

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
November 2, 2016**

Mayor Prim called this special meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present were Mayor Prim and Council members Rick, Goedtke, Strom, Davis, and Field. Absent was council member Stuvland. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, John Shockley with Ohnstad Twichell, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Jenny Mongeau, Tim Thompson, Cris Mortensen, John Thompson, Steve Akers, and Karen Carpenter with the Record Review.

Mayor Prim stated there was only one item on the agenda for this evening, which was to discuss the property at 908 Front St. South.

EDA Director Karen Lauer reported that she attended the County Board meeting to request that the County transfer the tax-forfeited property at 908 Front St. S. to the City of Barnesville for clean-up and resale to the private sector and that one party had expressed interest in it once the City had cleaned it up. She reported that at that meeting, Tim Thompson and Cris Mortensen also expressed interest in the property. The County Board tabled action on this property until their meeting on November 22, 2016

City Attorney John Shockley suggested that since there is some concern about potential contamination on the property, it might be a good idea to express those concerns to the County Board and to indicate to the Board that as a public entity the City is in a better position than the private sector to access funds to assist with clean up costs. He suggested to then let the County Board know that once the clean up issues were dealt with, since there was interest in the property from more than one party, the City would use an RFP or RFQ process to dispose of the property.

The consensus of the City Council was that since there were multiple parties interested in the property, moving forward using the approach outlined by the City Attorney was the best approach.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Michael Rietz
City Administrator

Eugene Prim
Mayor