

**Barnesville City Council  
Special Meeting  
June 2, 2015**

Mayor Gene Prim called this special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Council members Jason Rick, Betty Strom, Don Goedtke, Richard Sylvester, and Cathy Enstad. Absent was Council member Larry Davis, Jr. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, John Shockley with Ohnstad Twichell, City Clerk Jeri Reep, Finance Director Laurie Schell, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Jon Pauna with KLJ Engineering and Pam Aakre with the Record Review.

Mayor Prim stated the first item on the agenda was the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2015-08.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the changes are removing some language that doesn't apply.

**06-02-15-01** Motion by Mr. Sylvester and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2015-08. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 6-0901 OF THE BARNESVILLE CITY CODE RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNIGN PUBLIC PARKS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Barnesville as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6-0901 of the Barnesville City Code is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**SEC. 6-0901. RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC PARKS.**

**Subd. 1. Adoption.** The Council may by resolution adopt, and from time to time amend, rules and regulations governing public parks. It is unlawful to violate such rules and regulations as are conspicuously sign-posted in such parks.

**Subd. 2. Hours.** It is unlawful for any person to park in, leave any vehicle in, or be in or remain in, or leave any vehicle in any park, including any City waterways or lakes, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the day following; provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to those vehicles or persons involved in organized activities which are authorized by permit issued by the City to remain in a park.

**Subd. 3. Picnic Shelters.** The fee to rent a picnic shelter and the 25 feet of park space around it in all City Parks is \$25 for the first four hours and \$5 for each additional hour. Non-profits using the park in groups larger than twelve are required to obtain a permit, but the

fee will be waived. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the planned use of the shelter and by noon on Friday. Park shelters in all parks that have not been reserved according to this procedure are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Subd. 4. Group Permits.** Groups using City Parks in numbers in excess of 12 people are required to purchase a permit of \$25 for the first four hours and \$5 for each additional hour. Non-profits using the park in groups larger than twelve are required to obtain a permit, but the fee will be waived. Publically sponsored events and sporting events scheduled through the School District or the City will be exempt from this permit process. Also, groups who have obtained a permit pursuant to Subdivision 3 of this section are exempt from the requirements of this Subdivision.

~~**Subd. 5. Other Unlawful Acts.** It is unlawful for any person to swim in any of the waterways or lakes in the City unless a lifeguard is on duty.~~

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in accordance with the Barnesville City Charter.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Barnesville this 8th day of June, 2015.

APPROVED BY:

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Eugene Prim  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeri Reep  
City Clerk

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Second Reading: June 8, 2015  
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Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion on the Assessment Policy.

Mayor Prim informed council members that the Personnel and Finance committee, along with City Hall staff have done a lot of work reviewing the assessment policy. Mayor Prim stated there are a few items the council needs to consider regarding the assessment policy.

City Administrator Mike Rietz discussed the historical debt analyses, and the future debt analysis. Mr. Rietz discussed the different scenarios and raising water and sewer rates.

Council member Sylvester stated that he does not like deferred assessments. Mr. Sylvester stated that for reconstruction, at least 20% should be assessed.

Council member Larry Davis Jr. arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Jon Pauna with KLJ Engineering stated that towns that have very low assessments have not done very many projects.

Council member Goedtke stated he would like to see the assessment rate be in the 30% - 35% range.

Council member Enstad stated that she does not want to see any raises in the utility rates.

Council member Davis stated that he doesn't want to see the rates go up.

Council member Sylvester stated that part of a policy can be changed stated he would like to see a 20% rate.

Mayor Prim questioned if the value of the home is increasing by 20% - 35%?

Council member Sylvester stated that alleys should be 100% assessed to the property owners.

Mr. Sylvester questioned on how to address corner lots.

Mayor Prim asked for comments from the council members.

Council member Goedtke stated that he would rather that increase goes to the property taxes than a rate increase. Mr. Goedtke stated he would like to see a 30% to 35% assessment.

Council member Sylvester stated he would like to see a 20% assessment.

Council member Enstad stated she agreed with Council member Goedtke.

Council member Strom stated she would like to see a 30% to 35% assessment.

Council member Davis stated he would like to see a 25% to 30% assessment.

After much discussion, the following motion was made.

**06-02-15-02** Motion by Mr. Goedtke and second by Mrs. Enstad to change the City of Barnesville assessment policy to state that for reconstruction projects benefitting property owners will get a 30% assessment, with 70% of the costs being picked up by the City. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri Reep  
City Clerk

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Eugene Prim  
Mayor