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**CLEAN-UP WEEK**  
April 14-16, 2021  
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## PUBLIC HEARING : 2023 Major Front St./Hwy 9 Project



In 2023, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Barnesville will be doing a total reconstruct of Front Street from Main Avenue to the Highway 34 intersection.

The public is invited to a virtual Public Hearing to be held on **MONDAY, APRIL 19 at 7:00 pm.**

During the meeting MN DOT will explain the changes being planned for that section of road to include adjustments in the width of the roadway, addition of a trail and landscaping elements. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions. This meeting will not address assessments.

Detailed information on how to participate will be available in the Record-Review, the City of Barnesville's Facebook page and website

## Register NOW for your Garden Plot!

Now is the time to get registered for your plot at the Barnesville Community Garden! The garden is located on the west side of town near the City Shop building. Thanks to **Midwest Bank** for once again coordinating the garden.

**Each 10'x10' plot is \$20 for the season. If you rent two, you get ½ the rent on the second!**

The registration form is available on the City's website or at Midwest Bank. Call 354.2704 for info!

## FASTER - LESS EXPENSIVE INTERNET OPTIONS ARE HERE!



The City of Barnesville is excited to offer faster and less expensive high speed internet options to Barnesville residents AND you are no longer required to have a phone line!

Residents are welcome to select really fast "business" level service options with new pricing!

Gamers and residents who work from home will really appreciate our faster upload speeds!

**Call 354-2292 to add or make changes!**

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download / upload with phone no phone

Silver	35 MB / 35 MB	\$ 36.95	\$ 46.95
Gold	45 MB / 45 MB	\$ 52.95	\$ 62.95
Platinum	55 MB / 55 MB	\$ 69.95	\$ 79.95
Business 1	125 MB / 125 MB	\$ 99.95	\$109.95
Business 2	250 MB / 250 MB	\$ 119.95	\$129.95
Business 3	500 MB / 500 MB	\$159.95	\$169.95
Business 4	1 GB / 1 GB	\$ 289.95	\$ 299.95

Internet Installation Charge \$185.00  
- Charge will be **waived** with 6 month contract

## PLUS - Internet "COMBO" Discounts!

When Internet service is purchased with BOTH Barnesville Long Distance and Barnesville Cable TV service, a **monthly credit** will be given based on Internet/cable selected:

Internet	Cable:	Economy	Preferred
Silver		\$15	\$20
Gold		\$20	\$25
Platinum		\$25	\$30
Business 1,2, 3 and 4		\$30	\$35

## BARNESVILLE AREAWIDE GARAGE SALE MAY 7-8



To list your Garage Sale call the Record-Review at 354-2259 by Wed. April 28.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting • February 8, 2021**

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. Member's present were Council members Brad Field, Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland, Alyssa Bergman, Scott Bauer, and Don Goedtke

02-08-21-01 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented, with the following additions: Community Education Advisory Board appointment of Michele Eickenbrock and re-appoint Wil Linebaugh to the TEC Board for a three-year term. Motion carried.

02-08-21-02 Motion Stuvland, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

02-08-21-03 Motion Field, second Stuvland to approve the Petition for detachment of property from the City Resolution for Darrel and Ruth Thomas. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

02-08-21-04 Motion Stuvland, second Bauer to approve the Resolution supporting pursuit of 2020 Local road improvement program funding from MnDOT for the construction of approximately 5,200 lineal feet of 13th Street NE. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Voted nay: none. Motion carried.

02-08-21-05 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the Change Order No. 7 with Sellin Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$14,805.19. Motion carried.

02-08-21-06 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the final payment with Sellin Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$14,805.19, for the Wastewater Lagoon project, contingent upon final pay approval from City Engineer and City Staff. Motion carried.

02-08-21-07 Motion Stuvland, second Bauer to approve the Resolution Adopting a Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: None. Motion carried.

02-08-21-08 Motion Stuvland, second Goedtke to approve Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a special meeting to discuss the MN DOT Front Street project. Motion carried.

02-08-21-09 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to authorize TEC Manager Guy Swenson to renew the FUSE 2021-2025 affiliation agreement through NCTC. Motion carried.

02-08-21-10 Motion Goedtke, second Bauer to approve the 2020 SAIF, SADI, CAIDI and ASAI annual electric outage report. Carried.

02-08-21-11 Motion Field, second Bergman to approve the Resolution setting the 2021 Cable TV rates. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting • February 23, 2021**

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 special meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Council members Brad Field, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, Scott Bauer, and Don Goedtke. Absent was Council member Dawn Stuvland


Mayor Rick stated the first item on the agenda was the final layout and good faith cost estimate for the 2023 Front Street Project.

