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Downtown Business Opportunity

The Petal Parlor has outgrown the space that they have been leasing from the City of Barnesville! They will be moving into their new building in March so their space will be available for rent!

This really cute space would be perfect for a start-up business or maybe a home-based business that is ready to make the move into commercial space.

Over 1,480 cars drive by your storefront every day, plus there is front door parking!

The EDA offers low interest loans and incentives to help you get started.



For more info: contact EDA Executive Director Karen Lauer at **218.354.2145** or City Administrator Jeremy Cossette at **218.354.2292**.

BARNESVILLE CITYWIDE
CLEAN UP WEEK
APRIL 15-17, 2026

More ways to SAVE in 2026!

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.



Bright Energy Solutions®
Saving energy. Saving money.

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Energy Star® REBATES

- Air Cleaner: **\$25**
- Ceiling Fan: **\$25**
- Clothes Washer: **\$25**
- Dehumidifier
- (portable): **\$25**
- (whole-home ducted): **\$200**
- Dishwasher: **\$25**
- Heat-Pump Water Heater: **\$200**

Check out the Inserts

- 2026 City of Barnesville Budget information
- Updated Contact Form



Sign-up TODAY for Day of Caring!



Elderly residents who wish to have BHS students help with outdoor spring clean-up on Wednesday, May 6 should register by calling HELPERS at **218.354.7090**.

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

May 1-2 Areawide Rummage Sales
May 23 Barnesville High School Graduation
July 9 - 12 Clay County Fair
August 22 Potato Days Festival

[See pages 70-71 in Phone Directory for more!](#)

Proud to be your Electric Provider!

During 2025, electricity was available to Barnesville residents **99.98% of the entire year!!** #Reliability



**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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Learn more about our rebates:
brightenergysolutions.com

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting • January 12, 2026

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 6:00 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 Alyssa Bergman, Tonya Stokka, Brad Field, Scott Bauer, and Don Goedtke.

01-12-26-01 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-12-26-02 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

01-12-26-03 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to open the public hearing for the property tax abatement hearing at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried.

01-12-26-04 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to close the public hearing for the property tax abatement hearing at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

01-12-26-05 Motion Bauer, second Bergman to approve the property tax abatements resolution. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

01-12-26-06 Motion Bergman, second Goedtke to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-01, enacting a code of ordinances for the City of Barnesville revising, amending, restating, codifying and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the political subdivision dealing with subjects embraced in such Code of Ordinances, and declaring an emergency. Motion carried.

01-12-26-07 Motion Stokka, second Goedtke to approve the 2026-01 Summary Ordinance. Motion carried.

01-12-26-08 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-02, an amendment to Ordinance Chapter 8-01, Sec. 2-0114 of the Municipal Code regarding ambulance fees. Motion carried.

01-12-26-09 Motion Goedtke, second Stokka to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-03, amending Chapter 19, Sec. 2.63 of the Municipal Code regarding Park and Recreation fees and charges for the Golf Course fees. Motion carried.

01-12-26-10 Motion Stokka, second Bauer to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-04, amending Chapter 8-01, Sect 1-604 of the Municipal Code regarding Park and Recreation fees and charges for the campground fees. Motion carried.

01-12-26-11 Motion Bergman, second Goedtke to approve the Minnesota Office of Emergency Medical Services Operating Deficit Grant. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried.

01-12-26-12 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to approve the 2026 portfolio and committee assignments as presented, with Council

Member Goedtke to serve on the Planning and Zoning commission. Motion carried.

01-12-26-13 Motion Stokka, second Bergman to change the City Council meeting times to 6:00 p.m. from February through December, with the Council meeting time of 7:00 p.m. in January of each year. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Sports Tournament Coverage

Barnesville residents always enjoy watching live coverage of the MN High School Sports Tournaments on **Antenna TV**. The Semi-final and championship games are usually the games that are broadcast.

Boys Hockey.....March 4-7

Girls Basketball.....March 11-14

Boys Basketball.....March 18-22

Golf Pass Discount ends April 16!

