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Friday, August 26 Saturday, August 27



A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers



City of Barnesville Primary Election Tuesday, August 9, 2022 • 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM Senior Citizens Center - 501 2nd Ave SE.

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

Who can vote in Minnesota? You must be a U.S. Citizen, 18 years old on election day, and a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.

If you are not registered to vote and wish to vote, you must bring with you a valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID, or a Tribal ID. Also, bring with you a current utility or phone bill listing your current address.

ABSENTEE BALLOT OPTION

To vote by absentee ballot, an application for an absentee ballot application needs to be completed first. Absentee ballot applications are available on the MN Secretary of State website and the City of Barnesville website. You can also obtain the form at City Hall.

By voting absentee for the Primary Election and General Election will eliminate the need to go to the voting site on Election Day. Voting Absentee is an alternative to avoid any crowds at the polling site. When you vote by absentee, you can track the status of your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted. If you wish to vote absentee for every election, contact the Clay County Auditor's office, or complete the form on the MN Secretary of State website. They will send you a paper application to you before each election.

The Clay County Government Center will be open on Saturday, August 6th, from 10 AM to 3 PM for absentee voting.

If you have any questions about voting, contact City Clerk Jeri Reep at City Hall by calling 218.354.2292.

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Help report your water service line!

A new federal law requires communities to report their water service lines. The service lines are the pipes that run from the water mains in the middle of the street into people's homes.

The City of Barnesville is asking residents to assist with this process. Easy-to-follow steps are available on the City of Barnesville website - www.barnesvillemn.com, under Announcements.

Thank you for your assistance!



LIVING IN SUBSTANDARD HOUSING?

Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity will be constructing a Habitat house in Barnesville during 2023 and they hope to identify an eligible family to construct another home in 2024.

Are your current living conditions unsafe, unhealthy, unaffordable or overcrowded? Are you willing to provide 250 hours of sweat equity? Do you have the ability to pay a mortgage?

Details at www.lakeagassizhabitat.org/apply or call Brianna at 218.359.0814. Deadline to apply for 2024 Build is August 31, 2022.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • June 13, 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 or at City Hall.

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

06-13-22-01 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of the lot merge request from Jeff Kava. Motion carried.

06-13-22-02 Motion Goedtke, second Bergman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

06-13-22-03 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the petition for improvements at 607 5th Street SE, in the amount of \$17,000.00. Motion carried.

06-13-22-04 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the variance request by Clark & Jean Bernier, 802 4 ½ Ave NE, with the conditions set forth in the variance. Council member Goedtke stated that other people have asked to put steel on a building roof, and have not been allowed to do so. Motion carried.

06-13-22-05 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the variance extension for Tobbie and Shelly Krueger, 1013 5th Street SE, with the conditions set forth in the variance. Motion carried. 06-13-22-06 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the purchase agreement and lease agreement for the American Legion Club building, pending the American Legion Club approval of the purchase agreement and lease agreement. Motion carried. 06-13-22-07 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to authorize the City Administrator, Public Works Director, or designated employee to decide when to close City offices, or open or close City offices. Motion carried.

06-13-22-08 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to accept the North Barnesville Sanitary sewer collection area evaluation report as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE WATER HARDNESS READING

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Please Help Conserve Energy!

The really hot days that we experienced recently cause some serious strain on the power grid and the wallet! While we all want to stay cool on hot days, there are some simple steps we can all take to both save money and help the electric grid for all of us!

It costs about fifty cents an hour to run your air conditioning. During the summer months, that amounts to over \$600! But by turning your thermostat up just two degrees warmer can save on average 14% in cooling costs, or about \$80!

If you're going to be out of town all weekend, maybe turn the temperature up until you return!

Another simple step that makes a big difference is closing your blinds - if you keep the sun from shining into your rooms, it eliminates a lot of heat.

Check out more energy saving ideas below!



COOL SUMMER ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

from Barnesville Municipal Power

1. Use a Programmable Thermostat

Save as much as 12% on cooling costs by automatically turning your cooling system up or down.

2. Change your air conditioner filter

Clean or replace your central air conditioner filter monthly during the cooling season to improve efficiency and the life of your AC.

