

## **Barnesville City Council**

### **Special Meeting**

**October 9, 2023**

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Member's present were Council members Tonya Stokka, Dawn Stuvland, and Brad Field. Absent were Council members Don Goedtke, Scott Bauer and Alyssa Bergman. Others in attendance were City Administrator Jeremy Cossette, City Clerk Jeri Reep, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Main Street Director Bailey Thompson, Public Works Director Charlie Revering, and Ley Bouchard with the Record Review.

Mayor Rick stated the only item on the agenda was the priority setting discussion.

Main Street Director Bailey Thompson stated her long-term goals were the replacement of the bricks on Main Street, continue work on the work local program, and shop local program. For short term goals: the fundraiser for the Barnesville ornament, have more collaboration with businesses.

EDA Director Karen Lauer stated her long-term goals were for a multi-family apartment, land development of commercial properties, work on construction of town homes/twin homes, and that the Commercial Park is out of space, look for expansion areas.

Short term goals: Childcare challenges, develop relationships with businesses, business retention, see if funds are available, work collaboratively to work local program.

Council member Stokka stated her long-term goals were to improve the infrastructure in the Northwest part of town, and that 13<sup>th</sup> Street needs to get paved.

Short term goals: continue to balance budget without raising taxes, continue to strengthen relationships with the EDA/School/City.

Council member Stuvland stated that her long-term goals were to improve the infrastructure on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, that people drive on the walking path, work with the school, for students to earn credits and a mentorship with the school.

Council member Bauer stated his long-term goals were to develop the old grocery store and hardware store, pave 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and infrastructure improvements.

Short term goals: a new city garage/public works building, a solution to the green building, Blue Eagle Lake improvements, and refresh the exterior of the Barnesville Event Center.

Council member Field stated that his long-term goals were to improve the electrical system conversion from 2400 to 7200 volts, continue improvements to Reed Field baseball and little league complex, paving of 13<sup>th</sup> Street, a new multi-family housing options, and a new ambulance garage.

Short term goals: establish term limits for the Mayor and Council members, find alternative location for the Food pantry, lifeguards for Blue Eagle Lake, clean up of former Farmers Elevator property, and Golf Course club house improvements.

Mayor Rick stated his goals for the long term were to continue expanding Wagner Park, and work on the McGrath Improvement area.

Short term goals: work on the NW infrastructure improvements, and 13<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction.

Public Works Supt. Charlie Revering stated he would like to see the water infrastructure, and updating the generator, and communication to contractors.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

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Jeri Reep

City Clerk

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Jason Rick

Mayor