Golf season is just around the corner! Stop by City Hall to purchase your season membership between now and 4:30 pm on **April 16 and you will save \$10 off the pre-tax price..**

Early Bird pricing - including sales tax:

Husband and wife - \$ 450.98

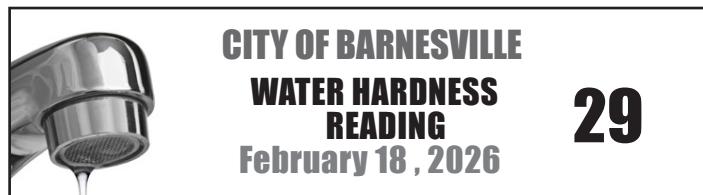
Adult membership - \$ 332.86

Immediate family in same house - \$ 504.66

Students - \$ 128.85

Faster Internet Speeds are HERE!

Barnesville Internet has just announced that **10 GIG** high speed internet is now available. Call 218.354.2292 for rates!



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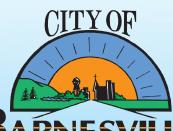
Your WATER SOFTENER could be the source of water problems!

In recent months, Water Department staff have investigated several cases of rusty water, low water pressure and particles in water and found them to be related to water softeners.

To ensure proper operation, water softeners need maintenance. Systems are preset to "recharge" which dissolves mineral buildup. If your softener doesn't seem to be working, i.e. hard water; here are a few tips to try - 1) Check that the timer is working correctly - best time to recharge is early morning when no one is using water; 2) Check the salt supply tank by pushing a broom handle into the salt until it hits the bottom, this will help to loosen a salt "dome" or 3) Follow the manufacturer's instructions to give the resin bed a good cleaning.

What to know more? Check out these websites: www.plumbingprofessors.com or www.homewater101.com, *hard water basics tab* or the website of your water softener brand!





GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY

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UNDERSTANDING THE CITY OF BARNESVILLE BUDGET PROCESS

CITY OF BARNESVILLE - 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2026 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 8, 2025.

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

	Actual 2024	Prior Year 2025	Current Year 2026
1 Property Taxes (Do not include Market Value Credits)	1,044,714.00	1,250,000.00	1,311,501.00
2 Tax Increments	27,596.00	41,003.00	41,003.00
3 All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	0.00	32,600.00	41,125.00
4 Special Assessments	368,717.00	282,000.00	345,887.00
5 Licenses and Permits	152,572.00	55,300.00	66,005.00
6 Federal Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 State General Purpose Aid (e.g. LGA, MV credits, etc.)	1,176,268.00	952,112.00	953,570.00
8 State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets, etc.)	0.00	117,646.00	113,500.00
9 Grants from County and Other Local Governments	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
10 Charges for Services	393,846.00	319,250.00	344,300.00
11 Fines and Forfeits	14,467.00	5,800.00	6,300.00
12 Interest on Investments	152,676.00	46,000.00	69,300.00
13 Miscellaneous Revenues	116,200.00	700,404.00	486,939.00
14 Total Revenues	3,447,056.00	3,817,115.00	3,794,430.00
15 Proceeds from Bond Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
16 Other Financing Sources	353,176.00	0.00	0.00
17 Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	1,210,475.00	1,854,007.00	1,718,740.00
18 Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	5,010,707.00	5,671,122.00	5,513,170.00
EXPENDITURES	Actual 2024	Prior Year 2025	Current Year 2026
19 General Government (council, administration, etc.)	1,178,915.00	934,750.00	1,863,396.00
20 Public Safety	888,655.00	780,090.00	826,064.00
21 Streets and Highways (excluding construction)	341,364.00	468,914.00	0.00
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	591,994.00	734,050.00	737,970.00
26 Conservation of Natural Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 Economic Development	276,339.00	338,300.00	349,882.00
28 Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	0.00	9,714.00	9,674.00
29 Total Current Expenditures	3,277,267.00	3,265,818.00	3,786,986.00
30 Debt Service - Principal	286,414.00	315,000.00	310,000.00
31 Interest and Fiscal Charges	207,210.00	147,841.00	137,324.00
32 Streets and Highways Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 Capital Outlay	659,962.00	1,218,000.00	726,581.00
34 Other Financing Uses	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 Transfers to Other Funds (inc. Enterprise Funds)	233,039.00	450,218.00	220,342.00
36 Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	4,663,892.00	5,396,877.00	5,181,233.00
FUND BALANCE	2025	2026	
37 General Fund - Beginning Balance- Jan 1	1,288,124.00	367,373.00	
38 General Fund - Ending Balance - Dec. 31	0.00	0.00	
39 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance -Budgeted Gov't Funds	0.00	0.00	
OTHER ITEMS			
40 Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,250,000.00	1,311,501.00	
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 - 2026 Adopted Budget

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2026 TAXES SHOW DECREASE!

