

**CITY OF BARNUM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M.  
Barnum City Office, Barnum, Minnesota**

1 The January 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Barnum City Council was called to  
2 order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jason Goodwin.  
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4 **ROLL CALL:**

5 Mayor: Jason Goodwin

6 Councilors: Dale Riihiluoma, Darrel Berry, Lori Berglund and Justin Dinger

7 Absent: None

8 Employees Present: Bernadine Reed (City Administrator), Kris Asperheim  
9 (Deputy Clerk) and Brett Collier (Maintenance Supervisor)

10 Others Present: Corey Hurst & Isaac Wolter  
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12 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

13 A motion was made by Riihiluoma, seconded by Berglund and  
14 unanimously carried to approve the agenda with addition F-2.  
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16 **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

17 A motion was made by Dinger, seconded by Berry and unanimously carried  
18 to approve the consent agenda as submitted.  
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- 20 1. December 11, 2017 Reg. Minutes  
21 2. Approval of Accounts Payable (8897-8956 - \$47,330.74)  
22 3. December Liquor Sales Report  
23 4. December Financials  
24 5. MN Rural Water membership dues of \$250.00  
25 6. Authorization for direct deposit of health insurance benefit  
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27 **GUESTS:**

- 28 1. Corey Hurst, Barnum Fire Chief; information was given to the Council  
29 regarding a new fire truck to be discussed under New Business.  
30 2. Isaac Wolter; came to address a property nuisance letter he received  
31 about their Northwoods Inn property and items needing to be removed.  
32 He will work with Asperheim on clarification of the letter.  
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34 **REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 35 1. Acknowledgement of correspondence from Duane Grace;  
36 2. Acknowledgement of correspondence from Genesis Wireless.  
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38 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 39 • None  
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41 **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 42 • Resolution 2018-01; Resolution Setting 2018 Appointments. **A motion**  
43 **was made by Goodwin, seconded by Riihiluoma and unanimously**  
44 **carried to adopt Resolution 2018-01.**

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46 **REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES:**

47 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

48 A written report was presented from the City Administrator:

- 49 • Worked on 2017-year end reports  
50 • The audit has been scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.  
51 • Regular daily and monthly work.

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53 **ZONING REPORT:**

54 Asperheim gave an overview of the Zoning Department since the last Council  
55 meeting.

- 56 • No building permits were issued in December.  
57 • A second letter was sent to Northwoods Inn and Motel owners to remove  
58 the nuisance items on their property.  
59 • Regular daily work and duties completed.

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61 **UTILITIES/MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

62 Collier gave a verbal overview of the Utilities/Maintenance Department since the  
63 last council meeting.

- 64 • There were numerous water issues due to the cold weather during the last  
65 month. Homeowner freeze ups and Community Center frozen water lines.  
66 • Year-end reporting and bookkeeping.  
67 • The City's water flow has almost doubled since the extreme cold weather  
68 started.  
69 • Regular daily work completed.

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71 **LIQUOR STORE REPORT:**

- 72 • A monthly sales report was submitted.

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74 **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 75 • None

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77 **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 78 • Request to purchase a new Fire Truck. Corey Hurst and the Fire  
79 Department have been working on obtaining information for purchasing a  
80 new fire truck to replace the current 27-year-old main pumper truck. The  
81 Fire Department Officers created minimum truck specifications, met with  
82 salesmen to discuss desired options and received four quotes. The  
83 department would like to move forward with the purchase from Custom  
84 Fire as the price and options best fit the needs of the department. As it is  
85 difficult to create a bid document for a formal bid process the staff  
86 recommendation is to join the HGACBUY Cooperative Program for the

87 purchase. The Fire Commission has met and passed a recommendation  
88 to the council to move forward with joining HGACBUY Cooperative,  
89 purchase a new pumper truck from Custom Fire for the quoted price of  
90 \$334,615. The Fire Department has proposed using \$56,000 from the 4M  
91 Truck Fund and Barnum Township would like to pay their portion in full of  
92 \$144,880. The balance of \$133,735 will be financed and paid for by  
93 Skelton Township and the City of Barnum. **A motion was made by**  
94 **Berry, seconded by Riihiluoma and unanimously carried to approve**  
95 **the fire truck purchase from Custom Fire. A motion was made by**  
96 **Berry, seconded by Berglund and unanimously carried to join**  
97 **HGACBUY Cooperative to purchase the Fire Truck. A motion was**  
98 **made by Berry, seconded by Goodwin and unanimously carried to**  
99 **authorize Reed to pursue the financing options of a certificate of**  
100 **indebtedness for 10 years or a lease purchase for 15 years**  
101 **depending on the interest rate and term preference of Skelton**  
102 **Township.**

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104 **A motion was made by Riihiluoma, seconded by Goodwin and unanimously**  
105 **carried to move to closed session for job performance evaluation.**

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107 **A motion was made by Goodwin, seconded by Berglund and unanimously**  
108 **carried to re-open the meeting.**

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110 **A motion was made by Berry, seconded by Berglund and unanimously**  
111 **carried to issue a written reprimand to Brett Collier for job performance. A**  
112 **motion was made by Dinger, seconded by Riihiluoma and unanimously**  
113 **carried to increase the wastewater discharge rate to \$20.00 per 1,000**  
114 **gallons.**

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116 **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

- 117 • Regular Meeting – February 12, 2018 @ 6:00pm

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119 **A motion was made by Riihiluoma, seconded by Berry and unanimously carried**  
120 **to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm**

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Mayor, Jason Goodwin

**ATTEST:**

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City Administrator, Bernadine Reed

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Deputy Clerk, Kris Asperheim

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