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- 2025 Budget information



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0% Loans may be Available to Fix-up Homes and Businesses!

The City of Barnesville will be submitting an application to the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to rehabilitate both homes and businesses. If the application is funded, income qualified homeowners will be eligible for a deferred, **forgivable** 0% interest loan of up to \$24,850. Businesses may be eligible for a deferred, **forgivable** 0% interest loan up to \$40,000 (businesses will have a required match of 20%).



Apply Today!

If you are interested in participating in this program, you **must submit an Intent to Participate form** which can be obtained by contacting Kendra Ferencak at our partner agency, the Clay Co. Housing & Redevelopment Authority, at 218.512.4004 or kferencak@claycohra.com.

There will be an informational meeting for homeowners **on Thursday, March 20** at 5 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Interested commercial building owners should contact the Clay County HRA at 218.512.4004 or the Barnesville EDA at 218.354.2145 for additional program details.

2025 ELECTRIC RATES

A reminder that electric rates increased effective in January 2025. New rates are listed below.

Single Phase Residential

Monthly Customer Charge	\$17.00
<u>Energy Charge - per kWh</u>	
• June-August	\$.129
• September -May	\$.109

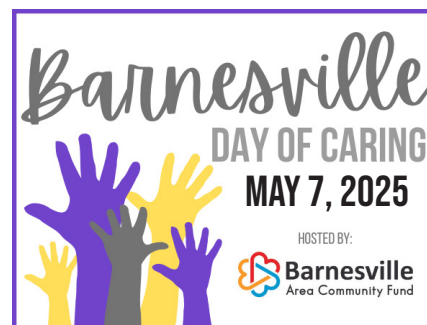
Single Phase Commercial

Monthly Customer Charge	\$21.00
<u>Energy Charge - per kWh</u>	
• June-August	\$.125
• September -May	\$.110

Three Phase Commercial

Monthly Customer Charge	\$28.00
<u>Energy Charge - per kWh</u>	
• June-August	\$.125
• September -May	\$.110

SIGN-UP FOR DAY OF CARING!



Elderly residents who wish to have BHS students help with outdoor spring clean-up on Wednesday, May 7 should register by calling HELPERS at **218.354.7090**.

NEW! TextMyGov

Smart Texting Technology

The City of Barnesville has launched a new texting service. Residents can sign-up for this service to receive notifications from the city, report issues to the city or quickly find city information!!

BARNESVILLE

You've requested to join our notification group.
Reply YES to opt-in.

Yes

You have successfully opted-in.

Sign up for text notifications!

Opt-in to any of the following:

- For City-wide Notifications, text "BARNESVILLE" to 91896
- For Emergency Notifications, text "BARNESVILLEEMERGENCY" to 91896

What to Expect:

- You may receive multiple text messages a month for each alert category opted-in to.
- You can text **STOP** at any time to remove yourself from ALL notification groups.



Find info & report issues!

Text **Hi** to **218.228.8222**

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • December 9, 2024

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 Scott Bauer, Don Goedtke, Alyssa Bergman, Tonya Stokka, and Brad Field. Absent was Council member Dawn Stuvland.

01-13-25-01 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-13-25-02 Motion Bauer, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-13-25-03 Motion Bauer, second Goedtke to approve the Council Representatives, Committee Appointments and City Officers as presented. Motion carried.

01-13-25-04 Motion Field, second Bauer to appoint Council Member Tonya Stokka as Acting Mayor. Motion carried.

01-13-25-05 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-01, regarding golf course fees. Motion carried.

01-13-25-06 Motion Field, second by Stokka to approve the Resolution setting the 2025 high speed internet speed and rates. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

01-13-25-07 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the LRIP Grant terms and conditions for the 13th street design for reconstruction resolution. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

01-13-25-08 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the proposed City Council agenda format. Motion carried.

01-13-25-09 Motion Bergman, second Bauer to change the City Council meeting time to 6:30 p.m. from February to December. The January City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Sports Tournaments on Channel 110!

Barnesville Cable TV customers can view live coverage of MN High School Sports Tournaments on Antenna TV, channel 110. Dates are below; semi-final and championship games are usually the games that are broadcast.

Boys Hockey.....March 5-8

Girls Basketball.....March 12-15

Boys Basketball.....March 18-22

Upcoming Dates to Remember!



Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3

Areawide Rummage Sales

Saturday, May 24

Barnesville High School Graduation

Thursday July 10 - Sunday, July 13

Clay County Fair

Saturday, August 23

Potato Days Festival

Golf Pass Discount ends April 15!

