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IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

Barnesville residents are reminded that Election Day is **Tuesday, November 7**. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center located at 501 2nd Ave. NE. Please bring a drivers license with your current address. If the address is not current on your photo ID you also need a utility bill with a current address.

City Hall will be open on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 am to 3 pm and until 5 pm on Monday, Nov. 6 for absentee voting.

Voters will be electing a Mayor for a 2 year term; Council members from Wards 1, 2 and 3 for a 4 year term; and a Ward 2 member for 2 years.



WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Barnesville winter parking restrictions state that after a snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles parked on any city street, that is not otherwise posted, must be removed prior to 8 am on the day following the day that the street is first plowed.

Vehicles may not be returned until after such street has been widened to its full width.



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 November 30, 2017



NEW COUNTY SALES TAX TAKES EFFECT

In November 2016, the voters in Clay County overwhelmingly approved a new half cent sales tax to be used to construct the new Clay County Jail in Moorhead. The new tax took effect on October 1, 2017.

Per state rules, the new sales tax will be collected on the City's utility bills. Effective with this utility bill the rate on the State Tax line will increase from 6.875% to 7.375%.

CITY HALL CLOSED NOV. 10, 23-24

City Hall will be closed on **Friday, Nov. 10** in observance of Veteran's Day and **Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CALLER ID "SPOOFING" NOTICE

Caller ID service is currently susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing". The term Caller ID Spoofing refers to a practice whereby the calling party uses commonly available technology to falsify the number of the telephone line from which the call is made, the name of the calling party, or both as they appear on the called party's Caller ID screen. This practice has the potential for fraud and harm to the called party.

To protect yourself, do not take what the Caller ID screen displays for granted. If what the caller is saying does not seem legitimate, do not divulge personal information until you can verify the source, by hanging up and calling them back on a verified number (from a mailed statement or printed directory).

If you would like more information on spoofing, visit www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • September 11, 2017

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

Mayor Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Don Goedtke, Jason Rick, Larry Davis, Jr., Betty Strom, David Brown and Brad Field.

09-11-17-01 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the agenda, with the addition of the request to use the East end of the street of 2nd Ave. NE. Motion carried.

09-11-17-02 Motion Davis, second Brown to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

09-11-17-03 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the CUP at 810 4th Avenue NE, Lot 1 Block 3 of Dahms 2nd Addition., with the conditions listed in the CUP. Motion carried.

09-11-17-04 Motion Goedtke, second Davis to approve the variance request at 502 2nd Street NW, Lot 5 and south half of Lot 6, Block 5, 1st Railway Addition. Motion carried.

09-11-17-05 Motion Field, second Rick to approve the AT Group as the Agent of Record for Health Insurance. Motion carried.

09-11-17-06 Motion Rick, second Goedtke to approve the 2018 preliminary levy resolution. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

09-11-17-07 Motion Rick, second Field to approve the 2018 preliminary budget. Voted aye: Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

09-11-17-08 Motion Davis, second Strom to approve the bid from Dirt Dynamics in the amount of \$29,562.00 for the ditch project on the East side of 13th Street. Motion carried.

09-11-17-09 Motion Rick, second Strom to approve the 13th Street drainage agreement with Edward and Patricia Gilbertson. Carried.

09-11-17-10 Motion Davis, second Goedtke to approve to survey and a design plan for the parking lot at Friendship Park. Mr. Kolbinger stated the estimated cost would be \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

09-11-17-11 Motion Davis, second Field to allow Prairie Land Management to use the street by the Commercial Park to store wildflower seeds for up to one month. Councilmember Rick stated he would like to see only half the street to be used. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



PeopleService INC.
Water & Wastewater Professionals

**WATER HARDNESS
READING
OCTOBER 2017**

The October 17, 2017 hardness reading taken by PeopleService is **35**.

WATCH PREP BOWL ON CHANNEL 110

In an arrangement with KSTC, the Minnesota High School Tournaments will be broadcast on Antenna TV Barnesville Cable Channel 110. The first of these tournaments will be the Minnesota High School Football Prep Bowl to be televised both on **Friday, November 24** and **Saturday, November 25**. See schedule at www.kstc45.com.

WATCH FOR SOLAR GARDEN POLL!

In recent years, many area utility companies have built Solar Gardens to capture sunlight and generate electricity. In most cases, customers are able to “go green” by purchasing the power generated by the solar panels.

Barnesville Municipal Power is studying the idea of building a Community Solar Garden. Watch for a bright yellow postcard arriving in the next couple of weeks asking for your input on this exciting opportunity!

MONEY SAVING TIP FOR WINTER!

Using less energy helps save you money as well as conserve our natural resources. Here is one energy saving tip that will help you **reduce your home heating costs** this winter!

Install a programmable thermostat

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

SECURE YOUR WIRELESS INTERNET!

If you're using your router to create a wireless connection within your home, be sure that you have a secure connection requiring a password. With the popularity of iPads we're seeing more people sitting in parked cars and tapping into unsecured wireless connections. Your unique IP address could be attached to all sorts of activity and websites. Not sure if your in-home wireless connection is secure? Call the Internet Help Desk at 354-2222 from 7 am to 10 pm Monday-Friday and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturdays.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Lifeline and Link-up are federal and state assistance programs which reduce telephone bills for qualified low-income customers. Lifeline offers a monthly credit up to \$12.75 per month and the Link-up program reduces installation charges for qualified low income customers. You may qualify for these programs if you participate in SSI, Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Free School Lunch or if your household income is below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more info contact City Hall at 354-2292.