3. Use Ceiling Fans

The most efficient ceiling fans cost as little as \$1 a month if used 8 hours a day. Moving air feels cooler.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BARNESVILLE MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE ACCOUNT

Barnesville Municipal Telephone does everything possible to protect the privacy of your information that we collect with regard to your bill. To help us, if you have not set up a password for your Barnesville Municipal Telephone account, we encourage you to complete the form below and return it with your payment. Questions? 354-2292.

BARNESVILLE MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE PASSWORD FORM

Please complete this form and return	to City of Barriesvii	ie with your utility bill payment			
Customer Name:		Date:			
Customer Address:		BARNESVILLE, MN 56514			
Phone Number:	Signature:				
Please establish my 6-10 character password as:					
Additional Authorized Account Contact:					
Additional Authorized Account Contact:					



ELECTRIC RATES

Barnesville Municipal Power has adopted a seasonal rate schedule which reflects a higher rate only during those months when our cost is higher. The rate is based on the month the power is consumed.

SINGLE PHASE RESIDENTIAL

Monthly Base Charge \$15.00 Energy Charge

September- May \$.101 kwh June-August \$.120 kwh

Available to single residences and also to individual apartment units.

SINGLE PHASE COMMERCIAL

Monthly Base Charge \$18.50 Energy Charge

> September-May \$.102 kwh June-August \$.117 kwh

Available to commercial customers with single phase service.

THREE PHASE COMMERCIAL

Monthly Base Charge \$25.50

Energy Charge

September-May \$.102 kwh June-August \$.117 kwh

This rate is available to all customers with three phase service who have a calculated demand of 20 KW or less.

LARGE POWER THREE PHASE COMMERCIAL SERVICE

Monthly Base Charge \$42.00 Demand Charge based on all kw

> September-May \$11.40 kw June-August \$15.10 kw

Energy Charge

All kwh \$.052 kwh

This rate is available to all customers for three phase service with a calculated demand over 20 KW. Billing demand will be the maximum demand as measured during any 15 minute interval during the billing period.

ELECTRIC RATE INCENTIVES

Dual fuel and off peak rates are available to both residential and commercial customers.

DUAL FUEL RATE

Dual Fuel Service Rate

September-May \$.0470 kwh June-August \$.1200 kwh

This rate is available to all customers with a dual fuel heating system (including heat pumps) that is controlled by the City's load management system.

OFF PEAK RATE

Off Peak Service Rate:

September-May \$.0470 kwh June-August \$.1200 kwh

This rate is available for electric thermal storage (ETS) space heaters, under concrete slab electric heating systems and electric heated liquid filled under concrete slab heating systems. Off Peak Services must be metered separately and controlled by the City's load management system. Central air conditioners and water heaters do not qualify for the off peak rate.

SECURITY LIGHTS

Charge per light \$12.25 month

Available to all customers for un-metered lights, 200 watts or less, owned, installed and maintained by the City.

SECURITY FLOOD LIGHTS

Charge per light \$24.50 month

Available to all commercial customers for un-metered lights, 200 watts or less, owned, installed and maintained by the City

SOLAR PANEL OPPORTUNITY

Interested in utilizing more "green" energy? Purchase a solar panel in the City of Barnesville Solar Garden on the west side of town. The cost for each solar panel is \$775. You will receive a monthly credit for the energy produced by your panel! You may even qualify for a Federal Tax Credit for renewable energy.

WATER HEATER INCENTIVE

Receive a \$2.00 per gallon rebate for the installation of a new electric water heater with a storage capacity of at least 50 gallons, or \$3.00 per gallon for new water heaters with a minimum storage capacity of 80 gallons. Water heaters must be controlled by the city's load management. Demand water heaters without storage do not qualify for this rebate.

ELECTRIC REBATES



In the past, Barnesville Municipal Electric has offered Energy Star rebates to residents who purchased energy efficient lightbulbs and/or appliances. This program has now become Bright Energy Solutions. For rebate forms and info go to www.brightenergysolutions.org.



CABLE TELEVISION RATES

BARNESVILLE CABLE RATES

Economy Basic \$28.95
Preferred Basic \$92.95
includes all economy basic channels

OPTIONAL MONTHLY CHARGES

HBO	\$16.00
Cinemax	\$ 9.25
HBO & Cinemax	\$24.50
Starz-Encore Super Pak	\$ 7.95
HD Equipment Charge	\$ 9.99*
Customer Maintenance Plan	\$.50

^{*} HD Set-top box required - call for details

ADDITIONAL CABLE CHARGES

Installation	\$49.95
Relocate charge	\$19.95
Reconnect charge	\$19.95
Service Call	\$19.95
Additional outlet at time of install	\$15.00
Additional Outlet Installation	\$19.95
Add Premium Channel/Upgrade	N/C

Utility Bills are mailed on or about the 25th of each month. Payments are due the 15th of the next month. A late payment charge will be assessed after that date.