Golf season is just around the corner! Stop by City Hall to purchase your season membership between now and 4:30 pm on **April 15** and you will save **\$10 off the pre-tax price.**

Early Bird pricing - including sales tax:

Husband and wife - \$ 429.50


Adult membership - \$ 316.76

Immediate family in same house - \$ 483.19

Students - \$ 112.74

New time for Council Meetings

City Council meetings have switched to 6:30 pm.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING
February 19, 2025

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2025 Phone Book Corrections

Farnam's Genuine Parts should be **NAPA Auto Parts**

More ways to SAVE in 2025!

At **Barnesville Municipal Utilities**, we're working hard to help save you money on your energy usage and ensuring we're being environmentally conscious in the energy we provide.



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REBATES

Air Cleaner: **\$25**

Ceiling Fan: **\$25**

Clothes Washer: **\$25**

Dehumidifier

- (portable): **\$25**

- (whole-home ducted): **\$200**

Dishwasher: **\$25**

Heat-Pump Water Heater: **\$200**

Ask us about all our rebates available. We have rebates for businesses, too!

LED Recessed Downlight: **\$4**

Smart Thermostat: **\$25**

Room Air Conditioner: **\$75**

Central Air Conditioner: **\$250 - \$350**

Central A/C or

Heat Pump Tune-Up: **\$40**



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UNDERSTANDING THE CITY OF BARNESVILLE BUDGET PROCESS

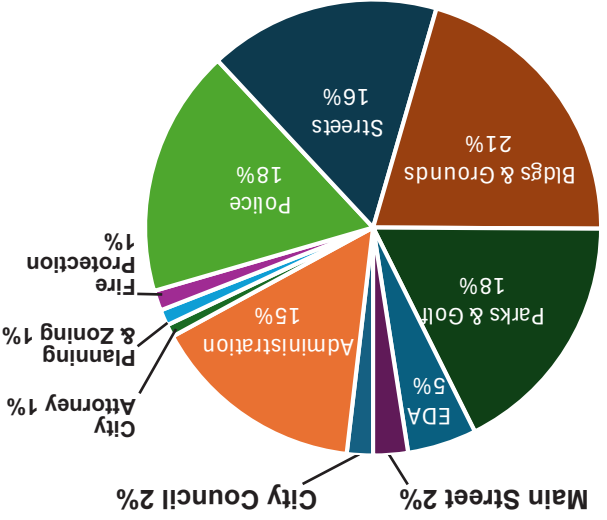
2025 TAKES SHOW SMALL INCREASE

On December 9, 2024 the Barnesville City Council adopted a tax levy of 7.11%. This is a slight decrease from the 2024 levy of 7.46%. The levy increase for 2025 comes out to be a \$28,000 increase from 2024 for debt operations of the city and \$55,000 for debt (due to the 2023a bond for the Front Street North capital project with MnDOT). The city portion of property taxes for Barnesville home with an assessed value of \$250,000 would see an estimated tax increase of \$85.00 from 2024 to 2025. Of this, \$53.00 is the actual tax increase and \$32.00 for increased tax capacity.

THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS

Putting the annual City Budget together begins in July when the department heads submit their proposed department budget to the City Administrator. The City Administrator and Finance Director go over these submissions with each department head and refine the numbers prior to the Finance Committee taking a look at it. The Finance Committee is made up of two Council members and the Mayor. They review, refine and present a preliminary budget to the City Council for continued next page....

HOW DOES THE CITY USE THE MONEY? A LOOK AT 2025 CITY EXPENDITURES



CITY OF BARNESVILLE - 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2025 budget information concerning the City of Barnesville to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Statute Section 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at City Hall, 102 Front St. N., Barnesville, MN. The City Council approved this budget on December 9, 2024.

Funds Include: General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds

Actual 2023 Prior Year 2024 Current Year 2025

	Actual 2023	Prior Year 2024	Current Year 2025
1 Property Taxes (Do not include Market Value Credits)	977,789.00	1,007,000.00	1,250,000.00
2 Tax Increments	134,416.00	40,711.00	41,003.00
3 All Other Taxes (Franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	0.00	40,700.00	32,600.00
4 Special Assessments	338,834.00	340,500.00	282,000.00
5 Licenses and Permits	70,897.00	46,100.00	55,300.00
6 Federal Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 State General Purpose Aid (e.g. LGA, MV credits, etc.)	1,634,050.00	951,230.00	952,112.00
8 State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets, etc.)	0.00	113,079.00	117,646.00
9 Grants from County and Other Local Governments	0.00	13,500.00	15,000.00
10 Charges for Services	403,722.00	280,900.00	319,250.00
11 Fines and Forfeits	9,500.00	8,800.00	5,800.00
12 Interest on Investments	114,301.00	58,250.00	46,000.00
13 Miscellaneous Revenues	87,653.00	277,247.00	700,404.00
14 Total Revenues	3,771,162.00	3,178,017.00	3,817,115.00
15 Proceeds from Bond Sales	1,620,000.00	0.00	0.00
16 Other Financing Sources	114,470.00	0.00	0.00
17 Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	931,514.00	1,331,312.00	1,854,007.00
18 Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	6,437,146.00	4,509,329.00	5,671,122.00

