

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 4, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Steve Walling, Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Recreation Director Mike Shumaker

Mr. Jonathon Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

OATH OF OFFICE OF MAYOR AND 3 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Attorney Thomas Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Lemon and Councilmen Steve Walling, W.C. Black and Pickens Williams Sr.

Mayor Lemon stated that we needed to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Black made a motion to nominate Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2015 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL FOR PILOT PROGRAM FOR RADIO WATER METERS

Administrator Zawacki explained to Council that currently each water meter has its own meter sheet which are grouped into 12 books. Each meter is read manually with the meter reader marking the sheets physically with a pencil. The City has about 2,400 meters and it takes five people three days to read them. We would like to try a pilot program with an automated radio system for 25 meters. The data that is in the meter books would be put into a hand held device. The readings for the 25 meters equipped with the radio device in the pilot program will be automatically recorded as the meter reader walks by. The readings for the other meters will be manually put into the hand held device. The data will then be uploaded directly into the billing system to generate the monthly bills. The billing clerk, who usually takes 3 days to input the readings manually into the system, will only have to review the bills. Wagener and Williston are currently reading their meters remotely. It would be too expensive to replace all of the meters at one time. The program is set up so that we can add as many as we want to the system each year to be read remotely and still use the hand held to manually read the other meters. The pilot program for 25 meters and the necessary equipment and training will cost around \$10,000. If we decide it is too expensive to go with the automated meters we can still use 3 hand held devices and do away with the books. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to authorize the pilot program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC WORKS FEE

City Clerk & Treasurer Vargo explained to Council that with the additional supplemental check from SCE&G for the increase in the franchise fee, we could stop the public works fee effective December 31, 2015 and still have the money to cover the purchase of the three new police cars. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to do an ordinance to end the public works fee effective December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Orchid's 12 inch water line project has been completed and we are waiting on the permit to operate from DHEC.
- The first conversion line at Orchid's is in place. It will have power this week and it should be running by month's end. The final drawings and specifications for the lift station will be sent to

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the necessary agencies in January for their approval. Updated Council on the timetable for the project.

- Updated Council on possible funding for upgrading the digester at the WWTP. The digester needs to be upgraded from 80,000 gallons to 250,000 gallons. The estimated cost is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

-The old WWTP plant that has been on standby for the last twelve years is up and running alongside the new plant. This will assure ample capacity for the Orchids plant and any future companies.

-The annual DHEC inspections for the certified lab and the potable water system both came back satisfactory.

- Burger King is now open

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker recognized Gary Brantley for the services he provides to Parks and Recreation for the football program. The Mayor and Council added their thanks.

Shumaker updated Council on his department's programs.

Director Shumaker informed Council of his resignation. He accepted another job. Council thanked Director Shumaker for all of his hard work.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the number and types of calls made by his department for the year.

Chief Black explained to Council that in the past there has been two Captains in his department- an Administrative Captain and an Enforcement Captain. To streamline the police department and make it more effective he promoted Captain Wayne Martin to Major. This position is in line right below Police Chief and it gives a clear and defined second in command.

Black informed Council on problems with using the firing range at the county landfill on Reynolds Rd and the possibility of putting a firing range at the WWTP. Administrator Zawacki stated that building a firing range could be done very cost effectively.

Councilman Duncan asked about the litter problem in the City. Chief Black stated that the Sheriff has a litter control officer and we have asked them to pick up the litter in some of the problem areas in the City.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the testing of the aerial ladder and ground ladders and the Assistance to Fire Fighters grant applications.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

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Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

ADJOURN

Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
February 1 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Steve Walling, Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen

Mr. Jonathon Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PUBLIC WORKS FEE

Mayor Lemon read Resolution 2016-1 “A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND PUBLIC WORKS FEE”. The resolution suspends the Public Works Fee effective January 1, 2016. Councilman Duncan made a motion to pass Resolution 2016-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO SELL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BY CLOSED BID

Administrator Zawacki requested permission to sell by closed bids the presented list of surplus equipment. Councilman Dozier made a motion to give the Administrator permission to sell the surplus equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- Received the permit to operate from DHEC for Orchid’s 12 inch water line
- Updated Council on the progress of the lift station for Project Flower. It may be May before construction begins.
- The conversion plant at Orchids will be in full operation next week.
- Estimated cost to repair the clarifiers at the WWTP is \$30,000.
- We are currently working on the old WWTP plant with the new plant on standby.
- The dirt work for the new police firing range at the WWTP is almost completed. The building of the range will begin next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – No Report

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the affect the hospital closing has had on his department. It has created more overtime. Officers have to travel to other area hospitals to talk to victims. They must also stay with mental patients through the triage process. An off duty officer has to be called in to cover the City in these situations.

Chief Black updated Council on current scams.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

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Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen informed Council that the Drug Free Work Place Policy was updated to include all compensated employees for random drug testing. Currently only safety sensitive positions are randomly tested.

Ms. McEwen informed Council that she will be ordering new benches for the Circle. The benches will be purchased with Palmetto Pride grant funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Duncan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session.