Mr. Kalob Oyster with the MNDOT, stated that he is the project manager for this project. Mr. Oyster stated that the City will need to approve the consent procedure for moving forward with the reconstruction of Front Street in 2023 in conjunction with MNDOT. Mr. Oyster discussed the Good Faith Cost Estimate and a diagram of the layout for the project.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Amendment to the Prosecution Agreement.

02-23-21-01 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Amendment to the Prosecution Agreement with the City of Moorhead. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



**N/W/S**  
**WATER HARDNESS**  
**READING**  
**MARCH 15, 2021**

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**Here's something to look forward to!**  
**Sponsored by Barnesville Main Street 354-2479**



**Show 'n Shine**  
**Car Shows**

5-8 pm Downtown Front Street

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**May-Sept.**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> • June 10<sup>th</sup> • July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 12<sup>th</sup> • September 9<sup>th</sup>**



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**Incentives are available for the following:**

**Heating and Cooling Equipment:**

- Central air conditioners - \$200-\$300
- Mini-split air conditioners - \$200
- Air source heat pumps - \$200-\$1,200
- Mini-split (ductless) heat pumps - \$200
- Geothermal heat pumps - \$200 ton
- **Central A/C or Heat Pump Tune-up - \$30**
- ENERGY STAR smart thermostat - \$25
- Heat pump water heaters - \$150

**ENERGY STAR Appliances**

- NEW Air Purifier - \$25
- Clothes Washer - \$25
- Dehumidifier - \$25
- LED Lighting - \$1.50 - \$4.00
- Room air conditioners - \$25

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# GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY

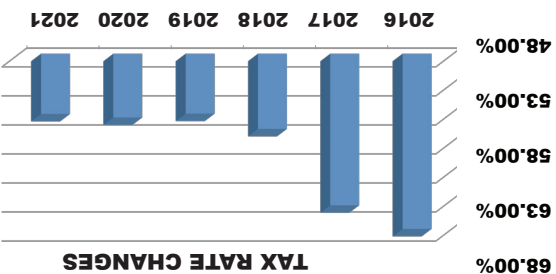


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## UNDERSTANDING THE CITY OF BARNESVILLE BUDGET PROCESS

### CITY'S TAX RATE REMAINS STABLE

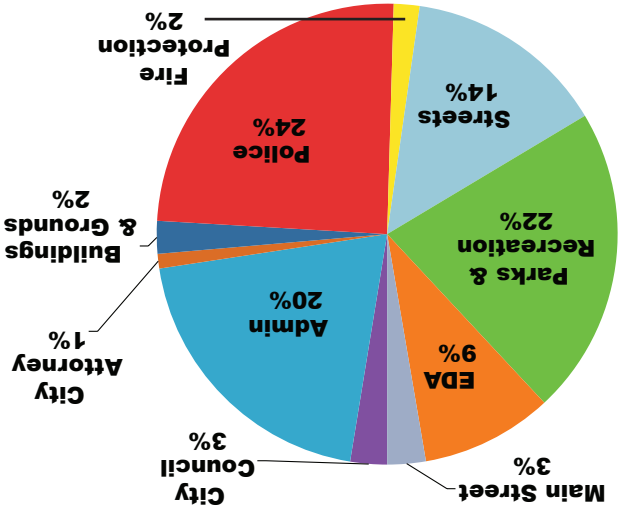
The City Council adopted an increase to the tax levy of 4.9%. However, due to growth in the city's tax base from new construction and increases in property value the tax is decreasing by 0.24%, maintaining a rate very similar to 2020 as shown below.



### THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS

Putting the annual City Budget together begins in July when the department heads submit their proposed department budget to the City Administrator. The City Administrator and Finance Director go over these submissions with each department head and refine the numbers prior to the Finance Committee taking a look at it. The Finance Committee is made up of two Council members and the Mayor. They review, refine and present a preliminary budget to the City Council for continued next page....

### HOW DOES THE CITY USE THE MONEY? A LOOK AT 2021 CITY EXPENDITURES



### CITY OF BARNESVILLE - 2021 BUDGET SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2021 budget information concerning the City of Barnesville to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Statute Section 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at City Hall, 102 Front St. N., Barnesville, Minnesota. The City Council approved this budget on December 14, 2020.

