

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

Congratulations
2020 BHS Graduates!



A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

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HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR INTERNET? CALL FOR.....



354-2222

The Barnesville Internet HELP DESK staff are available to help - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!

Don't hesitate - the trained staff members can help you, but only if you tell us that you're having problems.

Besides helping you fix whatever the problem is - speed, disconnects, mail problems - the Help Desk documents your concerns and is continually watching for bigger problems that could be affecting the entire town. If you call and they see a trend in the issues, we can address the problem quicker.

INTERNET HELP DESK: 354-2222

Pass this info on to your neighbors and Facebook friends.....we're here to help you, but you need to call!



MONDAY/TUESDAY GOLF SPECIAL

Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course is once again running their Monday & Tuesday Special. **Play 18 holes, plus a cart for \$25!** Excludes Holidays and Special Events are excluded. Call the course at 493-4486 to reserve your tee time!

UPDATE ON OUR MAIN STREET *Summer* EVENTS:

Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales: Sales will be handled by the Barnesville Record Review, tentatively June 19-20th.

Show 'n Shine: The June & July shows are cancelled.

Golf Tournament: Postponed until later this summer, tentatively.

Community Picnic: There will not be the Community Picnic as the way it has been in the past. The board is looking into other ways we can safely hold an event in place of the picnic.

Miss Barnesville: There will not be a Miss Barnesville crowning.

The community's safety is something we do not take lightly. If we can safely provide some fun during these difficult times, we certainly will!

CITY EXTENDS THEIR PLEDGE!

On May 11 the Barnesville City Council took action to extend the "Keep Americans Connected" pledge to **June 30, 2020**. Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact on American society, the FCC has asked that local utilities agree to keep "citizens connected".

This means that Barnesville residents will not have any of their utilities disconnected and that they will not be charged any late fees on utility bill payments that are not received by the due date. Questions? Call 354.2292.

KEEP AMERICANS
CONNECTED



SUMMER MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Barnesville Public Works will soon begin monitoring the number of mosquitoes in town. If adult counts warrant spraying, Public Works staff will spray on on Tuesday and/or Thursdays between 8-11 pm. If it is too windy or raining, spraying may be delayed until the next day. The plan is to spray 2 days a week.

Planned spraying by Public Works will be announced on local TV stations, Channel 12, on the City of Barnesville website at www.barnesvillemn.com

and on the City's Facebook page.

"Like us" on the City of Barnesville Facebook page and you'll always know when we will be spraying!



**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • April 13, 2020**

Via Teleconference as authorized by
Minn. Stat. 13D.021, subd. 1(4)

This is a summary of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at 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

04-13-20-01 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the agenda, with the following additions: approval of wire purchase for Del Acres Gilbertson 3rd Addition, discussion on in-house visits for telephone, internet and Cable TV service calls, and schedule a closed session regarding possible litigation related to electric service territory. Motion carried.

04-13-20-02 Motion Goedtke, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

04-13-20-03 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat for the Del Acres Gilbertson 3rd Addition. Motion carried.

04-13-20-04 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2020-09, an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City. Motion carried.

04-13-20-05 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to table the resolution accepting the sewer lagoon bid and to authorize City Engineer Dan Hanson to check with the MPCA for regulations on the lagoon project. Motion carried.

04-13-20-06 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to table the Change Order #1 for the sewer lagoon project. Motion carried.

04-13-20-07 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Braun Intertec proposal in an estimated fee of \$31,516.00. Motion carried.

04-13-20-08 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the Del Acres Gilbertson 3rd Addition. Carried.

04-13-20-09 Motion Field, second Stuvland to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-08, an Ordinance regarding Massage Therapists. Motion carried.

04-13-20-10 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the temporary negative sick leave policy as presented. Motion carried.

04-13-20-11 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to authorize City Administrator Mike Rietz to determine hours and staffing, as long as the center is supervised at the Recycling Center. Motion carried.

04-13-20-12 Motion Field, second Stokka to authorize Barnesville Telephone and Barnesville Broadband and Internet to provide free internet to homes with school age children for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

04-13-20-13 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the purchase of electric distribution primary wire from Irby in the amount of \$56,028.50. Motion carried.

04-13-20-14 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to suspend the in-home visits for telephone, internet and Cable TV service calls, unless it is an emergency. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:43p.m.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting • April 16, 2020**

Via Teleconference as authorized by
Minn. Stat. § 13D.021, subd. 1(4)

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

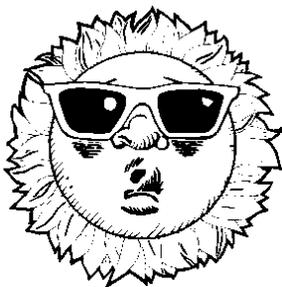
Others Present: City Administrator Michael Rietz, TEC Manager Guy Swenson and City Attorneys Lukas Croaker and Chris McShane.

04-16-20-01 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to close the meeting to discuss electric service territory dispute between the City and RRVCP authorized under Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b). Roll call: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland voting aye with none voting nay. Motion passes. Meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.

04-16-20-02 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to return to open session. Roll call: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland voting aye with none voting nay. Motion passes. Meeting opened at 8:00 p.m.

04-16-20-03 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to authorize requesting a hearing before the MN Public Utilities Commission regarding this matter. Roll call: Field, Stokka, Goedtke, Bauer, Bergman, and Stuvland voting aye with none voting nay. Motion passes.

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



**COOL SUMMER
ENERGY SAVING
IDEAS
from Barnesville
Municipal Power**

1. Use a Programmable Thermostat

Save as much as 12% on cooling costs by automatically turning your cooling system up or down.

2. Change your air conditioner filter

Clean or replace your central air conditioner filter monthly during the cooling season to improve efficiency and the life of your AC.

3. Use Ceiling Fans

The most efficient ceiling fans cost as little as 30¢ a month if used 8 hours a day. Moving air feels cooler.

HELP KEEP OUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL

We need to remember to take steps to clean up after our dogs so that other residents can enjoy the walking path around Blue Eagle Lake and other public spaces in town.

To make your clean-up job really easy, we've installed green poop bag dispensers in the parks and in the dog park!

Thank you very much for your assistance!



N/W/S
**WATER HARDNESS
READING
MAY 2020**

The May 19, 2020 hardness reading taken by North West Services is **25**.

Support Local

*It's more than shopping
at our local businesses -
It's a matter of health
& safety!*

**Please follow these simple steps to prevent
the spread of COVID-19 in our community!**



**Wear a
mask**



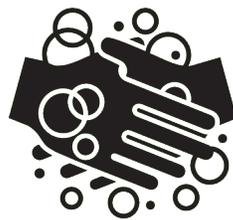
**Limit the
number of
shoppers**



**Sanitize your
cart/basket
handle**



**Stay 6 feet
from others**



**Wash or sanitize
your hands when
you get home**



**Be efficient
with your
shopping**

Not only do these practices protect
yourself, but also the ones you love!

**It also protects the employees of the
businesses you rely on every day!**

