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The perfect Christmas gift that is sure to be used is a Gift Card which can be used at either **Firehall Liquors** OR **Willow Creek Golf Course**. The cards, which are rechargable, are available at Firehall Liquors. Great stocking idea as well!

December 31 Rebate Deadline

Residents are reminded that December 31 is the deadline to submit rebate forms for purchases made during 2023. Forms and rebate details are available online at brightenergysolutions.com or barnesvillemn.com. or at City Hall.

Special City Holiday Hours

Garbage Collection: No changes

City Hall: Closed Mon. Dec. 25 & Mon. Jan. 1
Liquor Store: Closed Sun. Dec. 10 for inventory
OPEN Sun. Dec. 24: 11-3; Closed Dec. 25,
OPEN Sun. Dec. 31: 11 am - 6 pm;
Closed Monday, January 1

Truth in Taxation Hearing

The City's Truth in Taxation hearing will be **Monday**, **Dec. 11 at 7 pm** in the City Council Chambers. The 2024 final budget will be adopted along with the 2024 tax levy.

JOIN US FOR ALL OF THE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

City Tree Lighting

Gather with us at Friendship Park on Wednesday, November 29th as we all enjoy hot cocoa and cookies and light the community Christmas tree at 6:00 pm! Stick around downtown, as there will be horse-drawn wagon rides and many businesses will be open late!

Toy Drive

The Main Street Program and Barnesville Chiropractic & Fitness Center are sponsoring the area Toy Drive. If you find it in your heart to donate, you can drop off your toys at Barnesville Chiropractic & Fitness Center or Main Street Office!

Turkey Drawings

The Main Street Program will again be sponsoring the Turkey Giveaway this year! Sign up while you are shopping at local participating businesses. Eight lucky winners will be notified after the drawing on Monday, December 18th!

Breakfast With Santa

Santa will be at Old City Hall on Saturday, December 2nd 9-11 am. Get your picture taken and enjoy a free-will breakfast provided by the Thursday Nite Lions!



Also! Make sure you like the Barnesville Main Street Program on Facebook for more information on these & other holiday events!

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • October 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, Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, and Brad Field. Council members absent were council members Bergman and Goedtke

10-09-23-01 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented, with the removal of the closed session on the agenda. Motion carried.

10-09-23-02 Motion Stuvland, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

10-09-23-03 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to open the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. for the opportunity for public comment before it purchases or implements a body worn camera system that will be used by police officers. Motion carried.

10-09-23-04 Motion Stuvland, second Bauer to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.

10-09-23-05 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to send the CUP request from Jeremy and Chandler Burnside back to the Planning Commission for their review. Motion carried.

10-09-23-06 Motion Bauer, second Field to approve the variance request for Farmers' Cooperative Oil Company, 619 Front Street North. Motion carried.

10-09-23-07 Motion Stokka, second Stuvland to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-09, an ordinance amending the City Code. Motion carried.

Council member Goedtke arrived at 7:29 p.m.

10-09-23-08 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve the resolution approving the decertification of tax increment financing District No. 8 of the City of Barnesville Economic Development Authority. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, and Field. Absent: Bergman. Motion carried.

10-09-23-09 Motion Field, second Bauer to not accept the Barnesville Enhanced Alternate Connect America Cost Model (E-ACAM) offer. Motion carried.

10-09-23-10 Motion Field, second Bauer to approve the resolution setting the 2023 Cable TV rates. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, and Field. Absent: Bergman. Motion carried. 10-09-23-11 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the resolution calling for hearing on proposed assessment for the Hwy 9/ Front Street Reconstruction Project. Voted aye: Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer and Field. Absent: Bergman. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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 col-

laboration 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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 13th 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.



