

A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

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**City of Barnesville Primary Election
Tuesday, August 14, 2018 • 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Senior Citizens Center - 501 2nd Ave SE.**

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

Who can vote in Minnesota? You must be a U.S. Citizen, 18 years old on election day, and a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.

If you are not registered to vote, and wish to vote, you must bring with you a valid MN driver's license, learner's permit or ID, or a receipt for any of these, or a Tribal ID. Also bring with a current utility or phone bill listing your current address.

If you want to vote by absentee ballot, you can do so at the Clay County Courthouse. You must complete an application of an absentee ballot application prior to voting. The absentee ballot applications are available on the MN Secretary of State web site, and you can also obtain the form at City Hall.

If you have any questions about voting, please contact City Clerk Jeri Reep at City Hall, 354-2292.



COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN UPDATE!

Construction on the new Barnesville Community Solar Garden has been going well. In the next few weeks, the solar panels will begin generating power. Every Barnesville Municipal Power customer will have an opportunity to purchase a solar panel. Watch for a letter with all the details coming later this month and plan to join us going green!

REGISTER NOW OPEN FOR 2018-2019 LEADERSHIP BARNESVILLE!

The 2018-2019 Leadership Barnesville Program, sponsored by the Barnesville Area Community Fund will be starting in September. Want to meet new people? Want to have fun and learn more about Barnesville? Over 200 area residents have gone through the program. More details at barnesvilleareacommunityfund.com.

BUSINESS PITCH CONTEST THIS FALL!

Plans are underway for the 5th Annual Spark Your Startup Business Pitch Contest to be held this fall. If you've been thinking about starting a business, this is the event for you! Watch for the date coming in next month's newsletter, but start thinking about your unique business idea that could make a make a big difference. For more information, contact the EDA office at 354.2145.



Barnesville Municipal Power
102 Front Street North
218.354.2292

Incentives are available for the following: Heating and Cooling Equipment & ENERGY STAR Products:

- Central air conditioners - \$250-\$450
- Mini-split air conditioners - \$250
- Air source heat pumps - \$250-\$450
- Geothermal heat pumps - \$200 ton
- ECM motors - new furnaces or air handlers - \$150
- "Smart" thermostats - \$25
- Heat pump water heaters - \$250
- Central AC/Heat Pump Tune-Up \$30
- Clothes washers - \$25
- Clothes dryers - \$25
- Refrigerators - \$25
- Room air conditioners - \$25
- Dehumidifiers - \$25
- LED lighting - \$2-\$4 per bulb

**Rebate form is available at:
www.brightenergysolutions.com**

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • June 11, 2018

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, Betty Strom, David Brown, Scott Bauer, Tonya Stokka and Brad Field.

06-11-18-01 Motion Stokka, second Strom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

06-11-18-02 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried

06-11-18-03 Motion Strom, second Stokka to approve the variance at 805 3rd Street SE. Motion carried.

06-11-18-04 Motion Strom, second Bauer to deny the Peddlers License application from Benjamin Gibson; dba: RG Enterprises, Inc. Motion carried.

06-11-18-05 Motion Field, second Bauer to authorize KLJ Engineering to obtain bids for the Phase 2 recommendation for the Secondary Cell No.2 at the Wastewater lagoon. Motion carried.

06-11-18-06 Motion Field, second Strom to approve the liquor license for Purple Goose Restaurant, LLC, contingent upon completion of a background check and approval of the license by the State of MN. Motion carried.

06-11-18-07 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve donation of \$1500 to Care Camp and re-visit the donation amount if this program meets the CIP requirements. The funds will be from the discretionary expense line item. Motion carried.

06-11-18-08 Motion Strom, second Goedtke to approve the Amended Development Agreement with the EDA regarding the Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition. Motion carried.

06-11-18-09 Motion Strom, second Brown to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-02 for Planned Unit Developments. Motion carried.

06-11-18-10 Motion Strom, second Bauer to approve a resolution declaring Barnesville Potato Days a Community-wide Festival. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Strom, Bauer, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim stated the next item on the agenda was the phone book publisher discussion. Mayor Prim excused himself from this portion of the meeting due to a conflict of interest and turned the meeting over to Acting Mayor Strom.

06-11-18-11 Motion Field, second Goedtke to approve the contract with the Barnesville Record Review to publish the 2019 and 2020 Barnesville Municipal Telephone directories. Motion carried. Acting Mayor Strom next turned the meeting back to Mayor Prim.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

FINAL TRAIL PLAN TO BE PRESENTED!

At the August 13 City Council Meeting, SRF Consulting Group will present recommendations for the Highway 9 streetscape plan as well as the community wide multi-use trail plan.

The recommendations reflect input provided by local residents over the past 5 months. The public is invited to attend the meeting.



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THE CITY OF BARNESVILLE IS WORKING TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

The Federal Fair Housing Law
(The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988)

It is illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person Because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, or National Origin.

- In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots
- In advertising the sale or rental of housing
- In the financing of housing
- In the provision of real estate brokerage services
- In the appraisal of housing
- Blockbusting is also illegal

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination:
1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY)
www.hud.gov/fairhousing



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
Washington, D.C. 20410

INCENTIVES IF YOU BUILD OR BUY!

Has your family been thinking about buying or building a new house? Did you know that the City of Barnesville offers attractive incentives?

If you build a new home within the city limits you qualify for a 2 year property tax rebate AND free base utilities for one year.

If you purchase an existing home within the city limits you are eligible for a \$500 utility credit.

What to know more? Contact the Barnesville EDA office at 354.2145 or klauer@bvillemn.net for all the details.



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