

**Barnesville City Council  
Special Meeting  
July 13, 2020**

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

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Council members Scott Bauer, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, Don Goedtke, and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Dawn Stuvland. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, Lucas Croaker with Ohnstad Twitchell, City Clerk Jeri Reep, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Main Street Director Bailey Thompson, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Public Works Supt. Don Williams, Ambulance Manger Scott Nelson, Charlie Revering with NWS, EDA Chair Ryan Tonsfeldt, Darrel Thomas, and Michael Stein with the Record Review.

Mayor Rick stated the only item on the agenda was the priority setting discussion. Mayor Rick called on Main Street Director Bailey Thompson.

Main Street Director Bailey Thompson discussed her goals with council members. To continue face to face contact with businesses, contact with businesses, more welcoming with businesses, build a better relationship with businesses.

EDA Director Karen Lauer stated she would like ways to support and maintain businesses, deepen the relationships with the business, work on parking issues downtown, work on types of businesses people want.

Council member Goedtke stated he would like to see the infrastructure improvements, a housing development on the South side of town, have assisted living with the Care Center, need to open up business downtown.

Council member Bauer stated he would like to see business development, work on the shortage of Day Care available, work on the shortage of townhomes and twin homes in the community.

Council member Bergman stated she would like to see the infrastructure improvements, work on the Day Care shortage, work on handicap parking, funding for the bike path, see more Main Street businesses, encourage local shopping, questioned what is the next step for the Cable TV.

Council member Field stated he would like to see the construction of a new Liquor Store building, the city's electrical distribution needs to be addressed, concerned about the day care shortage, cleaning of Blue Eagle Lake needs to be addressed, lot sales for the new development, along with the bond payments.

Council member Stokka stated infrastructure is a concern, would like to see a community center, the day care shortage needs to be addressed, would like the bike paths to be connected, have the Blue Eagle lake and park have improvements.

Mayor Rick stated that he would like to see the Liquor Store construction, have the water tower full to capacity, work on the infrastructure improvements, work on getting a hotel to come to the community, clean up the salvage yard.

Mayor Rick thanked council members and staff for their input, and that the list would be reviewed in a few months.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri Reep  
City Clerk

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Jason Rick  
Mayor