Actual 2023 Prior Year 2024 Current Year 2025

	Actual 2023	Prior Year 2024	Current Year 2025
19 General Government (council, administration, etc.)	883,085.00	978,488.00	934,750.00
20 Public Safety	822,741.00	862,179.00	780,090.00
21 Streets and Highways (excluding construction)	348,585.00	423,232.00	468,914.00
22 Sanitation	0.00	0.00	0.00
23 Human Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
24 Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Culture and Recreation	505,351.00	622,422.00	734,050.00
26 Conservation of Natural Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 Economic Development	345,996.00	314,007.00	338,300.00
28 Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	0.00	350.00	9,714.00
29 Total Current Expenditures	2,905,758.00	3,200,678.00	3,265,818.00
30 Debt Service - Principal	345,550.00	250,000.00	315,000.00
31 Interest and Fiscal Charges	174,786.00	173,969.00	147,841.00
32 Streets and Highways Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 Capital Outlay	3,064,060.00	480,000.00	1,218,000.00
34 Other Financing Uses	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 Transfers to Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	32,119.00	140,000.00	450,218.00
36 Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	6,522,273.00	4,244,647.00	5,396,877.00
FUND BALANCE	2024	2025	
37 General Fund - Beginning Balance - Jan 1	1,022,528.00	1,352,629.00	
38 General Fund - Ending Balance - Dec. 31	0.00	0.00	
39 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted Govt Funds	0.00	0.00	
OTHER ITEMS			
40 Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,167,000.00	1,250,000.00	
41 Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) from Investments	0.00	0.00	

Budgets have also been adopted for the following Special Revenue Funds: Joint Powers, Parks and Recreation, Dare Program, Community Fund and TIF Districts.

Enterprise Funds - 2025 Adopted Budget

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ENTERPRISE FUNDS 2025 ADOPTED BUDGET

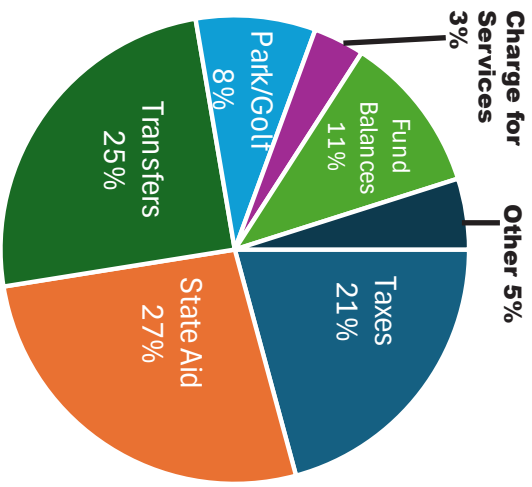
Enterprise Funds 2025 Adopted Budget	Water	Sewer	Sanitation	Storm Sewer	Liquor	Electric	Cable	Telephone	Broadband	Ambulance	Grand Totals	2025	Grand Totals	2024
Sales and Cost of Sales														
Sales												\$1,166,290.00	\$1,062,250.00	
Cost of Sales												(\$924,000.00)	(\$829,000.00)	
Gross Profit												\$242,290.00	\$233,250.00	

Operating Revenues														
Charges for Services	\$509,500.00	\$795,500.00	\$341,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,418,500.00	\$294,627.00	\$1,700,679.00	\$459,550.00	\$910,100.00	\$7,429,956.00	\$7,019,025.00		
Restricted for replacement	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,000.00	\$135.00		
Total Gross Profit and Operating Revenues	\$561,500.00	\$847,500.00	\$341,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$242,290.00	\$2,418,500.00	\$294,627.00	\$1,700,679.00	\$459,550.00	\$910,100.00	\$7,826,246.00	\$7,391,025.00		

Operating Expenses														
Personal Services	\$104,966.00	\$116,159.00	\$12,454.00	\$0.00	\$145,625.00	\$104,657.00	\$0.00	\$331,371.00	\$62,135.00	\$478,547.00	\$1,355,914.00	\$1,104,039.00		
Contractual Services	\$36,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$395,566.00	\$19,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$889,566.00	\$865,682.00		
Supplies, Materials, Utilities	\$132,785.00	\$89,488.00	\$25,759.00	\$0.00	\$31,957.00	\$1,676,997.00	\$236,355.00	\$215,156.00	\$152,280.00	\$406,227.00	\$2,966,984.00	\$3,083,445.00		
Capital Expenditures	\$34,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$178,000.00	\$390,000.00		
Debt Service	\$65,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$211,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$710,000.00	\$710,000.00		
Total Operating Expenses	\$372,751.00	\$654,647.00	\$313,213.00	\$0.00	\$230,582.00	\$2,177,220.00	\$255,355.00	\$916,527.00	\$251,395.00	\$908,774.00	\$6,080,464.00	\$6,153,166.00		

