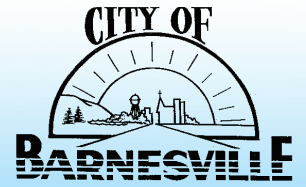


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2022 Utility Rate Changes

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 \$6.05
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.31
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.31 month.

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, December 31 and Monday, Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Liquor Store: OPEN Fri. Dec. 31, 10 am - 10 pm:
CLOSED Saturday, January 1

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Come check out the new location in January!
721 Front Street North

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We Need To Read Your Meter!

Not all homes have been converted to auto read meters. For those who haven't been converted, we would ask that those residents make sure a pathway is clear to all meters. If meter readers are unable to access your meters, your bills will be estimated in the winter months. Not sure if you are on auto-read or not? Call City Hall at 218.354.2292.

Special Christmas Tree Pick-up

The City has scheduled two dates to pick-up Christmas trees - **Friday, January 14 and Friday, January 21**. Residents should leave their trees in the same area as their garbage containers. No extra stickers or tags are needed.



Garbage Changes are coming!

Watch for your February issue of "Keeping You Connected" City newsletter with details about the new curbside recycling program and rate increases which will take place in February!

Important Cable TV changes

Effective January 1, networks have made several channel changes!

ESPN Classic has been discontinued by the network and NBC-SN content has been moved online or to their Peacock streaming service.

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. Plans are to have the warming house open and skates will be available at no charge.

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 8, 2021

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers located at the rear of City Hall. The public are welcome. The agenda is posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

These are summaries 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 Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, and Don Goedtke. Absent was Council member Brad Field.

11-08-21-01 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of the approval of the massage therapist license for Erica Jesz. Motion carried.

11-08-21-02 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

11-08-21-03 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve the Resolution for the \$3,215,000 Communication System Revenue Refunding Bonds. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer and Bergman. Absent: Council Field. Motion carried.

11-08-21-04 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-05, to Amend the Official Zoning map of the city. Motion carried.

11-08-21-05 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the Summary Ordinance 2021-05. Motion carried.

11-08-21-06 Motion Stuvland, second Bauer to approve the Variance request for Tract Hooker at 307 2nd Street NW, with the conditions set forth in the variance. Motion carried.

11-08-21-07 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the petition for improvements at 310 4th Street NE. Motion carried.

11-08-21-08 Motion Goedtke, second Bergman to open the public hearing for the assessment hearing for Improvement No. 2021-01, for the Commercial Condo Phase II at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

11-08-21-09 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

11-08-21-10 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the resolution adopting assessments for the Improvement No. 2021-01. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, and Bergman. Absent: Field. Motion carried.

11-08-21-11 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to approve the purchase of laptop computers for the Mayor and City Council members, and to replace the laptops as needed. Motion carried.

11-08-21-12 Motion Stuvland, second Bauer to approve the telephone, broadband, and electric budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

11-08-21-13 Motion Bergman, second Stuvland to approve the 2021 election results resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, and Bergman. Absent: Field. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Planning Commission Opening!

The Barnesville Planning Commission is the city organization that oversees the city's zoning ordinance and responding to a variety of citizen requests. The group meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Currently the Planning Commission is accepting letters of interest from Barnesville residents wishing to serve on the board. Letters should be mailed to City Administrator Brenda Andrews, P.O. Box 550 or e-mailed to cityadministrator@barnesvillemn.com on or before Thursday, December 30.

For more info contact Brenda at 218.354.2292.

Recycle Your Christmas Lights!

Don't know what to do with those old or non-working holiday lights? Making the switch to energy efficient LED holiday lights? Recycle your old lights with our unique holiday light recycling program!

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!

Secure Your Wireless Internet!

We are all using wi-fi connections for all sorts of activities in our homes!

If you're using your router to create a wireless connection within your home, be sure that you have a secure connection requiring a password. Your unique IP address could be attached to all sorts of activity and websites.

Not sure if your in-home wireless connection is secure? Call the Internet Help Desk at 354-2222.



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