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## DON'T FORGET THE BUILDING PERMIT

Building permits are required for many projects including sheds over 120 square feet, decks, siding, garages, shingling projects, window replacements, remodeling and additions. Permits are not required for flat concrete work or fences.

You must obtain a permit before starting work. Just applying does not meet requirements.

Permits are issued for a 6 month period. For larger projects, like homes, we will automatically extend your permit. In the case of small remodeling projects, roofing, decks, siding, etc. the 6 month limit applies.

Building permit apps are available at City Hall and at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com). **Questions?** Call our Building Official Sid Fossan at 218.689.7539.

**CALL BEFORE YOU**



## CALL 811 or 800-252-1166

**Before you plant that tree, dig that trench, or build that new garage on your property this season, call Gopher State One-Call.**

### Here's how One-Call notification works:

- Mark the borders of your excavation site with white stakes or white spray paint.
- Be prepared to give the One-Call operator your name, your phone number, your address, the location of your dig site, the type of work you plan to do, and the start date & time of your dig.
- **Call 800-252-1166 or just 811.** Gopher State One-Call operators answer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Weekends and holidays are for emergencies only.
- Utility companies have 48 hours to locate their underground facilities, and digging must begin within 96 hours after calling Gopher State One Call so plan your work accordingly.

## RUNNING YOUR SUMP PUMP INTO THE SANITARY SEWER IS AGAINST BARNESVILLE'S ORDINANCE!

Not only is discharging your sump pump into the sanitary sewer illegal, but it endangers your neighbors! The sanitary sewer lines, as well as the City's treatment facilities are unable to handle the volume of water that comes from sump pumps, particularly in the case of heavy rain. The result can be raw sewage backing up in homes.

***All sump pumps MUST drain outside into the City's storm sewer system. Please make sure your hose runs in your yard, not the neighbors!***

Homeowners who fail or refuse to follow the sump pump ordinance are subject to a \$100 a month fine.

Questions contact City Hall at 354-2292

## PLANNING TO BUILD A FENCE ?

There are a few rules when it comes to fences.

- ✓ Fences, including any underground footings must be located entirely on your property.
- ✓ Many lots have utility easements. Fences may NOT be erected on a utility easement. If you're uncertain whether your lot has a utility easement, call Zoning Administrator Mike Rietz at 354-2292.
- ✓ All posts used in the construction of fencing shall be faced inward to the area being fenced.
- ✓ The maximum fence height along rear and side property lines is 6 feet.
- ✓ Fences located in required front yards shall not exceed 36" in height except fences that are at least 75% open may be 48 inches.
- ✓ Always call 811 at least 48 hours before you start your fence project to have underground utility lines located. It could save your life.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • March 9, 2020**

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) or at City Hall.

Mayor Rick called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, Don Goedtke, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, and Brad Field.

- 03-09-20-01 Motion Stuvland, second Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-02 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried
- 03-09-20-03 Motion Field, second Bauer to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2020-08, an Ordinance regarding massage therapists. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-04 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of Communication System Revenue Refunding Bonds. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman, and Field. Absent: none. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-05 Motion Field, second Goedtke to approve the base bid from Dirt Dynamics in the amount of \$1,894,209.05, Alternate A in the amount of \$107,176.75, Alternate B in the amount of \$16,788.90 and Alternate C in the amount of \$42,587.00/ The trail to be moved closer to 13th Street, including a 3-way Stop sign, and modifications necessary to fit the corridor. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman, and Field. Absent: none. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-06 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the 10-year Water Supply Plan. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-07 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-03 regarding accessory structures in residential districts. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-08 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the Summary Ordinance 2020-03. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-09 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-06 regarding parkland dedication. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-10 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the summary Ordinance 2020-06. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-11 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-07 regarding Ambulance fees. Carried.
- 03-09-20-12 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to approve the Summary Ordinance 2020-07. Motion carried.
- 03-09-20-13 Motion Field, second Stokka to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to execute the NCTC-Turner Networks Pre-Commitment model. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Emergency Meeting • March 17, 2020**

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Mayor Rick called this emergency council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, Don Goedtke, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, and Brad Field

- 03-17-20-01 Motion Field, second Stuvland to approve the Emergency Declaration Resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman, and Field. Voted aye: none. Motion carried.
- 03-17-20-02 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to close City Hall, and authorize City Administrator Mike Rietz for staffing of City Hall, and make emergency decision, and council will re-evaluate staffing at the April 13, 2020 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.
- 03-17-20-03 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to authorize the Personnel and Finance portfolio to make interim decisions if service levels need to change. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

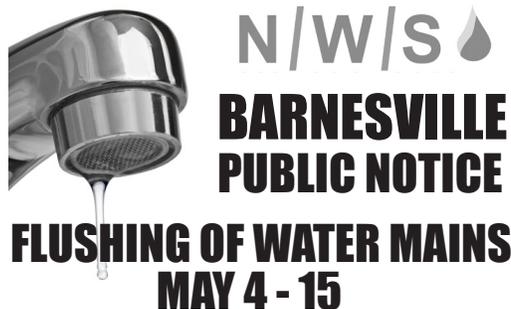
**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting • March 26, 2020**

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Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Don Goedtke, and via teleconference, Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman and Brad Field. Absent: none

- 03-26-20-01 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-01, creating and enacting an emergency ordinance relating to public hearing alternatives. Voted aye: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland. Voting nay: None. Motion passes.
- 03-26-20-02 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the TEC Board recommendation to forgo disconnection of internet until May 15, 2020. Voted aye: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland. Voted nay: None. Motion passes.
- 03-26-20-03 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve TEC Board recommendation to increase broadband speed to all subscriber levels by 5 MB until the end of the school year. Voted aye: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland. Voting nay: None. Motion passes.
- 03-26-20-04 Motion Field, second Stokka to declare that all employees, with the exception of seasonal employees and the employees at the Recycling Center, are deemed essential under the Governor's Stay at Home Order. Voted aye: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland. Voted nay: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



This process may cause some temporary discoloration of your water. To remove the discoloration, turn on several faucets in or outside your home or business, and leave the water run until it clears. Any questions, call Charlie at 218.531.3383 or Mike 218.234.3660.

**APRIL 15 HARDNESS: 36**

**RECYCLING CENTER TO REOPEN UNDER SELF-SERVICE RULES!**

**On Tuesday, April 21, the Barnesville Recycling Center will reopen utilizing a new Self-Service system! Specific rules for the self-service recycling are available on the City of Barnesville Facebook page and at [barnesvillemn.com](http://barnesvillemn.com). Questions? 354-2292.**