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2020 Utility Rate Changes

On the bill you receive the end of January:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$5.70
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.12
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.12 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 \$18.54
- Senior rate garbage increases to \$17.20

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 10** and **Friday, January 24**. 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 Wednesday, January 1 and Monday, Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Liquor Store: OPEN Tues. Dec. 31, 12 - 9 pm:
CLOSED Wednesday, January 1

Thanks Gene, Welcome Jason!

Thank you to outgoing **Mayor Gene Prim** who has earned the distinction of longest serving Mayor in Barnesville's history. He completes his third time as Barnesville's Mayor having served 1986-1991, 2000-2003 and 2014-2019.

At the January 13 City Council Meeting, **Jason Rick** will be sworn in as Barnesville's newest Mayor! Jason brings many years of City Council and community service to his new role. Welcome Jason!

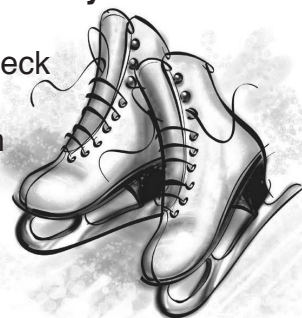


Ice Skating Rink

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 12, 2019

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 Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, and Alyssa Bergman. Absent were council members Brad Field, Tonya Stokka, and Don Goedtke.

11-12-19-01 Motion Bauer, second Stuvland to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

11-12-19-02 Motion Bauer, second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Council member Goedtke arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Council member Stokka arrived at 7:09 p.m.

11-12-19-03 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve Moore Engineering to survey the 13th Street corridor for future improvements. Motion carried.

11-12-19-04 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the purchase and stockpiling of clay from Ames Construction at a cost of \$12.50 a cubic yard and adopt the declaration of official intent to repay these costs to the sewer operating fund out of the proceeds of the bond that will be financing this project. Motion carried.

11-12-19-05 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the Declaration of Official Intent. Motion carried.

11-12-19-06 Motion Goedtke, second Bauer to approve the \$250,000.00 interfund loan as requested by the EDA for the purchase of land from Ed Gilbertson for the development of Del Acres Gilbertson 3rd Addition. Motion carried.

11-12-19-07 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve the Resolution Declaring Adequacy of Petition and Ordering Preparation of Report. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, and Bergman. Absent: Field. Motion carried.

11-12-19-08 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the School District #146 rezoning of the middle block between the High School and Elementary School from R-2, Urban Residential District to P-Public Facilities District. Motion carried.

11-12-19-09 Motion Goedtke, second Stuvland to approve the Waiver of Irregularity and Appeal with Keith Ernst to include the former Dairy Queen property in the special assessments for the Erma's Garden Subdivision. Motion carried.

11-12-19-10 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to authorize staff to seek proposals from architects on a liquor store building project. Motion carried.

11-12-19-11 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to authorize the Hydra-Stop equipment purchase in the amount of \$58,559.00, with the funds from the Water fund operating reserves. Motion carried.

11-12-19-12 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2019-03, an electric green rate schedule. Motion carried.

11-12-19-13 Motion Stuvland, second Bauer to approve the Services Agreement with Sid Fossan, dba Stonehenge Enterprises for our Building Official service. Motion carried.

11-12-19-14 Motion Goedtke, second Stuvland to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2019-04, regarding building permit fees. Motion carried.

11-12-19-15 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve and authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to execute the C-SPAN SD/HD agreement with the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) and add it to our Cable TV channel line-up. Motion carried.

11-12-19-16 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the canvassing of the 2019 City/School election results. Motion carried.

11-12-19-17 Motion Stuvland, second Goedtke to approve the election results resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, and Bergman. Absent Field. Motion carried.

Mayor Prim adjourned the meeting at 8:30



N/W/S
WATER HARDNESS
READING
DECEMBER 2019

The December 16, 2019 hardness reading taken by North West Services is **26**.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

Don't know what to do with those old or non-working holiday lights? Making the switch to energy efficient LED holiday lights? Recycle your old lights with our unique holiday light recycling program!

Recycle Your Holidays™ is a one-of-a-kind statewide holiday light recycling program. Clay County is partnering with Heartland Industries to bring "Recycle Your Holidays" to Clay County. Residents **can drop-off their unwanted light strands at the Barnesville Recycling Center.**

If you have questions about the program please call or email Shannon Thompson, Clay County Environmental Programs, 218.299.7329 or Shannon.thompson@co.clay.mn.us.

COLD WEATHER IS OUR ENEMY...

With January just around the corner, the really cold weather will soon be here. When it gets cold people tend to turn up the heat in their houses, in addition to regular electric use. When everyone in town does this, the community's demand for power can reach a point that the City's wholesale cost for electricity increases dramatically. If this happens, we are forced to raise everyone's rates.

EVERYONE can help keep electric costs down by reducing electric consumption between 7-10 am and 4-9 pm. When possible, wash and dry clothes, and run the dishwasher during the day or when you go to bed. Working together will save us all money!

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