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A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers

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## An Evening at Blue Eagle Lake 27th Annual Community Picnic Thursday, July 22

Please join us for a fun evening at Blue Eagle Lake for Barnesville's 27th annual Community Picnic on **Thursday July 22**.

The Main Street Program invites you and your family to a delicious picnic dinner followed by an outdoor movie! The picnic dinner will start being served at 6:00 pm with the movie starting at 7:30 pm. We encourage you all to bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the show. Many local non-profits will also be on hand to sell or give away treats of all kinds. Watch for details coming next month and the unveiling of what movie will be on the big screen!

You won't want to miss this fun evening at the park with your family and friends. We are lucky to live in a wonderful community full of friends, neighbors and businesses that support each other. Please plan to join us!



## SPECIAL 4TH OF JULY HOURS

- City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5
- Firehall Municipal Liquors will be closed on Sunday, July 4th, but open regular hours on Monday, July 5

## CHANGES AT POLICE DEPARTMENT!

On June 21, Barnesville welcomed our new Police Chief **Joel Voxland**. Joel previously was with the Moorhead Police Department for 18 years. Welcome Joel!

A BIG Thank you to former Chief **Dean Ernst** for 31 years of service to the force; as well as Officer **Ryan Beattie** who recently resigned to accept a position with the Wilkin County Sheriff. You will be missed!

## COUNCIL FILINGS OPEN JULY 27

Do you have an interest in being involved with City government? Maybe you're interested in running for Mayor or Barnesville City Council?

On November 2nd, 2021, voters will elect a Mayor, as well as council members for Wards 1, 2 and 3. The terms for council members are 4 years, while the term for the Mayor is 2 years.

**Filing dates are July 27 - August 10.** The cost to file is \$3.00. City Hall will remain open until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 10 to accept filings. Questions? Call City Clerk Jeri Reep at 354-2292.



## CITY TO ADDRESS ROBO CALLS

The FCC has adopted rules which requiring service providers, including Barnesville Municipal Telephone, to deploy a Stir/Shaken solution to reduce robo calls by June 30, 2021.

Stir/Shaken is technology designed to reduce fraudulent robocalls and illegal phone number spoofing. STIR stands for Secure Telephony Identity Revisited. SHAKEN stands for Secure Handling of Asserted information using tokens.



## WATER RESTRICTION RULES NOW IN EFFECT:

- No lawns can be watered between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Homes with even-numbered addresses can only water their lawn or wash vehicles on even numbered dates in the morning from 12:01 am to 9:59 am and in the evening from 7:01 pm to 11:59 pm (ex. house number 502 can water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc.)
- Homes with odd-numbered addresses can only water their lawn or wash vehicles on odd numbered dates in the morning from 12:01 am to 9:59 am and in the evening from 7:01 pm to 11:59 pm (ex. house number 501 can water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.)
- Recently established lawns may be watered daily for up to six weeks after installation, but only between 7:00 pm and 10:00 am
- Watering flowers, gardens, trees, and shrubs with handheld watering devices is allowed, BUT they must be attended at all times and must have some form of water flow control attached (example: water nozzle on a hose)

### Failure to follow these rules will result in the following penalties:

- \$25 fine per day in violation
- \$50 fine per day for additional violations in the same calendar year

THANK YOU for your compliance with these rules. Following these restrictions ensures all residents will have access to adequate water.

## BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • May 10, 2021

These are summaries 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, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman, Dawn Stuvland, and Don Goedtke.

05-10-21-01 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mrs. Stuvland to approve the agenda, with the following additions: declaring Potato Days a Community Wide Festival Resolution and an amendment number one to the employment agreement with Interim City Administrator. Motion carried.

05-10-21-02 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the consent agenda.

05-10-21-03 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve a salary range of \$80,000 - \$100,000 for the City Administrator position. Motion carried.

05-10-21-04 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the updated job description for the City Administrator position. Motion carried.