Funds Include: General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds

REVENUES			
	Actual	Prior Year	Current Year
	2019	2020	2021
1 Property Taxes (Do not include Market Value Credits)	761,382.00	836,208.00	877,200.00
2 Tax Increment	171,054.00	180,216.00	204,340.00
3 All Other Taxes (Franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
4 Special Assessments	282,156.00	176,000.00	205,250.00
5 Licenses and Permits	52,749.00	36,800.00	44,800.00
6 Federal Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 State General Purpose Aid (e.g. LGA, MV credits, etc.)	1,332,375.00	830,633.00	849,118.00
8 State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets, etc.)	0.00	44,244.00	52,009.00
9 Grants from County and Other Local Governments	0.00	100,723.00	40,800.00
10 Charges for Services	223,192.00	198,090.00	202,900.00
11 Fines and Forfeits	20,381.00	6,700.00	8,700.00
12 Interest on Investments	49,516.00	24,050.00	22,050.00
13 Miscellaneous Revenues	108,633.00	382,653.00	402,799.00
14 Total Revenues	3,001,438.00	2,841,319.00	2,934,966.00
15 Proceeds from Bond Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
16 Other Financing Sources	51,000.00	0.00	0.00
17 Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	778,324.00	1,018,276.00	1,008,699.00
18 Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	3,830,762.00	3,859,595.00	3,943,665.00

EXPENDITURES			
	Actual	Prior Year	Current Year
	2019	2020	2021
19 General Government (council, administration, etc.)	1,139,100.00	764,521.00	786,426.00
20 Public Safety	780,043.00	745,743.00	690,069.00
21 Streets and Highways (excluding construction)	311,052.00	366,388.00	361,371.00
22 Sanitation	0.00	0.00	0.00
23 Human Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
24 Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Culture and Recreation	408,676.00	515,502.00	595,525.00
26 Conservation of Natural Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 Economic Development	350,110.00	333,665.00	347,836.00
28 Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	0.00	22,897.00	20,896.00
29 Total Current Expenditures	2,988,981.00	2,748,716.00	2,802,123.00
30 Debt Service - Principal	254,590.00	323,024.00	315,222.00
31 Interest and Fiscal Charges	69,580.00	139,536.00	201,069.00
32 Streets and Highways Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 Capital Outlay	392,870.00	350,640.00	330,770.00
34 Other Financing Uses	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 Transfers to Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	0.00	322,574.00	90,000.00
36 Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	3,706,021.00	3,884,490.00	3,739,184.00
FUND BALANCE	2020	2021	
37 General Fund - Beginning Balance - Jan 1	708,776.29	994,594.53	
38 General Fund - Ending Balance - Dec. 31	944,594.53	0.00	
39 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted Gov't Funds	235,518.24	0.00	
OTHER ITEMS			
40 Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds	836,208.00	877,200.00	
41 Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) from Investments	0.00	0.00	

Budgets have also been adopted for the following Special Revenue Funds:  
Joint Powers, Parks and Recreation, Dare Program, Community Fund and TIF Districts.

Enterprise Funds - 2021 Adopted Budget  
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# ENTERPRISE FUNDS 2019 ADOPTED BUDGET

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## THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS continued

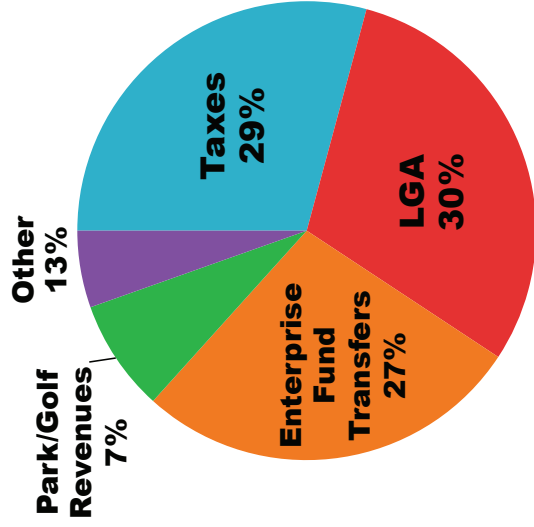
approval prior to September 15th deadline. At this time, the Council adopts a proposed property tax levy. The Finance Committee continues to review the proposed budget and make changes until the final version of the budget is presented to the City Council in December. At that time, a final property tax levy amount is adopted, which usually is less than the proposed levy. The final tax levy cannot be higher than the proposed levy.

Although the 2021 levy increased by 4.9%, increases in our tax base will result in little or no increase in taxes unless your property tax value was increased by the County Assessor.

As the chart to the left shows, there are three main sources of revenue used to run the City. The first of these is money that comes from the State in the form of Local Government Aid (LGA), which will contribute \$849,200 toward funding city services in 2021. The next source of revenue is transfers from the various enterprise funds that the City operates, including Telephone, Internet, Electric, Water, Sewer and Sanitation. These enterprises generate surpluses that go into the General Fund to fund services that would otherwise be funded by property taxes. In 2021 those transfers will amount to \$773,465.

The third main source of revenue for the General Fund is property taxes and for 2021, that will amount to \$824,200. All of these revenues combine to provide services like Police, Streets, Parks, Administration and Economic Development. In addition to the revenues described above, the City also receives revenue from building permit fees, park and recreation fees and various other State revenues.

The complete City Budget is available at [www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com) or at City Hall.



## REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE GENERAL FUND