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IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

Barnesville residents are reminded that Election Day is **Tuesday, November 6**. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center located at 501 2nd Ave. NE. Please bring a drivers license with your current address. If the address is not current on your photo ID you also need a utility bill with a current address.

For absentee voting, the **Clay County Courthouse in Moorhead** will be open on **Saturday, Nov. 3** from 10 am to 3 pm and until 5 pm on **Monday, Nov. 5**.

In addition to statewide elections, the school building bond will also be on the ballot.



WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Barnesville winter parking restrictions state that after a snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles parked on any city street, that is not otherwise posted, must be removed prior to 8 am on the day following the day that the street is first plowed.

Vehicles may not be returned until after such street has been widened to its full width.



VALUABLE COUPON

FIREHALL MUNICIPAL LIQUORS

Front door parking at 104 Main Avenue West

15% OFF TOTAL PURCHASE

Must have original coupon - no photocopies. Limit one coupon per household. Coupon good on regular priced items only.

Coupon expires November 30, 2018

CITY HALL CLOSED NOV. 12, 22-23

City Hall will be closed on **Monday, Nov. 12** in observance of Veteran's Day and **Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The monthly City Council Meeting has also been moved to Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm.

CITY COUNCIL OPENING IN WARD 1

The Barnesville City Council is accepting letters of interest to serve out the remaining term of Ward 1 Council Member Betty Strom. Interested individuals should submit letters of interest by 1:00 pm on Friday, November 2, 2018. The Council will consider this appointment at their November 13 regular meeting.

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CHECK OUT THE WALKING ROUTES!

You may have noticed the new walking route signs that popped up around town this summer. There are two routes, one is 3.2 miles and the other is 5 miles. Printable maps for both of the routes are available on the City's website. Click on the "Our City" tab and then Things to Do!

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • September 10, 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.

09-10-18-01 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented and to remove the closed session to discuss potential litigation regarding the sanitary sewer connections in Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition. Motion carried.

09-10-18-02 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

09-10-18-03 Motion Field, second Stokka to accept the Special Benefit Tax for 2019 that was levied by the Clay County HRA Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

09-10-18-04 Motion Field, second Bauer to accept the 5% electric rate increase for 2019 and enter into a five-year agreement with Missouri River Energy Services to provide the City distribution facilities maintenance services in the amount of an estimated cost of \$335,000.00 per year. Motion carried.

09-10-18-05 Motion by Mr. Brown and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the 2019 preliminary tax levy budget. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Strom, Bauer, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

09-10-18-06 Motion Brown, second Goedtke to approve the 2019 preliminary budget resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Strom, Bauer, Brown and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

09-10-18-07 Motion Strom, second Stokka to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-04, regarding discontinuance of service and unlawful acts. Motion carried.

09-10-18-08 Motion Strom, second Bauer to approve the Summary Ordinance 2018-04. Motion carried.

09-10-18-09 Motion Strom, second Stokka to approve the Sum-

mary Ordinance 2018-03. Motion carried.

09-10-18-10 Motion Goedtke, second Strom to approve the proposed newspaper advertisement policy as presented. Voting aye: Strom, Stokka, Goedtke and Bauer. Voting nay : Field and Brown. Motion carried.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • September 19, 2018**

Mayor Prim called this special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members David Brown, Tonya Stokka, Scott Bauer, Don Goedtke, Betty Strom and Brad Field.

09-19-18-01 Motion Stokka, second Bauer close the meeting to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege as allowed by Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05(3)(b) regarding the property at 508 6th St. NW at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried.

09-19-18-02 Motion Brown, second Field to return to open session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

09-19-18-03 Motion Field, second Stokka to declare Zebulen and Crystal Dickey in default of the Forbearance Agreement regarding the property at 508 6th St. NW. Motion carried.

09-19-18-04 Motion Brown, second Strom to close the meeting to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege as allowed by Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05(3)(b) regarding sanitary sewer connections in Del Acres Gilbertson 2nd Addition at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

09-19-18-05 Motion Bauer, second Strom return to open session at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

09-19-18-06 Motion Bauer, second by Mrs. Strom to accept settlement with KLJ for \$110,000 in exchange for a release of all claims against KLJ related to Del Acres 2nd Subdivision. The City Attorney is directed to finalize a settlement agreement to memorialize the settlement of claims against KLJ related to Del Acres 2nd Subdivision in exchange for \$110,000, and the Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute the settlement agreement after review by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Lifeline and Link-up are federal and state assistance programs which reduce telephone bills for qualified low-income customers. Lifeline offers a monthly credit up to \$12.75 per month and the Link-up program reduces installation charges for qualified low income customers. You may qualify for these programs if you participate in SSI, Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Free School Lunch or if your household income is below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more info contact City Hall at 354-2292.



PeopleService INC.
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**WATER HARDNESS
READING
OCTOBER 2018**

The October 18, 2018 hardness reading taken by PeopleService is **34**.

WATCH PREP BOWL ON CHANNEL 110

In an arrangement with KSTC, the Minnesota High School Tournaments will be broadcast on Antenna TV Barnesville Cable Channel 110. The first of these tournaments will be the Minnesota High School Football Prep Bowl to be televised both on **Friday, November 23** and **Saturday, November 24**. See schedule at www.kstc45.com.

CALLER ID "SPOOFING" NOTICE

Caller ID service is susceptible to fraud known as Caller ID "spoofing", where the calling party uses commonly available technology to falsify the number of the telephone line from which the call is made, the name of the calling party, or both as they appear on your Caller ID screen.

To protect yourself, do not take what the Caller ID screen displays for granted. Before providing confidential information it is always best for you to call the party back at a verified number.

If you would like more information on spoofing, visit www.fcc.gov, search "spoofing".