05-10-21-05 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Stuvland to approve the bid from TF Powers Construction, with AL-2, AL-3, and AL-4 for a total price of \$767,500.00 for the new Liquor Store building. Motion carried.

05-10-21-06 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the 2020 audit report from CliftonLarsenAllen as presented. Motion carried.

05-10-21-07 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mr. Bauer to withhold the 2nd quarter payment to the Clay County Sheriff's office for the 2021 Red River Rural Dispatching Center in the amount of \$9,552.00. Motion carried

05-10-21-08 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and seconded by Mrs. Berman to open the public hearing for vacation of a section of 5th Ave NW. Motion carried.

05-10-21-09 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mrs. Stuvland to close the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

05-10-21-10 Motion by Mr. Goedtke and second by Mrs. Stokka to approve the Resolution vacating a portion of alley upon a petition of a majority of abutting landowners. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Council members Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Motion carried.

05-10-21-11 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mrs. Stokka to approve the resolution for the layout approval for the 2023 MN TH 9 from Main Avenue to MN Trunk Highway 34 project. Upon a roll call

vote, the following voted aye: Council members Stokka, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. The following voted nay: Council member Goedtke. Motion carried.

05-10-21-12 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and second by Mr. Goedtke to accept the feasibility report for the 8th Ave NW improvements. Motion carried.

05-10-21-13 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Stuvland to approve the Resolution receiving the Feasibility report and schedule a public improvement hearing for the MN TH 9 Reconstruction Project for June 10, 2021. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Councilmembers Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Bauer. The following voted nay: none. Motion carried.

05-10-21-14 Motion by Mr. Goedtke and second by Mr. Bauer to approve the Resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the Commercial Park Fifth Addition. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Councilmembers Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Bauer. The following voted nay: none. Motion carried.

05-10-21-15 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the resolution declaring Potato Days a Community-Wide event. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Councilmembers Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Bauer. The following voted nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

## BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Special Meeting • May 24, 2021

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Member's present were Council members Brad Field, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, Dawn Stuvland, and Don Goedtke. Absent was council member Scott Bauer.

05-24-21-01 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Stuvland to approve to hire Mr. Joel Voxland as the Police Chief, with a salary of \$86,500.00. Motion carried.

05-24-21-02 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve Mark Pearson to serve as the Interim Police Chief effective May 23, 2021, with a \$1.00 increase in pay. Motion carried.

05-24-21-03 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the Resolution repealing Emergency Ordinance 2020-01 relating to open meetings and public hearing alternatives. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Council members Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bergman and Field. The following were absent: Council member Bauer. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.



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Vehicle info on  
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## HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR INTERNET? CALL FOR.....



**354-2222**

**The Barnesville Internet HELP DESK staff are available to help - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!**

Don't hesitate - the trained staff members can help you, but only if you tell us that you're having problems.

Besides helping you fix whatever the problem is - speed, disconnects, mail problems - the Help Desk documents your concerns and is continually watching for bigger problems that could be affecting the entire town. If you call and they see a trend in the issues, we can address the problem quicker.

## INTERNET HELP DESK: 354-2222

Pass this info on to your neighbors and Facebook friends.....we're here to help you, but you need to call!



## MONDAY/TUESDAY GOLF SPECIAL

**Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course** is once again running their Monday & Tuesday Special.

**Play 18 holes, plus a cart for \$25!** Excludes Holidays and Special Events are excluded. Call the course at 493-4486 to reserve your tee time!


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## YOU CAN SWIM AT BLUE EAGLE LAKE!

The beach at Blue Eagle Lake is open! As in the past few years, no lifeguards will be on duty. The Beach House will be open from 9:00 am to 7 pm, seven days a week.

## BLUE EAGLE PATH IS NOW LIT!

Light poles have been installed on the north side of the Blue Eagle Lake walking path and are now operational thanks to the hard work of **Public Works and MRES staff**. Enjoy!