Operating Income (Loss)	\$188,749.00	\$192,853.00	\$28,287.00	\$50,000.00	\$11,708.00	\$241,280.00	\$39,272.00	\$784,152.00	\$208,155.00	\$1,328.00	\$1,745,782.00	\$1,237,859.00
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)												
Interest Earnings	\$27,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,900.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$28,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$129,000.00	\$36,000.00
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(\$4,543.00)	(\$25,482.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$15,538.00)	(\$3,750.00)	\$0.00	(\$49,714.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$99,027.00)	(\$118,670.00)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	\$22,457.00	\$14,518.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$11,638.00)	(\$3,750.00)	\$100.00	(\$21,714.00)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$29,973.00	(\$82,670.00)

Income (Loss) before Operating Transfers	\$211,206.00	\$207,371.00	\$35,287.00	\$58,000.00	\$70.00	\$237,530.00	\$39,372.00	\$762,438.00	\$223,155.00	\$1,328.00	\$1,775,755.00	\$1,155,589.00
Operating Transfers In (Out)	(\$120,000.00)	(\$150,000.00)	(\$35,000.00)	(\$8,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)	(\$213,658.00)	\$0.00	(\$722,188.00)	(\$219,672.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,473,718.00)	(\$863,650.00)
Net Income (Loss) - Includes restricted funds for replacement	\$91,206.00	\$57,371.00	\$287.00	\$50,000.00	(\$4,930.00)	\$23,872.00	\$39,372.00	\$40,250.00	\$3,483.00	\$1,328.00	\$302,037.00	\$191,939.00



REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE GENERAL FUND

THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS continued

approval prior to September 15th deadline. At this time, the Council adopts a proposed property tax levy. The Finance Committee continues to review the proposed budget and make changes until the final version of the budget is presented to the City Council in December. At that time, a final property tax levy amount is adopted, which usually is less than the proposed levy. The final tax levy cannot be higher than the proposed levy.

As the chart to the left shows, there are three main sources of revenue used to run the City. The first of these is money that comes from State General Purpose Aid, such as Local Government Aid (LGA), which will contribute \$1,078,258 toward funding city services in 2025.

The next source of revenue is transfers from the various enterprise funds that the City operates, including Telephone, Internet, Electric, Water, Sewer and Sanitation. These enterprises generate surpluses that go into the General Fund to fund services that would otherwise be funded by property taxes. In 2025 those transfers will amount to \$1,003,789.

The third main source of revenue for the General Fund is property taxes and for 2025, that will amount to \$840,000. All of these revenues combine to provide city services like Police, Streets, Parks, Administration and Economic Development. In addition to the revenues described above, the City also receives revenue from building permit fees, park and recreation fees and various other State revenues.

The complete 2025 City Budget is available at www.barnesville.mn.com or at City Hall.

AVAILABLE NOW!

NEW DIGITAL TV

We've partnered with Red River Communications to offer a new digital TV service combining traditional TV and streaming.

Current Barnesville Cable TV customers **MUST apply for the new digital service to ensure TV service is uninterrupted.** The city cannot switch you over without a completed application.

Sign up on the city website or call/visit City Hall.

218-354-2292 | Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 8 AM - 4:30 PM

**BARNESVILLE CABLE TV
ENDS APRIL 30, 2025.**

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WELCOME TO A BETTER WAY TO WATCH TV!



NO DISH, NO EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT: Say goodbye to bulky satellite dishes and costly equipment purchases. Our new system runs on a simple Amazon Fire TV Stick or a traditional box and remote, making it easy to upgrade and enjoy.

CLOUD DVR SERVICES: Enjoy the freedom of recording your favorite shows with our new Cloud DVR feature. You can access your recorded content anytime, anywhere, without the worry of losing storage or equipment issues.



WEATHER-PROOF TV: Satellite TV can be interrupted by bad weather, but with our new system, you'll have uninterrupted service—no more worrying about storms affecting your TV time!

RESTART TV: Missed the beginning of a show? No problem! Our Restart TV feature lets you rewind and start over so you never miss a thing. We're confident this will become one of your favorite features.

STREAM ON MULTIPLE DEVICES: You'll now be able to stream on up to 10 devices, with up to three streams running simultaneously. Whether it's family movie night or keeping up with different shows, everyone in the household can enjoy their own content without conflicts.

