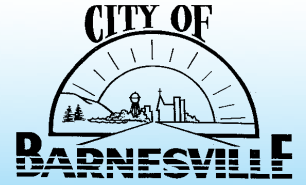


KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



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Emergencies can happen!

Over the New Year's Day weekend, residents living in one section of Barnesville were impacted first by a water main break, and as repair work was being completed, resulted in a cut of the fiber optics cable which provided internet, Cable TV and landline phone services.

Because it was a holiday weekend, all of these homeowners ended up being without internet for three days! In a case like this, communicating with our residents was critically important.

The City of Barnesville posted information on their **Facebook** page and on our **website**, but we know that not everyone may have access to these tools, particularly when the internet is down.

When you sign up for city utilities, staff will ask you for your cell phone number or e-mail should the city need to contact you in cases such as this!

When the fiber was cut, the city knew which homes were affected. Every homeowner that had a cell phone number on file was called by city staff on New Year's Day to make them aware of the situation, answer any questions and let them know when the fiber would be repaired.

What was discovered was that for many of the affected homeowners we did not have a cell phone number on file.

Allowing the city of Barnesville to have a cell phone number on file should there be an emergency similar to this is very important. If you don't have a cell phone number or e-mail on file, we would encourage you to call or stop in to City Hall and provide this information.

This information would not be used except in the case of emergency notification.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? AFTER HOURS UTILITY OUTAGES

Utility outages such as water main breaks and electric outages don't always happen on Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:30.

Should you experience a utility outage after hours; either during the evening or weekend, please call 218.354.2281.

You will reach either a Barnesville Police officer or the Clay County Dispatch. Explain the situation and someone will be out to work on the problem.

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Early Bird pricing - including sales tax:

Husband and wife - \$ 408.03

Adult membership - \$ 295.28

Immediate family in same house - \$ 461.71

Students - \$ 91.27

Sports Tournaments - Channel 110!

While MN High School Activities is planning state tournaments for Boys/Girls Hockey and Basketball, the dates have not been finalized. It is expected that Antenna TV, channel 110, will once again provide live coverage of the Sports Tournaments. Watch the City's Facebook page for more information.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • January 9, 2023

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.

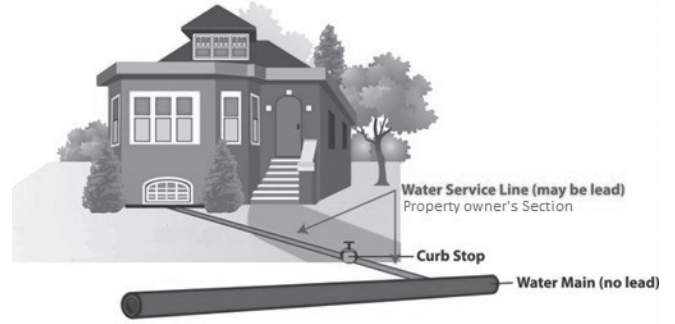
Mayor Rick called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Member's present were Council members Tonya Stokka, Scott Bauer, Don Goedke, Dawn Stuvland, Alyssa Bergman and Brad Field

- 01-09-23-01 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the agenda, with the following additions: the 2023 portfolio and committees and the Great River Energy update. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-02 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda. Voting aye: Stokka, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Council member Goedtkke abstained from the vote due to the appointment of him on the EDA Board in the consent agenda. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-03 Motion Goedtkke, second Stuvland to open the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. to consider amendments to Title IV of the City Code which would create a new ordinance relating to tetrahydrocannabinol product sales. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-04 Motion Stuvland, second Bergman to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-05 Motion Field, second Goedtkke to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-01 an Ordinance regarding TCH product in the city. Motion carried.

EDA Director Karen Lauer stated that the sale of THC products would be permitted in C-1 and C-2 areas, a Conditional Use Permit would be required in C-3 and I-1.

- 01-09-23-06 Motion Goedtkke, second Bauer to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-02, an ordinance regarding the sale of THC products in C-1 and C-2 areas. Council member Goedtkke stated he would like to see this regulated as long as we can. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-07 Motion Stuvland, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-03, an Ordinance regarding Park and Recreation fees and charges. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-08 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-04, amending Section 6-0601 of the City Code. Motion carried.
- 01-09-23-09 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to authorize City Clerk Jeri Reep to draft a letter declaring an impasse and certifying issues to interest arbitration. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Help report your water service line!

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has recently made revisions to the lead and copper rule and are requiring that all community water systems state wide compile an inventory of all water service lines. The purpose of this inventory is to accurately determine the number of lead service lines in the Barnesville distribution system.

In Barnesville homes constructed before the 1940s, there is a higher likelihood of lead service lines, but these lines may exist in homes built as late as the 1970s.

The City of Barnesville is asking home owners to help with this process by doing a lead/copper test on their service line and submitting a picture along with their name, address and phone number to this e-mail:

Leadandcopper@barnesvillemn.com

For more information on the step-by-step process on performing the lead/copper test on your water service line, please go to the City of Barnesville website or to the following link:

<https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home/en/#intro>

If you would like help performing this test on your water service line, please call to schedule an appointment with one of the Barnesville Water Technicians. Barnesville Water Department - (701)261-5039



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**BECOME A 2023
FRIEND OF
MAIN STREET!**



The 2023 Main Street Membership Drive is now underway!

All residents are invited to become a "Friend of Main Street". If you are someone that believes in what the Barnesville Main Street Program does for the community consider becoming a "Friend" for \$25!

Find out how! Contact Bailey at 354-2479 or e-mail mainstreet@barnesvillemn.com. The community's financial support is critical to Main Street. Thanks!

