

Barnesville City Council

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2023

Mayor Rick called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Member's present were Council members Tonya Stokka, Don Goedke, Dawn Stuvland, Brad Field, Scott Bauer, and Alyssa Bergman. Others in attendance were City Administrator Jeremy Cossette, City Attorney Charles Ramstad, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, Public Works Supt. Charlie Revering, Police Chief Joel Voxland, Ambulance Manger Scott Nelson, Dionne Merkens, Marla Field, Lori Vanwatermulen, and Michael Stein with the Record Review.

Mayor Rick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. City Administrator Jeremy Cossette stated that there were two additions to the agenda: to add approval for Mayor Rick to attend the LMC Annual Conference on June 21-23, 2023, and discussion on a video door intercom system for City Hall.

04-10-23-01 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and second by Mrs. Stokka to approve the agenda as presented, with the following additions: to add approval for Mayor Rick to attend the LMC Annual Conference on June 21-23, 2023, and discussion on a video door intercom system for City Hall. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the consent agenda.

04-10-23-02 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and seconded by Mrs. Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the addition of the request for Mayor Rick to attend the LMC Annual conference. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 2023.
2. Approval of the department head reports.
3. Approval of check numbers 93355 – 93428 and EFT payments for a total of \$2,113,498.52.
4. Approval of 1st quarter transfers.
5. Approval of the 4M Fund investment report
6. Approval of the Ehlers Investment Partners account summary.
7. Approval of the resignation of Public Works employee Aaron Carr.
8. Approval to advertise for street seal coat bids.
9. Approval of the cost adjustment for pavers for MN DOT project.

10. Approval to hire the following as Golf Course employees: Kevin Herr, Harold Opsahl, George Erickson, Allan Kertscher, Timothy S. Wells, Jr., Wyatt Suter, Makenze Schlager, Emily Riddle and Logan Hinsz.
11. Approval to hire Tim Wells as the Pro Shop Manager
12. Approval to hire Greg Cahoy as Seasonal Parks Mower
13. Approval of the addition of BEKTV and BEK Sports Channel.
14. Approval of Public Works wage increases.
15. Approval of travel for City Administrator Jeremy Cossette to attend the MRES Annual meeting.
16. Accept the Police Union arbitration update.
17. Approval of the WAPA contract-designated entity contract.
18. Approval of travel for Mayor Rick to attend the LMC Annual Conference-June 21-23, 2023.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the boards and commission reports.

Council members reported on the boards and commissions they serve on.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the public forum. Mayor Rick asked if there were any citizens present to be heard.

Lori Vanwatermulen, 109 4th Street NE, next approached the council members. Mrs. Vanwatermulen discussed some Facebook posts that were on the city website. Mrs. Vanwatermulen commented on the mosquito spray that the city uses, and the effects on the butterflies. Mrs. Vanwatermulen asked what her rights are to poison her community with the mosquito spray, and that she has to pay for the spraying. Mrs. Vanwatermulen stated that this mosquito spraying needs to be addressed, and asked council members to do their part.

Mayor Rick stated that they will re-evaluate the mosquito spraying and report back to her.

Mayor Rick asked if there were any other citizens present to be heard. There were none.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Mayor and Council members announcements.

Mayor Rick thanked Public Works Supt. Charlie Revering, along with Water Technician's Dave Wang, and Travis Braton for going above and beyond, working long hours at the water treatment plant installing the Scada System.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Giving Hearts Day presentation.

Community Fund Chair Dione Merkens, along with Community Fund member Marla Field and Karen Lauer next presented to City Council a check from the Community Fund for the Giving Hearts Day, in the amount of \$72,692.29. Mayor Rick, along with council members thanked the Community Fund for the donation to be used at the American Legion building.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the EDA annual report.

EDA Director Karen Lauer next discussed with council members the 2022 highlights and accomplishments of the Barnesville Economic Development Authority. Mrs. Lauer informed council members that the EDA closed on a sale of 1 lot in the new housing addition and construction of 7 new homes, continued to develop relationship with Adams Development resulting in construction of 3 new spec homes. Administered free utility incentive program to 14 new homeowners. Administered \$500 existing home incentive program to 35 homeowners. Supported the opening of The Bunker, Saad Janjua, Pollysh'd Nails, Blue Bird Beauty, and Firehall Liquors. These are just a few of the accomplishments of the EDA. Council members had no further questions.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the Barnesville Area Fire District to purchase a rescue vehicle. Mayor Rick informed council members that the Fire Board held a special meeting and authorized the purchase of a rescue truck for the safety of their members. Mayor Rick stated that funds will be from the savings to purchase the vehicle.

04-10-23-03 Motion by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mr. Goedtke to approve the purchase of a 1999 Spartan MetroStar Marion rescue vehicle, not to exceed \$65,000, funds to be taken from the Fire District savings account. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the video door intercom system for City Hall.

City Administrator Jeremy Cossette informed council members that with the construction project this summer, customers will need to use the back door to gain access to City Hall during construction. The video door intercom system will allow for a visitor to "ring" the doorbell which will alert the master station. The operator will then unlock the door for the customer to enter. The other camera will also show the progress on Front Street. The first quote is for \$5,558.08 for the sale and installation of a video doorbell system. The second quote is for the sale and installation of camera to monitor road construction for \$941.26, and the third quote is for the sale and installation of camera to monitor road construction in a heated enclosure in the amount of \$1,932.49.

04-10-23-04 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mr. Field to authorize staff to obtain a 2nd quote for the video door intercom system, and take the lowest quote, not to exceed the \$5,558.08 quote and the \$941.26 quote for the sale and installation of camera to monitor road construction on Front Street. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Great River Energy Construction notification. City Administrator Jeremy Cossette informed council members that Great River Energy will be moving 5-6 poles and will finish in two weeks.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the LMC Annual Conference on June 21-23, 2023. Mayor Rick stated if any council members want to go, to let staff know.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Open House for the Hwy 9/Front Street Project. Mayor Rick stated the open house is scheduled for April 26th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Old City Hall.

City Administrator Jeremy Cossette gave an update on the American Legion building project. Mr. Cossette informed council members that the Lion Club members did a lot of demo work at the American Legion building.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep

Jason Rick

City Clerk

Mayor