

**Barnesville City Council
Emergency Meeting
July 20, 2021**

Mayor Rick called this emergency meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Member's present were Council members Brad Field, Tonya Stokka (by telephone), Alyssa Bergman, Dawn Stuvland, Scott Bauer, and Don Goedtk. Others in attendance were Interim City Administrator John Chattin, EDA Director Karen Lauer, Fire Chief Mike Stetz, and Mike Kurkowski and Travis Braton from NWS.

Mayor Rick said the only item on the agenda was to consider increasing water restrictions.

Mayor Rick commented on how we are bordering on extreme drought conditions, according to the DNR, and the need to maintain minimum available water levels in case of fire. Fire Chief Mike Stetz also commented on how firefighting would be impacted with the city's water tower out of commission for up to a month. They have made some arrangements to fill tanker trucks in Sabin, if needed.

There was considerable discussion on what hours watering should be allowed, days allowed, and what could be watered. It was felt that Stage 2 restrictions were not adequate to address the problem and that Stage 3 restrictions should be considered. The city is averaging about 380,000 gallons per days and the DNR is recommending a target of 246,000 gallons per day.

Council member Field suggested that no turf watering be allowed. Council member Stokka agreed and after some discussion all council members were in agreement, except for the watering of newly seeded lawns.

Karen Lauer asked about what notifications should be done. John Chattin suggested mailing post cards, as well as other mediums suggested by Ms. Lauer, i.e. Facebook, Website, and press releases. The council agreed that post cards would be preferred but all other outlets should also be utilized.

07-20-21-01 Motion by Mr. Field and second by Mr. Goedkte to declare a Stage 3 water restrictions with the following parameters:

- No turf watering except for newly seeded lawns;
- Even numbered homes can water trees, shrubs, and gardens with hand held devices only from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on even numbered calendar days and odd numbered house can do the same on odd numbered calendar days;
- The city's splash pad hours are limited to 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and water volumes will also be reduced.
- The filling of swimming pools and washing of vehicles is prohibited.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no additional business, Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

John Chattin
Interim City Administrator

Jason Rick
Mayor