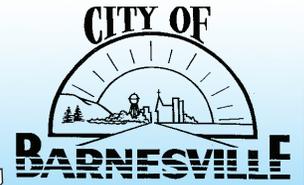


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2019 Utility Rate Changes

On the bill you receive the end of January:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$5.54
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.03
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.03 month.
- Changes in some of the electric rates and meter charges. Details on the City's website - barnesvillemn.com.

On the bill you receive the end of February:

- Garbage service will increase to \$18.09
- Senior rate garbage increases to \$16.78

We Need To Read Your Meter!

As the winter progresses and the snow continues to pile up, City residents are asked to make sure a pathway is clear to all meters. If the meter readers are unable to read your meters, your bills will be estimated in the winter months.

Thank you for helping make this cold job a little more pleasant!



Special Christmas Tree Pick-up

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 4 and Friday, January 11**. Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Gene Prim, Barnesville City Council and all the City of Barnesville employees wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!

Stay Off Blue Eagle Lake!

Residents are reminded that the ice on Blue Eagle Lake is very thin due to aerators running all winter. While you can ice fish on the lake, for your own safety, look for the areas where thin ice signs are posted and avoid those spots.

Special Holiday Hours

City Hall: CLOSED Monday, January 1 and

Monday, Jan. 14 - Martin Luther King's Birthday

Liquor Store: OPEN Mon. Dec. 31, 12 - 9 pm:

CLOSED Monday, January 1

Thank You Teresa Lewis!

At the December Leadership Barnesville session; Rothsay native **Teresa Lewis**, spoke to the group about the "7 Mindsets for Leaders". One of the key messages was, "**What if we all thought in terms of possibilities, not limitation?**" What a great mindset to have as we enter 2019!

Lewis is a well known inspirational speaker in the region. Follow Teresa on the web: teresainspires.com or on Facebook at [teresainspires](https://www.facebook.com/teresainspires).

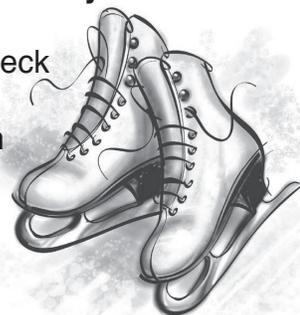
Thanks Teresa for sharing your positive message with our community leaders!

Ice Skating Rink

The Barnesville Ice Skating Rink located at the corner of 3rd Street and 7th Avenue SE will open the first or second week in January.

Skating Rink Hours will be **Saturdays and Sundays from Noon-9 pm and Tuesday-Friday 3:30-9 pm**. Check the City of Barnesville Facebook page and website for updates on the opening date for the rink.

For questions or more info call City Hall at 354-2292.



**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • November 13, 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, David Brown, Scott Bauer, Tonya Stokka and Brad Field.

- 11-13-18-01 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of scheduling a special meeting for City Engineer interviews. Motion passed.
- 11-13-18-02 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-03 Motion Field, second Goedtke to approve the resolution appointing Dawn Stuvland to the City Council, until the November 2019 election. Council member Field stated that Mrs. Stuvland has prior experience as a former council member. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Brown and Field. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-04 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to open the public hearing for the property maintenance assessments at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-05 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to close the public hearing for special assessments at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-06 Motion Field, second Stuvland to approve the assessments listed, and to grant a one-month extension to Donna Cook for her assessments, and to re-visit at the December council meeting. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-07 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve a resolution certifying unpaid water charges. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-08 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the 3-year contract with North West Services in the amount of \$17,000.00 monthly, effective February 1, 2019. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-09 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to authorize staff to inform the MPCA, by December 1, 2018 that the City of Barnesville is planning to re-line the Secondary Cell #2. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-10 Motion Brown, second Bauer to accept the bid from Moore Engineering, not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the commercial condo project. Voting aye: Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Brown and Field. Council member Stokka stated that she would like to recuse herself for an indirect personal pecuniary interest. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-11 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the CUP for a lighted sign at B & T Real Estate, 208 Front Street South, with the conditions set forth in the CUP. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-12 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the CUP for DMT Properties for a lighted sign at 624 Front Street North with the conditions set forth in the CUP. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-13 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve the one-year contract with Building Official Sid Fossan. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-14 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the resolution to appoint Mike Detloff and Steve Mortensen to the Administrative Hearing Board. Voting ayes: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Brown and Field. Voting nays: none. Carried.
- 11-13-18-15 Motion Goedtke, second Brown to authorize EDA Director Karen Lauer to proceed with the necessary requirements to complete the needed work on the property at 908 Front Street South as outlined by the MPCA and Braun Intertec. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-16 Motion Stokka, second Brown to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-05, regarding accessory structures in residential districts. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-17 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the Summary Ordinance 2018-05. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-18 Motion Field, second Bauer to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-08 regarding building permit fees. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-19 Motion Stokka, second Brown to approve the Summary Ordinance 2018-08. Motion carried.

- 11-13-18-20 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2018-06 regarding moved buildings. Carried.
- 11-13-18-21 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-07 regarding electric rates. Motion carried.
- 11-13-18-22 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the Summary Ordinance 2018-07. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • November 26, 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 special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Council members David Brown, Scott Bauer, Don Goedtke, Dawn Stuvland and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Tonya Stokka

Mayor Prim stated the only item on the agenda was to interview for a City Engineer.

The first Engineering firm to be interviewed was Interstate Engineering. The next firm to be interviewed was Apex Engineering at 7:30 p.m. The third firm to be interviewed by council members was Moore Engineering at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.



BARNESVILLE WATER UPDATE

Toilets Are Not Trash Cans!

With the holidays comes lots of guests and holiday gatherings....a great time to remember some common sense rules!

Some items may be labeled “flushable” but should NOT be flushed as they do not break down in the sanitary sewer system. As these items accumulate within the sewer pipes, they restrict the flow and eventually cause blockages. This leads to sanitary sewer backups and/or overflows, which are harmful to the environment and costly for both homeowners and the city.

**THE ONLY ITEMS YOU SHOULD FLUSH
DOWN THE TOILET: Bodily wastes & toilet paper!**

Do not flush the following items:

- Baby wipes/diapers
- Rags & towels
- Tampon applicators
- Kleenex
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Kitty litter
- Aquarium gravel
- Sponges
- Sanitary napkins
- Cigarette butts
- Hair
- Oils and grease
- Unused medications

If we all work together we can make sure our sewer system stays in good working order!

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