

Barnesville City Council
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2018

Mayor Prim called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Don Goedtke, Betty Strom, David Brown, Scott Bauer and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Tonya Stokka. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, Chris McShane with Ohnstad Twitchell, City Clerk Jeri Reep, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Ambulance Manager Scott Nelson, Scott Kolbinger with KLJ Engineering, Aubree Martinez and Kara Beattie with Midwest Bank, Tom Swenson with MN DOT, Shelly Dunham, and Michael Stein with the Record Review.

Mayor Prim asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated the following needed to be added to the agenda: accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Rogena Fronning, approval to hire Hunter Moen as part-time Golf Course employee, and the Park Board check presentation for We Love Kids project.

04-09-18-01 Motion by Mrs. Strom and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions: accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Rogena Fronning, approval to hire Hunter Moen as part-time Golf Course employee, and the Park Board check presentation for We Love Kids project. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the consent agenda.

04-09-18-02 Motion by Mrs. Strom and second by Mr. Brown to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2018.
2. Approval of the department head reports.
3. Approval of check numbers 84842-84933 and EFT payments for a total of \$546,643.17
4. Approval of the final pay request and Change Order #4 from Hough, Inc on the fish ramp project in the amount of \$23,743.06.
5. Approval of 1st quarter transfers.
6. Approval to authorize Finance Director Laurie Schell to make payments via electronic funds transfer.
7. Approval to hire the following Golf Course employees: Allan Kertscher-\$12.75 per hour, Harold Opsahl-\$11.00 per hour, George Ericson-\$10.50 per hour, Dalton Norman-\$10.25 per hour, Ricky Reep-\$10.25 per hour and John Hoffbeck-\$10.25 per hour.
8. Approval to accept the resignation of TEC Board member Troy Weber.
9. Approval to accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Rogena Fronning.
10. Approval to hire Hunter Moen as part-time Golf Course employee at \$10.50 per hour.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the board and commission reports.

Council member Brad Field stated that he has met with Bruce Albright with the Buffalo Red River Watershed regarding the drainage issue at the airport.

Council member Tonya Stokka arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the public forum. Mayor Prim asked if there were any citizens present to be heard. There were none.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the Highway 34 speed limit signs.

Mr. Tom Swenson with the MN DOT District 4 next approached the council. Mr. Swenson discussed with council members the speed limit on Highway 34, and the council's concern at the 4th Street NE entrance into town. Mr. Swenson discussed the process on determining speed limits on state highways. Mayor Prim stated that the council members are concerned about the speed limits at the Highway 34 location. Mr. Swenson stated he would look at the highway 34 area and bike path area. Mayor Prim thanked Mr. Swenson for attending the council meeting.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the Community Garden lease.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that Midwest Bank would like to enter into a 5 year lease for a Community Garden near the wastewater lagoons. Midwest Bank is asking for installation of water lines to make it easier to water the garden. People Service and the Public Works department have agreed to cover the labor costs by installing the pipe. The estimated cost for the water installation is \$2,000.00.

Mrs. Aubree Martinez with Midwest Bank next approached the council and stated that the Community Garden is in the 2nd year of planting. Eleven plots were sold last year. Mrs. Martinez discussed the plans for the garden for the coming year. Midwest Bank will pay the expenses of the installation of the water up to \$2,000.00.

04-09-18-03 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Strom to approve the 5-year lease with Midwest Bank for a Community Garden and approve the installation of the water lines, with Midwest Bank paying up to \$2,000.00 for the installation of water lines. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the recommendation from the Park Board regarding the Park Improvement Plan.

City Administrator Mike Rietz informed council members that the proposed revised budget is for the projects being funded by the We Love Kids fundraising. This budget has been reduced by

\$50,000. The new projected budget is \$217,080 and the Park Board is recommending that the costs be split in half between the fundraised dollars and the City contributed dollars.

04-09-18-04 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the Park Improvement plan as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the Park Board check presentation or the We Love Kids project.

EDA Director Karen Lauer, along with Council member Betty Strom, Council member Tonya Stokka, and Shelly Dunham next presented the city council with a check in the amount of \$113,831.00 for the We Love Kids project. Absent from the check presentation was Midwest Bank President Dionne Merkens.

Mayor Prim thanked the We Love Kids project group for their hard work and the check presentation.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the plans and specs for the Waste Water Treatment facility repairs.

Mr. Scott Kolbinger with KLJ Engineering next approached the council. Mr. Kolbinger stated that KLJ has completed the plans and specifications for the wastewater treatment facility Secondary Cell No. 2 Improvements per the Stipulation Agreement with the MPCA following an unauthorized release of wastewater. If council approves, KLJ will sign the final drawings, submit to the MPCA for plan approval and begin contracting contractors. The project specifications call for bids to be submitted by May 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. KLJ will provide a recommendation for the May regular meeting.

04-09-18-05 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mr. Bauer to authorize plans and specifications for the Waste Water Treatment Facility Secondary Cell No. 2. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated that council would go into a closed session to discuss the potential litigation regarding the sanitary sewer connections in Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition.

04-09-18-06 Motion by Mrs. Strom and second by Mrs. Stokka to adjourn the regular council meeting and go into a closed session to discuss the potential litigation regarding the sanitary sewer connections in Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

04-09-18-06 Motion by Mrs. Strom and second by Mrs. Stokka to re-open the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Attest:

Eugene Prim
Mayor