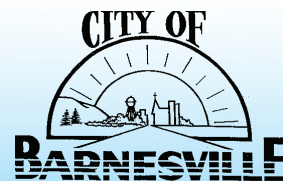


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DON'T FORGET THE BUILDING PERMIT

Building permits are required for many projects sheds over 120 sq. ft, decks, siding, garages, shingling projects, remodeling, additions, window replacements, and additions. Permits are not required for flat concrete work or fences, but if you are adding sidewalk, widening your driveway approach or cutting into the street for new water or sewer services, permits are also required!

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, your permit will be extended for another 6 months. 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. **Questions?** Call our Building Official Sid Fossan at 218.689.7539.

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, contact City Hall at 354-2292 or EDA office at 354-2145.
- ✓ 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 8, 2021**

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

03-08-21-01 Motion Goedtke, second Bergman to approve the agenda as presented, and adding a closed session to discuss a potential sale of real or personal property authorized under Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) needed to be added to the agenda. Motion carried.

03-08-21-02 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

03-08-21-03 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the CUP for Dana and Lindsey Bontjes, and Dave and Anna Gross, Lot 4 & the S 20 feet of Lot 5, Block 3, Barnesville Commercial Park 4th Addition, with the conditions set forth in the CUP. Motion carried.

03-08-21-04 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2021-02, related to accessory uses as a Conditional Use in Commercial Districts. Motion carried.

03-08-21-05 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2021-03 related to snowmobile traffic control and regulation and motorized golf carts, and recreational motor vehicle traffic control and regulations. Motion carried.

03-08-21-06 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the Resolution setting a public hearing on a vacation commenced by a petition of a majority of abutting landowners for Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: none. Motion carried.

03-08-21-07 Motion Field, second Bauer to approve the Police Union contract as presented, and to conduct a salary study prior to the next contract negotiations. Motion carried.

03-08-21-08 Motion Stuvland, second Goedtke to approve the Building Official contract with Mr. Sid Fossan, dba Stonehenge Enterprises effective on March 15, 2021. Motion carried.

03-08-21-09 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to accept the petition

for improvements from the EDA requesting infrastructure improvements including the extension of 4th Ave. NE, and installation of other infrastructure to support the development. Motion carried.

03-08-21-10 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka approve the Resolution ordering preparation of the Report on Improvement for the Commercial Park. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: none. Motion carried.

03-08-21-11 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to approve the Resolution receiving the Feasibility report and calling hearing on Improvement. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. The Absent: none. Motion carried.

03-08-21-12 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the resolution ordering preparation of report on improvement to improve Front Street between the intersection of main Avenue/TH9 and MN TH34. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: none. Motion carried.

03-08-21-13 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to set Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing for the Municipal Consent process regarding the 2023 Hwy 9 project. Motion carried.

03-08-21-14 Motion Field, second Bergman to approve the Resolution setting the 2021 high speed internet speeds and rates. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: none. Motion carried.

03-08-21-15 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to authorize TEC Manager to sign and execute the agreement with 702 Communications to provide 4 gigabits of internet capacity. This is a 3-year agreement. Motion carried.

03-08-21-16 Motion Bergman, second Stuvland to close the regular city council meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

03-08-21-17 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to open the regular city council meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried

03-08-21-18 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to close the regular city council meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried.

03-08-21-19 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to open the regular city council meeting at 9:34 p.m.

03-08-21-20 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to authorize entering into a Non-disclosure Agreement with Red River Valley Telecom. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.



**Your WATER SOFTENER is a Key to
the TASTE of your drinking water!**

Water softeners that are not adjusted properly will cause a stale tasting drinking water!

**There are two simple steps to
great tasting drinking water!**

ONE - Your water softener needs annual maintenance. Check your hardware store for water softener cleaner and follow directions.

TWO - Be sure you are adjusting your water softener settings based on the water hardness reading which is printed each



month in the City of Barnesville newsletter.

Softening your water too much will lead to the over regeneration of the media in the system tank which causes high water charges. This also shortens the life of your softener unit because of the high sodium levels in really soft water.

**Follow these simple steps and you will
have better tasting water and lower costs.**

This info provided by North West Services, proud to maintain the City of Barnesville's water service!



**PUBLIC NOTICE
FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS: MAY 3 - 14**

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. Questions? Travis 218.531.3383 or Mike 218.234.3660.

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