesville, this is an opportunity for residents to hire Carr's to trim or remove trees from their property at a better rate. If you're interested just talk to the Carr's crew when you see them in town to make arrangements. Any fees associated with that work would be the responsibility of the customer.

PART-TIME EMT IS NEEDED

Barnesville Ambulance is looking for a part-time EMT to work 36 hours a week. The hours for this paid position would be Monday- Friday, during the day. Applicants must have a State of Minnesota EMT license. Contact Ambulance Director Jon Yeske at 354-2299 for more info or to apply for the position.

SPECIAL CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall: December 24 - offices close at 11:30

CLOSED December 25 & January 1

Liquor Store: Dec. 24: 10-3; CLOSED Dec. 25

Dec. 31: Noon-9 pm; CLOSED January 1

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The City's Truth in Taxation hearing will be **Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 pm** in the City Council Chambers. The 2014 final budget will be adopted along with the 2014 tax levy.



ENERGY SAVING IDEAS from BARNESVILLE MUNICIPAL POWER

• Lower Your Thermostat

Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. For every degree your thermostat is lowered, you save approximately 3% on your annual heating bill.

• Install a Programmable Thermostat

This device can save as much as 20% on your heating costs by automatically turning your heating system up or down to match your daily routine.

• Have Your Furnace Serviced

Have your furnace professionally serviced regularly. Regular furnace maintenance can reduce energy costs from \$18 to \$60 each winter.

"MIRACLE ON FRONT STREET"

Check out the back page for the complete schedule of "Miracle on Front Street" Holiday activities including the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Breakfast with Santa, Stop & Shop and Tour of Homes!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

The City of Barnesville is pleased to welcome several new employees to our team.

Joining the Public Works department as a seasonal employee is **Wayne Nosal**.

Paul Downing recently started work as a part-time attendant at the Recycling Center.

Please help us to welcome these folks!



PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

BARNESVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS NOV. 10, 2013 - JAN. 31, 2014

PeopleService will have crews working throughout the community replacing older water meters for new automated meters.

If you receive a door hanger or phone call regarding meter replacement, please call Mike from PeopleService at 701.893.8699 for an appointment.

Your water will be shut off for only a few moments to make the change and there is no cost to the homeowner.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Main Street Program Christmas Cruisers will once again be patrolling the streets on **Tuesday, December 17 from 6-8 pm** in search of beautiful light displays.

New this year is the "Most Holiday Spirit Award" recognizing the most creative display! Call the Main Street office at 354-2479 with your vote for the People's Choice Award by Dec. 17. Winners will receive Barnesville Bucks and a sign designating their winning status.



WE NOW OFFER ONLINE BILL PAY
Just go to www.barnesvillemn.com

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • October 3, 2013**

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

Mayor Dahnke called this special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Cathy Enstad, Larry Davis, Jr. and Jason Rick. Mayor Dahnke stated the only item on the agenda was the discussion on future use of the 2nd floor of Old City Hall.

10-03-13-01 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

KLJ Engineering next handed out the survey results of the survey taken asking residents what they would like to see Old City Hall used for. KLJ stated that there were 55 surveys returned. Joel Paulsen from KLJ indicated that a public hearing may be beneficial. The Council discussed the survey results and the next steps.

10-03-13-02 Motion Enstad, second Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • October 14, 2013**

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Mayor Dahnke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Cathy Enstad, Larry Davis, Jr. and Jason Rick.

10-14-13-01 Motion Sylvester, second Strom to approve the agenda as presented with the following changes: change the partial pay request number 2 for the Commercial Park Expansion District to the final pay request, remove from the agenda the item of the approval of the City's share of additional costs for the Commercial Park Expansion district, add the liability coverage waiver insurance, and an update on the Dollar General store. Motion carried.

10-14-13-02 Motion Rick, second Enstad to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voted aye: Rick, Strom, Sylvester and Enstad. The following abstained from the vote: Davis. Council member Davis stated he abstained since he submitted the Fire Dept. gambling permit. Motion carried.

10-14-13-03 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the board and commission reports as presented. Motion carried.

10-14-13-04 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to table the appointment of Ward 2 council member to the November regular meeting. Council member Davis stated that there is no need to appoint someone at this time, let the voters decide, and make the appointment after the election. Motion carried.

10-14-13-05 Motion Davis, second Rick to approve the service hook-up agreement with Barnesville Lumber. Motion carried.

10-14-13-06 Motion Davis, second by Mr. Rick to approve the following resolution. A resolution providing for the Sale of \$350,000

General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2013A. Voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. The following voted nay: none. Motion carried.

10-14-13-07 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-11, an ordinance to amend the zoning map. Motion carried.

10-14-13-08 Motion Davis, second Enstad to approve the final payment to Sellin Brothers in the amount of \$46,289.00 for the Commercial Park Expansion District No. 1. Motion carried.

10-14-13-09 Motion Davis, second Sylvester to table the bids on the elevator project for Old City Hall to the November regular meeting. Motion carried.

10-14-13-10 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to hold a public meeting at Old City Hall on October 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the possible uses for old City Hall. Motion carried.

10-14-13-11 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the following resolution. A resolution to release, cancel, and terminate a portion of the 10 foot easement along the East side of Lot 2, block 1 of Heartland Second Addition, and a portion of the 10 foot easement along the West side of Lot 3, Block 1, of Heartland Second Addition. Voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. The following voted nay: none. Motion carried.

10-14-13-12 Motion by Davis, second Enstad to renew the Main Street Business Incentive program for two years. Motion carried.

10-14-13-13 Motion Sylvester, second Davis to approve the agreement with Ryan Tonsfeldt to allow their business to extend 6th Ave. NE a short distance to the east. Motion carried.

10-14-13-14 Motion Rick, second Sylvester that the City of Barnesville does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statutes 466.04. Motion carried.

10-14-13-15 Motion by Davis, second Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • October 30, 2013**

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Vice Mayor Larry Davis Jr. called the special meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Members present were Council members Betty Strom, Richard Sylvester, Cathy Enstad, Larry Davis, Jr. and Jason Rick. Mayor Dahnke arrived at 6:10 pm.

Vice Mayor Davis stated the only item on this agenda tonight was the resolution approving the sale of \$350,000.00 General Obligation Improvement bonds. Mr. Todd Hagen with Ehlers & Associates presented the bids that were received.

10-30-13-01 Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mr. Rick to award the bid to Midwest Bank of Barnesville, MN at a rate of 3.3569%. Voted aye: Rick, Strom, Davis, Sylvester and Enstad. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

10-30-13-02 Motion Enstad, second Rick to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried.

on **Miracle**
Frontstreet
Barnesville, MN

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, December 4th

Tree Lighting Ceremony

6:30 pm Friendship Park
(Corner of Hwy 9 across from City Hall)

Saturday, December 7th

Breakfast with Santa

9:30 - 11:30 am Galaxie Supper Club
Breakfast will be served by Thursday Nite Lions.
Kletsch Photography will be there to capture visits with Santa.

Home-based Business Stop & Shop

9:30 am - Noon Galaxie Supper Club
Make your morning a one - stop shop with gifts galore

Saturday, Cond.

Holiday Boutique

8:30am-1:00pm -Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Holiday Open House

10:30am-1:30pm—Barnesville Library

Holiday Open House

11:00am-3:00pm - Anytime Fitness

Holiday Tour of Homes

4:00-7:00pm

Tickets available at City Center, Cenex, Barnesville C-Store and the Main Street office

Sunday, December 15

Suz Dance Winter Show

3:00 p m - Barnesville High School Gym