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## 2023 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 \$6.23
- Water usage charge increase to \$3.41
- Water, Sewer, Stormwater replacement funds each increase to \$3.41 month.

## 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.



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 6 and Friday, January 13**. 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 Monday, January 2 and

Monday, Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King's Birthday

**Liquor Store:** OPEN Sat. Dec. 31, 10 am - 10 pm:

CLOSED Sunday, January 1

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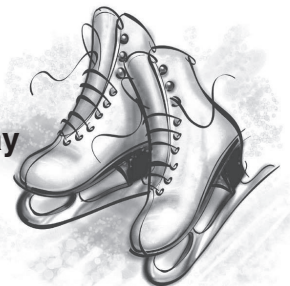
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## Ice Skating Rinks

Barnesville now has TWO Ice Skating Rinks! The one near Blue Eagle Lake is now open and available all the time, without a warming house.

The original 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 14, 2022**

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](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 Tonya Stokka, Don Goedke, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Dawn Stuvland.

11-14-22-01 Motion Stokka, second Goedkte to approve the agenda, with the addition of the discussion of setting a special council meeting to select finalists for the City Administrator position. Motion carried.

11-14-22-02 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

11-14-22-03 Motion Bergman, second Bauer to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2022-07 regarding the water service rates. Motion carried.

11-14-22-04 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the Summary Ordinance 2022-07. Motion carried.

11-14-22-05 Motion Goedkte, second Bauer to approve the Resolution authorizing a property tax abatement program until December 31, 2024. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedkte, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: Council member Stuvland. Motion carried.

11-14-22-06 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the Resolution canvassing the November 8, 2022 election results. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedkte, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Absent: Stuvland. Motion carried.

11-14-22-07 Motion Stokka, second Field to approve the Working-from-Home Policy as presented. Motion carried.

11-14-22-08 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve that stamped concrete be used instead of replacing the medallions and bricks for the Highway 9/Front Street project in 2023. Motion carried.

11-14-22-09 Motion Stokka, second Goedkte to approve holding a special City Council meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to select finalists for the City Administrator position. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.




## 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](mailto:Shannon.thompson@co.clay.mn.us).



**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**WATER HARDNESS**  
**READING** **29**  
**DEC. 19, 2022**

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## 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. This is particularly helpful if we have a series of days with below zero temperatures.

Every little adjustment can make a big difference. Working together will save us all money!