On December 8, 2025 the Barnesville City Council adopted a tax levy of 4.92%. This is a slight decrease from the 2025 levy of 7.11%.

Some homeowners may see an increase in property taxes as a result of an increased property value as determined by the Clay County Assessor.

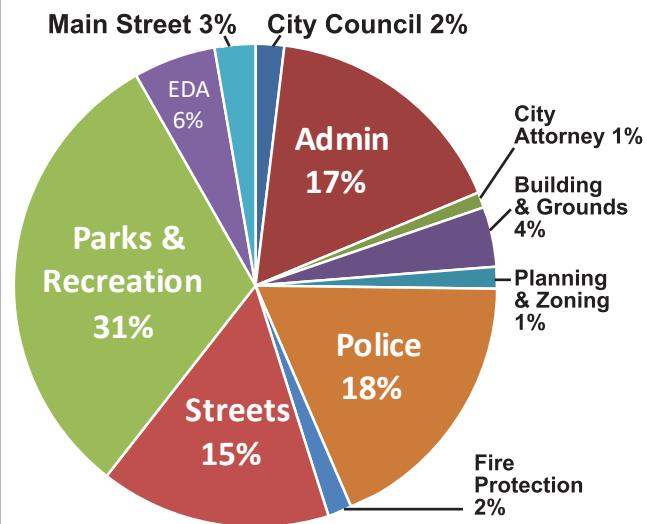
In 2026 budget reflects a increase in the Parks budget. This is a result of the planned expansion of the Wagner Park Campground.

The city portion of property taxes for Barnesville home with an assessed value of \$250,000 would see an estimated tax decrease of \$44.00 from 2025 to 2026.

THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS

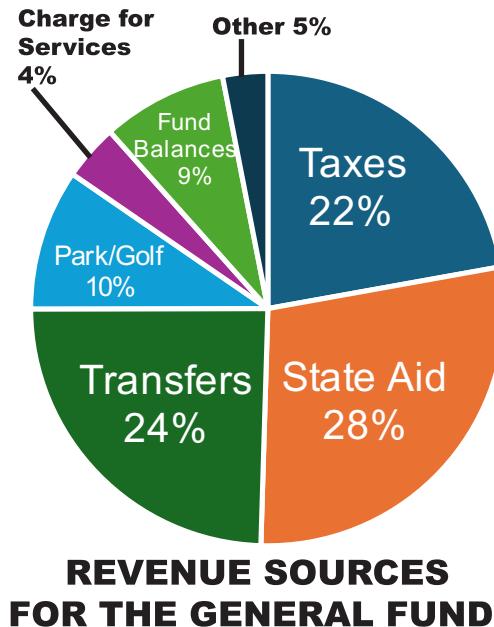
Putting the annual City Budget together begins in July when the department heads submit their proposed department budget to the City Administrator. The City Administrator and Finance Director go over these submissions with each department head and refine the numbers prior to the Finance Committee taking 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 2026 CITY EXPENDITURES



