

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 12, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Billy Dozier, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw and James Moody

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk and Treasurer Kim Vargo, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified by none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Williams led in prayer.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-05 TO REPEAL THE EMERGENCY MASK MANDATE ORDINANCE 2021-04

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read Ordinance 2021-05 To Repeal the Emergency Mask Mandate Ordinance 2021-04 by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Rivera had asked that this item be added to the agenda. He asked Director of Public Works Philip Stanley to explain where the City was in regard to this issue. Mr. Stanley said that one of the industrial users at the SCAT Park in Snelling, Swiss Krono, wants to send wastewater to the City. The City of Barnwell's standards are set by DHEC and are not negotiable. Information provided to the City shows that the wastewater from this user is not within these

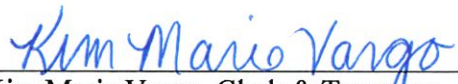
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standards. They will have to bring their wastewater down to acceptable levels in order for the City to treat it. Also, in order for us to treat their wastewater as it is now, we would have to expand our wastewater treatment plant. The company is doing a Preliminary Evaluation Review on their plant to upgrade their pre-treatment facility to bring their numbers down. If they can bring their numbers down to within the limits that the City can treat, then it would be brought before Council for a decision to accept out of town wastewater into the City. Mayor Rivera said he wanted to bring this to Council because he did not like the response that Administrator McEwen sent out in denying the request. He said he wasn't challenging the decision based on the numbers, but the ultimate decision comes back to Council to see whether or not the company is willing to invest in what is necessary for them to do business with the City. Administrator McEwen said that her response informed the company to resubmit once they had finished the upgrades to their pretreatment facility and we could look at the numbers again. Mayor Rivera felt the response should have addressed the options for the company to possibly invest in the City's wastewater treatment plant. The expansion of Swiss Krono would bring more jobs to the area. Mr. Stanley said that the company was already in the process of addressing it's issues. Discussion followed. Mayor Rivera said that Council needs to be involved in any important decision.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer