

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Jeff George, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, and Sara Gilstrap. Also, present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Lori Sondov, City Clerk, Phillip Tate, PW Director, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief, Brennan Williams, Planning Director. The media were notified. There were six members of the public who attended.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Council and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. INVOCATION

1. The invocation was given by Mayor Amidon

At this time, Mayor Amidon made a motion to amend tonight's agenda to include the following item: Consider Ordinance O-19-2021 to rezone a portion of 208 N. Poinsett Highway (Tax Map Number 0497000500300) from S-1, Service District, to R-M, Residential, Multi-family District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bumgarner and carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on June 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Amidon introduced Lori Sondov as the new City Clerk and Treasurer for the City of Travelers Rest. Ms. Sondov previously served six years as the Deputy City Clerk for the City of Greenville.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

None

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Byers provided the summary for the Public Works committee meeting.

Chair Floyd provided the summary for the Public Safety Committee meeting. Police Chief Ford and Assistant Fire Chief McMakin provided updates to the committee.

Chair Bumgarner provided the summary for the Ways and Means Committee meeting. Chair Bumgarner made a motion to approve the May and June Financial Reports. Administrator Vinson stated the hospitality tax has been a pleasant surprise despite COVID. Chair Bumgarner thanked the City's Department heads and Administrator Vinson for their fiscal responsibility during COVID. The motion to approve the reports was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

Chair Vest called on Director Williams for the Planning and Development report. Chair Vest stated Director Williams presented the report on the Planning Commission and said the committee heard about a redevelopment at 208 N. Poinsett Highway as well as amending the Planning Commission By-laws.

H. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

1. Mayor Amidon made a motion to consider Resolution R-4-21 to authorize Lori Sondov to sign checks, correspondence, and other documents on behalf of the City of Travelers Rest. Councilmember George seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. Councilmember Criss made a motion to consider Resolution R-5-21 to amend the Planning Commission By-laws. Councilmember Choplin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. Councilmember Vest made a motion to consider Ordinance O-19-21 to rezone a portion of 208 N. Poinsett Highway (Tax Map Number 0497000500300) from S-1, Service District, to R-M, Residential, Multifamily District. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion and discussion was held. Councilmember Choplin stated he did not believe Council had enough time to consider the Ordinance. Councilmember Vest agreed and added if Council approves first reading, it has a month to give the issue thought before the second reading is held. Councilmember Criss asked if the main concern is about the current residents who live in the mobile home park. Mayor Amidon clarified the rezoning is not for property where any mobile homes are currently located. The motion passed 5-4 with Mayor Amidon and Councilmembers Bumgarner, George, Vest, and Gilstrap voting in favor of it and Councilmembers Choplin, Floyd, Byers, and Criss voting against it.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Administrator Vinson stated he would be sending Council more information regarding next week's Annual Municipal Association of South Carolina Meeting. Mayor Amidon said the meeting gives the representatives of Travelers Rest the opportunity to meet with other municipalities from across the state.

L. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Byers and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Brandy Amidon

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

Lori Sondov

Lori Sondov, CMC, City Clerk and Treasurer

Eric Vinson

Eric Vinson, City Administrator