ADJOURN

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 7, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Steve Walling, Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen

Mr. Jonathon Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT, MEGREGOR & COMPANY

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 financial statements. He explained that the report was about 25% larger than last year due to new pension liability note disclosures and also that a single audit was performed this year due to the City receiving more than \$500,000 in federal grants. He referred to the independent auditor's report and informed Council that there were no findings and in their opinion the financial statements were presently fairly in all material respects. He explained the Management's Discussion and Analysis section and recommended that Council read this section

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for a summary of the financial activities for the year. He then reviewed the various sections of the statements with Council and noted the new schedules and reports required for the single audit. The General Fund had an increase in fund balance of \$26,240. The Water & Sewer Fund had an increase in net position of \$365,104 due to grant proceeds. Mayor Lemon thanked him for his presentation.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2016 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF
BARNWELL AND THE BARNWELL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

Attorney Boulware explained that the City's previously approved memorandum of understanding with the Barnwell County Public Defender's Office to provide representation of indigents charged with municipal violations was valid for a six month period until January 1, 2016. During that time the City had two such cases. The new agreement would be retroactive to January 1, 2016 for a period of one year until January 1, 2017 at the same rate of \$400 per case. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Plans and specifications for the lift station and force main for Orchids were submitted to EDA for approval.
- Requested reimbursement of \$79,290 from the County for the 12" water line for Orchids. This was the total cost of the project. The remaining balance of \$20,710 of the \$100,000 grant will not be used.
- The first line of the Orchids conversion facility is fully operational.
- Need to appoint a City representative to be on the 1% Capital Sales Tax Committee for the County but waiting on clarification on the new procedure.
- The recreation department hosted the 11 and 12 year old Division II SCAP Basketball Tournament on Saturday. We also held the LeBon Joye baseball camp with 70 children attending on Saturday and 44 on Sunday. Zawacki commended the 3 man recreation staff for their hard work and professionalism during these events.

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- Received eight resumes for the Recreation Director position. Five applicants were interviewed by Zawacki and McEwen. One applicant excused himself. The remaining four were interviewed by the parks and recreation committee who will give their report.
- We did not receive any bids on the surplus property. Several people came in after the bid date. We will advertise again and have a bid opening on March 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Councilman Pattillo informed Council that the committee had interviewed four applicants for the Recreation Director position. They have selected two of these applicants for a full Council interview. A special called Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 5:15 pm for this purpose.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council about an American Red Cross program that his department would be participating in to distribute and install smoke alarms free of charge to eligible citizens.

Chief Dicks also informed Council that he had an opportunity to meet with the insurance risk representative for Orchids. During their conversation, some issues came up that Chief Dicks feels the City should address that are unique to Orchids facilities. Dicks identified the operational risk factors and then identified the additional equipment and manpower that would be needed to respond to those risk factors. Discussion followed about the financial impact of the additional equipment and it was decided to write a letter to Orchids to see if they would help with the cost. Chief Dicks felt the manpower issues could be resolved by developing and implementing a manpower resource plan. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to authorize Chief Dicks to develop and enter into a manpower response plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen informed Council that the Spring Fling was scheduled for Thursday, April 14th from 5-7 pm and the Great American Cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, April 16th from 7-11 am.

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ADJOURN

Councilman Duncan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 2016 – 5:15 PM

MEETING LOCATION:

130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, Steve Walling, and Bob Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Tom Boulware, Human Resources Director Lynn McEwen

Parks and Recreation Director Candidates Pamela Davis and Adrian Bell were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTRACTUAL

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to interview the candidates (nicknamed “Park” and “Recreation” for anonymity) individually. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Walling made a motion for Administrator Zawacki and HR Director McEwen to contact candidate “Park” with an offer of employment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and Mayor Lemon adjourned the meeting.

Lynn S. McEwen, Human Resources

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 4 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Steve Walling, Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen, and Recreation Director Adrian Bell

Mr. Jonathon Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2016 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-1 ADOPTING THE BARNWELL COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2015**

Councilman Walling made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-1 “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2011-1 AND ADOPT THE UPDATED BARNWELL COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2015” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL TO JOIN THE REGIONAL HOME
CONSORTIUM ALONG WITH A RESOLUTION FOR JOINING THE CONSORTIUM**

Administrator Zawacki explained that three years ago the City was asked to join the Consortium but at that time there was a 25% local match so the City did not join. Currently there is a match waiver and while it is not guaranteed, Lower Savannah believes it will continue for all three years FY 2017-2019. The program is administered by LSCOG and allows eligible applicants up to \$45,000 to repair their homes. Mayor Lemon read Resolution 2016-2 “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIATE IN THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM”. Councilman Dozier made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-2. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMITTEE

Mayor Lemon stated that the City had to appoint three members to the committee based on the selection criteria. He called the Mayors of Williston and Blackville for their recommendations. The three potential appointees are Councilman Billy Dozier from Barnwell, Sam Holmes from Williston, and Mike Beasley from Blackville. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve these appointees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. Councilman Dozier recused himself from the vote. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR A REPLACEMENT TRUCK