TELEPHONE RATES

RESIDENTIAL PHONE SERVICE

Service Line \$16.00 month Subscriber Line Charge \$ 6.50 month

BUSINESS PHONE SERVICE

Local Service* \$16.00 month
Subscriber Line Charge \$ 6.50 month

* Multi-line serve available at additional charge

BARNESVILLE LONG DISTANCE

Flat Rate	14¢ a minute
60 minute month call plan	\$ 5.95
200 minute month call plan	\$ 17.95
350 minute month call plan	\$ 26.95
Plus BLD monthly service fe	e \$ 3.95

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

INTERNET ROUTER INFORMATION

The City of Barnesville uses routers which give you the option of connecting up to four computers and/or printers either as a wired or wireless connection.

Wireless Routers are available for rent or purchase from the City of Barnesville or you can provide your own.

Equipment rental, per month \$ 4.95 Equipment purchase up to \$140.00

HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

download / upload

SILVER	75 mbps / 75 mbps	\$ 46.95*
GOLD	100 mbps / 100 mbps	\$ 62.95*
PLATINUM	125 mbps / 125 mbps	\$ 79.95*
BUSINESS 1	250 mbps / 250 mbps	\$109.95*
BUSINESS 2	375 mbps / 375 mbps	\$129.95*
BUSINESS 3	500 mbps/500 mbps	\$149.95*
BUSINESS 4	1 GIG / 1 GIG	\$189.95*

* Receive \$10 off if ordered with residential or business phone service

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

INTERNET "COMBO" DISCOUNTS

When Internet service is purchased with phone, 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	3 and 4	\$30	\$35

GARBAGE & CURBSIDE RECYCLING

GARBAGE

- One 64 gallon garbage tote, One 96 gallon recycling tote
- Friday garbage pick-up, recycling every other week

Residential \$23.78 month Senior Rate \$22.24 month

· Available to residents 65 or older - call City Hall

Buy extra tags at City Hall and Barnesville Grocery \$ 2.00 each

RECYCLING CENTER

205 Front St. N. - across the street from the new Dobmeier Funeral Home

Tuesdays and Thursdays- Noon to 8 pm Saturdays - 8 am to 12 Noon

Accepts newspapers, cardboard boxes phone directories, glass & plastic bottles and magazines - free of charge from residents.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE

RESIDENTIAL WATER

Monthly Base Charge \$17.75

Monthly Usage Charge \$ 3.31

per 1000 gallons used that month **OR**Monthly Usage Charge \$.0247604

per cubic feet used that month

COMMERCIAL WATER

Monthly Base Charge:

Through 5/8" meter	\$ 17.75 month
Through 1" meter	\$ 28.30 month
Through 1.5" meter	\$ 41.41 month
Through 2" meter	\$ 56.61 month
Through 4" meter	\$ 84.91 month
Monthly Usage Charge	\$ 3.31
per 1000 gallons used	that month OR
Monthly Usage Charge	\$.0247604
per cubic feet used tha	at month

RESIDENTIAL SEWER

Base Charge \$ 26.00 month plus a monthly usage charge determined by averaging the January, February and March water usage at \$6.05 per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL SEWER

Base Charge - \$ 26.00 month for 5/8" water meter plus that month's water usage at \$6.05 per 1,000 gallons billed monthly. For larger meters call for rates.

Residential and Commercial water & sewer customers will also be billed monthly for:

MN Clean Water Act	\$.53 month
Mosquito Control	\$	2.00 month
Water Replacement Fund	\$	3.31 month
Storm Water Replacement	\$	3.31 month
Sanitary Sewer Replacemen	t\$	3.31 month



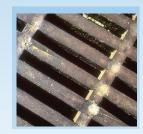




NEW! BLAZING FAST INTERNET SPEEDS LOOK INSIDE!



UTILITY RATES





CITY OF BARNESVILLE 102 Front Street North Post Office Box 550 (218) 354-2292 (800) 354-2292 www.barnesvillemn.com

Rates Current as of July 15, 2022 Rates subject to change with Council action