

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
May 21, 2018**

Mayor Prim called this special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Betty Strom, David Brown, Tonya Stokka and Brad Field. Absent were Council members Scott Bauer and Don Goedtke. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, and Public Works Supt. Trevor Moen.

Mayor Prim stated the only item on the agenda was the discussion of the priority setting discussion. Mayor Prim stated in the past, this priority setting discussion has been successful.

Mayor Prim next discussed his priorities for the coming months, to improve 13th Street SE, install a biking and hiking path, and collaboration with the school with their building project and infrastructure.

Council member Scott Bauer arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Prim next called on Council member Betty Strom to share her priorities.

Council member Strom stated she would like to see improvements on 13th Street, infrastructure improvements in the Northwest part of town, review the utilities rates and evaluate, and see a recreation center.

Council member Stokka stated she would like to see improvements on 13th Street, infrastructure for the sewer and water, a recreation center, and review the utility rates.

Council member Field stated he would like to continue with the lot sales in the Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition, KLJ settlement, find a tenant for the Old City Hall building and improvements on 13th Street.

Council member Brown stated he would like to see improvements on 13th Street, including a bike path, the ditch by Reed Field be flattened out on the south side, and infrastructure improvements on the Northwest side of town.

Council member Don Goedtke arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Council member Bauer stated he would like to see lot sales in the Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition, a recreation center, evaluate the Cable TV, find tenants for the empty buildings, a bike path along 13th Street, and parking issues on Front Street.

Council member Goedtke stated he would like to see improvements in our infrastructure, a motel be built, to have life guards at Blue Eagle Lake, doesn't like how the lake is run now.

Mayor Prim thanked council members for their suggestions.

Mayor Prim and council member next discussed their priorities listed in detail.

Mayor Prim and council members discussed a timeline for 13th Street improvements.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that a rate study is presently being done on the electric rates. The telephone and internet rates have not increased in years.

Council member Field stated that the fiber is in, to keep the prices and make the bond payment for the Cable TV.

Some discussion was done on the infrastructure projects. City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that we have a Capital Improvement Plan.

Council member Strom stated for the recreation center, that the council would need to support it.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the lot sales in the Del Peterson Gilbertson 2nd Addition have been selling. EDA Director Karen Lauer stated that seven lots have been sold, and two lots were sold earlier.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated for the diagonal parking, that the County Engineer would need be to be contacted.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the re-location of the Liquor Store was not discussed.

Mayor Prim asked if there were any other comments from council members. There were none.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Eugene Prim
Mayor