

**Barnesville City Council
Emergency Meeting
March 17, 2020**

Mayor Rick called this emergency council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, Don Goedtke, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman, and Brad Field. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, City Clerk Jeri Reep, TEC Manager Guy Swenson, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Police Chief Dean Ernst, Finance Director Laurie Schell, Public Works Supt. Don Williams, Ambulance Manger Scott Nelson, Liquor Store Manager Randi Trowbridge, Charlie Revering with NWS, and Michael Stein with Record Review.

Mayor Rick stated the only item on the agenda was to discuss the City response to the COVID-19 virus. Mayor Rick stated that he wants to work together to keep the community safe. Mayor Rick stated that staff has prepared an Emergency Declaration Resolution.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that the City Attorney recommends approval of this Resolution.

Mayor Rick stated that neighboring communities are doing the same, approval of the Emergency Declaration Resolution.

03-17-20-01 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mrs. Stuvland to approve the Emergency Declaration Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted aye: Council members Stokka, Goedtke, Stuvland, Bauer, Bergman, and Field. Those voted aye: none. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNTY OF CLAY
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EMERGENCY DECLARATION
03-17-20-01**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, a new strain of coronavirus that is spread from person to person, posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, no drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are more than 132,000 confirmed cases in 123 countries worldwide and more than 1600 confirmed cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, declared a national public health emergency for COVID-19 on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health has been actively coordinating and in communication with healthcare providers, schools, universities, childcare providers, businesses, churches, and the general public to make sure Minnesotans are educated and as prepared as possible to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, proactively implemented preparedness containment and mitigation measures to slow the transmission and reduce the impact of the virus is in the best interest of Minnesota and, thus, the City of Barnesville and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Barnesville does hereby invoke its broad emergency powers with regard to the declaration of a local emergency pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29, Subd. 1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the declaration of a local emergency pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29, Subd. 1., may trigger Minn. Stat. § 13D.021, which allows for City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means so long as the pre-conditions of Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 are met.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29, Subd. 1., the Barnesville City Council does hereby declare an emergency in response to the public health crisis resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The City Council of the City of Barnesville will have the authority to:

- 1) pass emergency ordinances;
 - 2) pass emergency contracts;
 - 3) delay, cancel, or postpone meetings of the City of Barnesville and City Council Committees, Sub-Committees, boards and commissions;
 - 4) limit the size of public gatherings as directed by public health concerns;
 - 5) possess all other powers implied or necessary to carry about the above described powers;
- and

6) the City Administrator is hereby authorized to implement any and all necessary employment policies, including remote working policies, as he determines necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Emergency Declaration will remain in place until revoked by the Barnesville City Council.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.

APPROVE:

Jason Rick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Rietz, City Administrator

City Administrator Mike Rietz asked council members on the procedures for staffing the departments.

03-17-20-02 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Bergman to close City Hall, and authorize City Administrator Mike Rietz for staffing of City Hall, and make emergency decision, and council will re-evaluate staffing at the April 13, 2020 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

03-17-20-03 Motion by Mrs. Stokka and second by Mrs. Stuvland to authorize the Personnel and Finance portfolio to make interim decisions if service levels need to change. Motion carried.

Council members next discussed with department heads their departments and any concerns they have.

City Administrator Mike Rietz stated that for any future meetings, that the meetings will be held by conference calls. Council member Field stated that we should do as man possible telephone conference calls as possible.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jeri Reep
City Clerk

Jason Rick
Mayor