

Barnesville City Council

Regular Meeting

August 14, 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, Scott Bauer, Alyssa Bergman and Brad Field. Others in attendance were City Administrator Jeremy Cossette, City Attorney Charles Ramstad, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Public Works Director Charlie Revering, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Police Chief Joel Voxland, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, Dionne Merkens with the Barnesville Area Community Fund, and Ley Bouchard 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 three additions to the agenda: the employee/board member per diem, propane pre-buy purchase, and Ehlers investment information.

08-14-23-01 Motion by Mrs. Stuvland and second by Mr. Goedtke to approve the agenda as presented, with the following additions: the employee/board member per diem, propane pre-buy purchase, and Ehlers investment information. Motion carried.

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

08-14-23-02 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mrs. Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 10, 2023.
2. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on July 14, 2023.
3. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on July 20, 2023.
4. Approval of the department head reports.
5. Approval of check numbers 93870 – 93998 and EFT payments for a total of \$1,208,156.11.
6. Accept the resignation of Park Board Member Brady Jorud.
7. Appoint Ryan Link to the Park Board for a three-year term.
8. Accept the resignation of Liquor Store Clerk Sandie Schmidt
9. Accept the resignation of Water Technician Dave Wang
10. Approval to hire Dillan Budd as Telephone Technician
11. Approve the gambling permit for Barnesville Rod & Gun Club for October 13, 2023

12. Approve the VFW Post 4628 liquor license-August 26-27, 2023.
13. Approve the Ratzos Pool Hall liquor license-August 26-27, 2023.
14. Approve the Purple Goose liquor license-August 25-26, 2023.
15. Approve the golf course bridge #6 replacement from Jeerde Bridge Company in the amount of \$65,050.00.
16. Approval of the lot merge request from Barnesville Cenex
17. Approval of the employee/board member per diem amounts
18. Approval of propane pre-buy purchase from Dean's Bulk Service
19. Approval of Ehlers Investment information.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the board 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 to be heard. There were no citizens to be heard.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Mayor and Council member announcements. Mayor Rick thanked Water Technician Dave Wang for his years of service, reported that three new firemen have joined the Fire Dept, congratulated Police Chief Joel Voxland on the Heroes Around Us award he received, and congratulated Ambulance EMT Duwayne Chevalier for being chosen as the EMT of the Year award.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Clay County HRA discussion.

Clay County Executive Director Dara Lee next approached the council. Ms. Lee stated the Clay County HRA is requesting the City Council to consent to the Special Benefit Tax for 2024 that was levied by the Clay County HRA Board of Commissioners. The Clay County HRA Board approved the resolution of support on June 20, 2023. The tax would be levied in all of Clay County, the amount for Barnesville would be \$13,477. The Barnesville levy is the same levy percentage as for the rest of Clay County. Ms. Lee was asking support of the Barnesville City Council for support of the HRA Resolution for the Clay County Commissioners.

08-14-23-03 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mrs. Stokka to support the HRA Board of Commissioners Resolution to the Clay County Commissioners, which will have an approximate tax burden on the City of Barnesville in the amount of \$13,477.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Barnesville Area Community Fund presentation.

Dionne Merkens, Advisory Board Chair for the Barnesville Area Community Fund next approached the council members. Ms. Merkens thanked the City of Barnesville for their support to the Barnesville Area Community Fund for the past 34 years. September will kick off the Fall Fund Drive and asked the City of Barnesville to be the lead doner. The pledges will help fund the activities of the Community Fund through 2027. The Community Fund asked for a donation of \$2,000 per year for 2023-2027.

08-14-23-04 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mr. Bauer to approve the donation of \$2,000 per year for four years, to the Barnesville Area Community Fund. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the Red River Regional dispatch memorandum of understanding.

Mayor Rick updated council members of the meetings held regarding the Red River Regional Dispatch Center. Mayor Rick stated that this Memorandum of Understanding is for a three-year contract. This contract is with the City of Barnesville, City of Dilworth, City of Hawley and City of Glyndon.

08-14-23-05 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the Red River Regional Memorandum of Understanding for a three-year term. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick stated the next item on the agenda was the agreement of special assessment and Waiver of irregularity and appeal.

City Administrator Jeremy Cossette informed council members that this agreement of special assessment and waiver of irregularity and appeal is for Lance and Catherine Olson, 406 2nd Street SE. This is for repair of the homeowner's sewer line replacement.

08-14-23-06 Motion by Mr. Bauer and second by Mrs. Bergman to approve the agreement of special assessment and waiver of irregularity and appeal for Lance and Catherine Olson, 406 2nd Street SE. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick next called on City Administrator Jeremy Cossette to give council members an update on the Cenex project. City Administrator Cossette stated that city staff have visited with staff from Cenex the past three to five months. A special Planning Commission and City Council meeting will be held on August 29th to discuss zoning issues.

Mayor Rick stated that the MN Capital Investment tour will be in Barnesville on Tuesday, August 15th, and encouraged council members to attend.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep

City Clerk

Jason Rick

Mayor