**N/W/S**  
**WATER HARDNESS  
READING**  
**JUNE 16, 2021** **31**

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**Cass County, ND & Clay County, MN**

# NEW recreational vehicle and motorized golf cart rules!

Adopted by Barnesville City Council April 12, 2021

**ATV**  
(four wheeler)



**UTV**  
(side by side)



RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES

**Golf Cart**



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** **RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES:**

### **Does my recreational vehicle need to be licensed and registered?**

Yes, your vehicle must be licensed and registered in the State of Minnesota. All vehicles are also required to have a permit from the City of Barnesville. The three year permit is \$15 and can be purchased at the Barnesville Police Station or Barnesville City Hall.

### **What do I need to go for a drive?**

A driver needs his/her drivers license as well as current insurance, registration, mirrors, headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals on your UTV.

### **What safety equipment is required?**

All passengers under the age of 18 must wear a helmet. State law also requires everyone to wear their seatbelt while operating a UTV.

### **What traffic laws do I need to know?**

All federal, state and local traffic laws must be followed. Drivers must operate at a speed no more than 20 mph on roadways, and 10 mph in alleyways. Recreational vehicles must yield right of way to all other traffic. Drivers may not operate while under the influence of Alcohol, Drugs or any Intoxicants. (DWI laws apply)

### **What are the hour restrictions?**

ATV/UTV's can be used for recreational purposes from the hours of 7:00 am to 10:00 pm (unless for snow removal or emergency purposes, police, fire, ambulance, and official use by city employees).

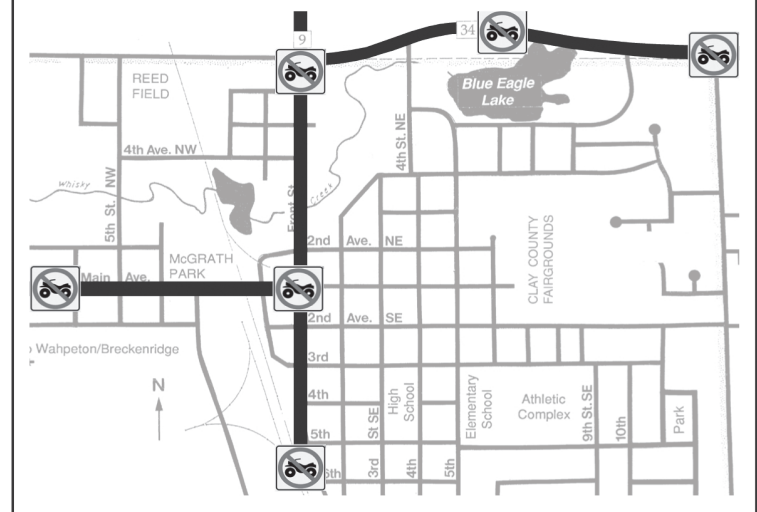
### **What about motorized golf carts?**

Golf carts cannot be used on public roadways unless a restricted permit is obtained from the Chief of Police. Those with disabilities may be granted a 1-year golf cart permit, free of charge, when you provide the Barnesville Police Department with a doctor's note stating a golf cart would ease your ability to travel. Golf carts must follow all state and local laws pertaining to golf carts.

### **Where can I operate my ATV/UTV?**

With proper permits, ATV's and UTV's may be used on city streets with the following exceptions:

- May not be operated on Hwy 9 or Hwy 34
- May not be operated on Front Street from 5th Ave SE to 7th Ave NE
- May not be operated on a public sidewalk, bike-path, or walkway provided for pedestrian travel



### **Even more information**

This is meant to be a brief summary of some of the rules and regulations for the usage of UTV's and ATV's within the City of Barnesville. Refer to State Regulations on the DNR website ([www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)) and the City of Barnesville's local ordinances website ([www.barnesvillemn.com](http://www.barnesvillemn.com)) for complete details.