

A Monthly Newsletter for our Utility Customers •

WELCOME JEREMY COSSETTE!



Jeremy Cossette has been named Barnesville's new City Administrator! Jeremy and his family have called Barnesville home for the last 17 years and he is thrilled to now be working in Barnesville. Previously Jeremy was the Interim Director of Public Safety for White Earth MN Public Safety.

For many years Jeremy has been a Barnesville board member for the FM Athletics.

Please congratulate Jeremy when you see him!

City Offices closed on February 20

Barnesville City Hall will be closed on **Monday**, **February 20** in observance of President's Day.

Stop Annoying Telemarketers... Register on the DO NOT CALL List!

You have a choice regarding telemarketing calls. If your number is listed on the Do Not Call registry, all commercial telemarketers, except for businesses with whom you have an existing relationship or certain non-profit and political organizations, can not call you.

Register your residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by phone at (888)382-1222 or for TTY, call (866) 290-4236. You must call from the telephone number that you wish to register. You may also register, or obtain additional information, via the Internet at <u>www.donotcall.gov.</u> Registration will be effective 31 days after registration.



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NEW IN 2023! <u>FASTER</u> INTERNET SPEEDS, BUT NO PRICE INCREASE!!!



Barnesville Internet is pleased to provide FASTER internet speeds with no price increase! Note - names have changed as well. You will continue to have the same speeds for both uploading and downloading!

| | WAS | NOW |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Silver - now Internet 200 | 75 Mbps | 200 Mbps |
| Gold - now Internet 300 | 100 Mbps | 300 Mbps |
| Platinum now Internet 400 | 125 Mbps | 400 Mbps |
| Business 1 - Internet 500 | 250 Mbps | 500 Mbps |
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Watch for New 2023 Phone Directory!

The new 2023 Phone Directory should arrive in your mail at the end of the month. If you don't receive your directory, stop by City Hall to pick one up.

Now is the Time to License Pets....



A reminder to all pet owners that all dogs and cats owned within the Barnesville city limits are required to be

licensed each and every January 1. If you have not done so already, please stop in at the Barnesville City Hall, the Police Department or Barnesville Animal Care Clinic to purchase a license.

License fees range from \$5 to \$10 with proof of current vaccinations. If licenses are purchased after May 1, the fees will DOUBLE!

Not only is licensing your pets the law, having a current pet license will help Animal Control locate the owner of a lost pet!

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • December 12, 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 <u>www.barnesvillemn.com</u> 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, Dawn Stuvland, Alyssa Bergman and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Scott Bauer.

12-12-22-01 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented, and adding the 2023 annual cogeneration and small power production Tariff filing, Fire Relief Association donation, council member terms, and the Recycling building options. Motion carried.

12-12-22-02 Motion Goedke, second Stuvland to approve the consent

12-12-22-03 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to call for a public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the THC ordinance. Motion carried.

12-12-22-04 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the 2023 levy resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Motion carried.

12-12-22-05 Motion Bauer, second Stuvland to approve the 2023 budget resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Motion carried.

12-12-22-06 Motion Field, second Bergman to approve the 2023 employee wages. Motion carried.

12-12-22-07 Motion Stuvland, second Bergman to approve the following committee changes: Liquor Committee: Council members Field and Bergman, Buildings & Ground Committee: Council members Bauer and Goedtke, and Ordinance Committee: Council members Stuvland and Stokka. Motion carried.

12-12-22-08 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the Limited Use Permit Resolution with the MnDOT for the Highway 9 project. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Field, Bergman and Field. Motion carried.

12-12-22-09 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to authorize Interim City Administrator John Chattin, Public Works Supt. Charlie Revering and Andrew Aakre with Moore Engineering to contact Sellin Brothers for a cost for the sewer improvements at 2nd Street NE and 4th Ave NE. Motion carried.

12-12-22-10 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to use the water and sewer replacement funds for 25% of the water and sewer assessments for the Front Street project in 2023, half of the buydown will be from the water fund, and half of the buydown will be from the sewer fund. The assessments will be calculated after the buydown amounts have been applied. Motion carried.

12-12-22-11 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to open the public hearing for the property tax abatements at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried. 12-12-22-12 Motion Stuvland, second Bergman to close the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

12-12-22-13 Motion Goedtke, second Stuvland to approve the Resolution authorizing Property Tax Abatements for 2023. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye; Council members

12-12-22-14 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to authorize Finance Director Laurie Schell to approve the year end checks and payroll checks. Motion carried.

12-12-22-15 Motion Field, second Stuvland to approve the Committing Fund Balance Resolution. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field.

12-12-22-16 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the resolution designating the election polling place. Voted aye; Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Motion carried. 12-12-22-17 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the

resolution setting the 2023 high speed internet speeds and rates. Voted aye; Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman and Field. Motion carried.

12-12-22-18 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the donation from the city to the fire relief association for the fire relief association audit. The City Council approves the findings of fact for the public purpose test. Motion carried.

12-12-22-19 Motion Stuvland, second Goedtke to approve the extension to the city council and mayor terms by one year. Motion carried.

12-12-22-20 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to authorize city staff to move the Recycling Center to the north shed, and the telephone, electric and cable departments to use the Recycling Center shed. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Special Meeting • December 5, 2022

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Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 7:46 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. Council member Bauer arrived at 7:52 p.m.

12-05-22-01 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mr. Goedke to interview candidate numbers 2, 5 and 6 on December 21, 2022. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Special Meeting • December 21, 2022

These are summaries of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at <u>www.barnesvillemn.com</u> or at City Hall.

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Member's present were Council members Tonya Stokka, Don Goedke, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman Dawn Stuvland, and Brad Field.

Mayor Rick stated that there were three candidates to interview for the City Administrator position. The first candidate was with Mr. Joe Rotz. This interview was a remote interview.

The next interview was with Mr. Jeremy Cossette at 6:11 p.m. Interim City Administrator John Chattin asked the interview questions with Mr. Cossette. The interview with Mr. Cossette ended at 6:42 p.m.

The next interview was with Mr. Jason Lutz at 6:45 p.m.

12-21-22-01 Motion Field, second Stokka to offer the City Administrator position to Mr. Jeremy Cossette, with a annual salary of \$110,000.00, with a \$5,000.00 increase after one year, dependent on the performance review. Mr. Cossette will be granted five days of vacation leave, and will earn vacation time as an employee completed 10 years of employment with the city. Mr. Cossette will be granted five days of sick leave. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