ENTERPRISE FUNDS 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET

Enterprise Funds 2026 Adopted Budget	Water	Sewer	Sanitation	Storm Sewer	Liquor	Electric	Cable	Telephone	Broadband	Ambulance	2026 Grand Totals	2025 Grand Totals
Sales and Cost of Sales												
Sales					\$1,244,200.00						\$1,244,200.00	\$1,166,290.00
Cost of Sales					\$1,019,000.00						(\$1,019,000.00)	(\$924,000.00)
Gross Profit					<u>\$225,200.00</u>						<u>\$225,200.00</u>	<u>\$242,290.00</u>
Operating Revenues												
Charges for Services	\$601,500.00	\$890,800.00	\$341,500.00	\$0.00		\$2,542,092.00	\$202,950.00	\$1,253,128.00	\$885,250.00	\$1,008,000.00	\$7,725,220.00	\$7,429,956.00
Restricted for replacement	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$154,000.00
Total Gross Profit and Operating Revenues	<u>\$651,500.00</u>	<u>\$940,800.00</u>	<u>\$341,500.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$225,200.00</u>	<u>\$2,542,092.00</u>	<u>\$202,950.00</u>	<u>\$1,253,128.00</u>	<u>\$885,250.00</u>	<u>\$1,008,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,100,420.00</u>	<u>\$7,826,246.00</u>
Operating Expenses												
Personal Services	\$119,962.00	\$140,978.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,456.00	\$55,251.00	\$0.00	\$210,529.00	\$134,998.00	\$481,798.00	\$1,276,972.00	\$1,355,914.00
Contractual Services	\$31,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	\$82,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$857,000.00	\$869,566.00
Supplies, Materials, Utilities	\$140,474.00	\$80,382.00	\$25,135.00	\$7,500.00	\$6,445.00	\$1,903,327.00	\$202,950.00	\$266,551.00	\$187,738.00	\$511,109.00	\$3,331,611.00	\$2,966,984.00
Capital Expenditures	\$135,000.00	\$305,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,357.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$538,357.00	\$178,000.00
Debt Service	\$94,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$213,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$477,000.00	\$710,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$520,436.00</u>	<u>\$703,360.00</u>	<u>\$300,135.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$196,901.00</u>	<u>\$2,333,578.00</u>	<u>\$202,950.00</u>	<u>\$870,437.00</u>	<u>\$337,736.00</u>	<u>\$1,007,907.00</u>	<u>\$6,480,940.00</u>	<u>\$6,080,464.00</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$131,064.00</u>	<u>\$237,440.00</u>	<u>\$41,365.00</u>	<u>\$42,500.00</u>	<u>\$28,299.00</u>	<u>\$208,514.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$382,691.00</u>	<u>\$547,514.00</u>	<u>\$93.00</u>	<u>\$1,619,480.00</u>	<u>\$1,745,782.00</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)												
Interest Earnings	\$35,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,342.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00	\$18,100.00	\$0.00	\$192,942.00	\$129,000.00
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(\$3,598.00)	(\$18,945.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$15,144.00)	(\$3,750.00)	\$0.00	(\$45,863.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$87,300.00)	(\$99,027.00)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>\$31,402.00</u>	<u>\$31,055.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,500.00</u>	<u>(\$10,144.00)</u>	<u>\$5,592.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6,137.00</u>	<u>\$18,100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$105,642.00</u>	<u>\$29,973.00</u>
Income (Loss) before Operating Transfers	<u>\$162,466.00</u>	<u>\$268,495.00</u>	<u>\$49,365.00</u>	<u>\$58,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,155.00</u>	<u>\$214,106.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$388,828.00</u>	<u>\$565,614.00</u>	<u>\$93.00</u>	<u>\$1,725,122.00</u>	<u>\$1,775,755.00</u>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>(\$110,000.00)</u>	<u>(\$150,000.00)</u>	<u>(\$35,000.00)</u>	<u>(\$8,000.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$196,272.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$283,731.00)</u>	<u>(\$565,515.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$1,348,518.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,473,718.00)</u>
Net Income (Loss) - includes restricted funds for replacement	<u>\$52,466.00</u>	<u>\$118,495.00</u>	<u>\$14,365.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,155.00</u>	<u>\$17,834.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$105,097.00</u>	<u>\$99.00</u>	<u>\$93.00</u>	<u>\$376,604.00</u>	<u>\$302,037.00</u>



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 \$1,078,595 toward funding city services in 2026.

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 2026 those transfers will amount to \$933,802.

The third main source of revenue for the General Fund is property taxes and for 2026, that will amount to \$845,000. 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 2026 City Budget is available at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.



WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU!

The City of Barnesville is updating our database for Barnesville Utility Customers. In the case of **utility related emergencies** it is important that we have cell phone numbers on file. Examples: water main breaks, long term internet and power interruptions.

Print Name _____

Address _____

Cell Phone Number 1 _____

Cell Phone Number 2 _____

E-mail Address _____

Please return with your bill payment. If you pay online, please drop off at City Hall or place it in the City Hall utility bill drop-off box. **THANK YOU!**

