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2021 Utility Rate Changes

Each year Barnesville residents see a few small changes to utility rates. These increases help cover the cost of the new water tower and lagoons.

On the bill you receive the end of January:

- Sewer volume charges increase to \$5.87
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.21
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.21 month.

On the bill you receive the end of February:

- Garbage service will increase to \$19.00
- Senior rate garbage increases to \$17.63

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 8 and Friday, January 15.** Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mayor Jason Rick, 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 Friday, January 1 and

Monday, Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King's Birthday

Liquor Store: OPEN Tues. Dec. 31, 12 - 10 pm:

CLOSED Friday, January 1

Barnesville to go Carbon-free!

We care about the environment! Beginning on January 1, Barnesville's power system will be carbon-free. This means that the electricity used by homes and businesses will no longer create carbon dioxide emissions that many blame for climate change. This change will not cost customers more. A few customers were paying extra to have all renewable energy; they will no longer have that charge.



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. Due to COVID the warming house will be closed and skates will not be available.

Skating Rink Hours will be **Saturdays and Sundays from Noon-9 pm and Tuesday-Friday 3:30-9 pm.** Check the City's Facebook page and website for updates on the opening date.



BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • November 9, 2020

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, Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland, Alyssa Bergman, and Don Goedtke. Absent was Brad Field

11-09-20-01 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the agenda, with the addition of the 13th Street dust control discussion. Motion carried.

11-09-20-02 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

11-09-20-03 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to open the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. for the public hearing for the property maintenance and delinquent utility assessments. Motion carried.

11-09-20-04 Motion Bauer, second Stuvland to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.

11-09-20-05 Motion Bauer, second Stuvland to approve the following property maintenance and delinquent utility assessments. Motion carried.

11-09-20-06 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to table the handicap parking issue until Spring 2021, and to have staff get the sod cut down on the corner of Main Ave and Front Street by the present handicap parking area. Motion carried.

11-09-20-07 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the CARES Act Funds Resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer and Bergman. Absent: Field. Motion carried.

11-09-20-08 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the Change Order No. 6 for the Wastewater Lagoon Rehab Project in the amount of \$104,710.00. Motion carried.

11-09-20-09 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the Resolution for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for the Del Acres Gilbertson Third Addition. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer and Bergman. Absent: Field. Motion carried.

11-09-20-10 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the Resolution authorizing property tax abatement program. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer and Bergman. Absent: Field. Motion carried.

11-09-20-11 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve a 50% reduction in the liquor license fee for 2021. Motion carried.

11-09-20-12 Motion Goedtke, second Stuvland to appoint Public Works employee Shane Durensky as the Interim Public Works Superintendent with a \$1.00 per hour increase in pay. Motion carried.

11-09-20-13 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the creation of the adopt-a-hydrant program for snow removal. Motion carried.


11-09-20-14 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion carried.

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

Changes to Lifeline Program

Effective December 1, 2020 the federal Lifeline reimbursement rate was decreased from \$7.25 per month to \$5.25 per month. Questions? Contact City Hall at 354.2292.



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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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