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the engine on the truck used at the WWTP blew up and it would cost over \$5,000 for repairs. He did not think it was feasible to put this amount into an old truck. He received 3 bids for used trucks from area dealers ranging from \$16,300 to \$29,000. He checked the state contract and found a new 2016 Chevy Silverado with a short bed for \$19,042. His recommendation was to purchase the new 2016 Chevy Silverado on state contract using funds from the depreciation reserve account. Councilman Walling made a motion to purchase the new vehicle. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We received \$4,660 from the 11 lots of surplus property sold.
- The first conversion line and building for Orchids received a temporary certificate of occupancy.
- We are still waiting for EDA approval to go out for bids on the lift station and force main for Orchids. EDA will not accept an email from the FAA approving the plans and is requiring a formal approval letter. The City has requested the required documentation from the FAA. This delay is pushing back the timeline for the project.
- Keith McMillan has retired from the WWTP and Phillip Stanley has been submitted to DHEC as the new operator in charge of the facility. He has all the required licenses. Marcus Wilson is actively testing for his licenses and there is one vacant position.
- Congratulated Councilman Dozier for graduating from the MASC Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – New Recreation Director Adrian Bell thanked Council for the vote of confidence to serve in his position. April events include opening ceremony for baseball Saturday, April 9th, and the Spring Fling, April 14th. He is reaching out to contacts to promote tournaments at the Lemon Park Sports Complex.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of March. All purchases with the JAG grant have been finalized with the purchase of 16 new tasers and new leather gear for all of the officers. Two officers are currently at the police academy and one officer just graduated.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

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Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen gave Council flyers for the Spring Fling and reminded them of the Pick Up with Pride scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. She is currently planning the Independence Day Celebration scheduled for Friday, July 1st. She showed Council the new spring banners that will be hung up in the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Walling made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session. Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Administrator for salary increases for the WWTP. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
May 2, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen, and Recreation Director Adrian Bell

Ms. Laura McKenzie of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-1 ADOPTING THE
BARNWELL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2015**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-1 “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2011-1 AND ADOPT THE UPDATED BARNWELL COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2015” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation directing that all flags on City buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2016, in recognition of Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in memory of those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and to honor those law enforcement officers presently serving the community.. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION
MONTH**

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation declaring May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-2 AMENDING THE CITY OF BARNWELL
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FYE 9-30-16**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Administrator Zawacki explained that the amended budget would show a total increase of \$153,775 to both estimated revenues and estimated expenditures to increase the General Fund budget from \$3,191,480 to \$3,345,255. Changes included the additional amount of revenue estimated from increasing franchise fees less the elimination of the public works fee. Expenditure changes included additional expenditures for the purchase of new police vehicles and the shooting range training facility and a decrease in expenditures for the drug/gang

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task force. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The Orchids lift station bid was advertised with the bid opening scheduled for June 2nd at 2:00 pm. The winning bid will then be sent to EDA for approval to award the contract and the contractor should mobilize sometime in July. The construction is expected to take six months.
- DHEC has informed us that gasoline constituents were found in ground water coming from Jim Bo's and moving under Fuller Park. The department has determined that the release does not pose a significant threat to human health and the petroleum constituents will degrade over time by natural and chemical process. Periodic monitoring will be necessary to confirm this decay.
- The Mayor, myself, and the director of the EDC met on April 27th with Keith Shreador of Orchids and Terry Carpenter, CEO of Rural Development Partners. They informed us that a fund of \$150,000 has been established to aid the City in determining what was needed in the best interest of the City and its' citizens. We were asked to provide them with a proposal of what would be the best way to utilize these funds.
- Received a request from Blackville to have City Council participate in a parade for the Blackville Music and Arts Festival on May 21st.
- May 14th will be a busy day in Barnwell with the Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs fishing rodeo, the Confederate Memorial Day services at Calhoun Park, and the Black Top Battle at Fuller Park.
- The police firing range training facility is now complete. I would like to thank SCE&G for setting the post and wire for the target holders and the water and sewer department for their help in the construction of the facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Recreation Director Adrian Bell updated Council on upcoming events. The District Machine Pitch Tournament will be held at the Lemon Park Sport Complex in June. Other tournaments have been discussed but nothing has been finalized. Administrator Zawacki stated that the recreation department has done an excellent job at Lemon Park.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of April. Chief Black explained Peace Officers Memorial Day events. He said his department was very appreciative to the water and street departments and SCE&G for their work on the training facility. This helped keep the cost of the facility down.

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Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen updated Council on the Spring Fling and Community Clean Up. She presented Ken Knight and Ruby Lancaster with Clean Sweep awards for their volunteer work over the years for the cleanup campaigns. The Mayor commended Bobby Hood for providing equipment and a crew to pick up litter along Amerotron Rd.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 6, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling, and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-2 AMENDING THE CITY OF BARNWELL GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FYE 9-30-16

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-3 AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE 2005-5

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-3 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-5, BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. The ordinance increases the business license fee for NAICS 22112 Electric Power Distribution and NAICS 22121 Natural Gas Distribution to 5% and eliminates the requirement for Council approval for NAICS 45439 Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door-To-Door Sales. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROJECT LIST 2016

Administrator Zawacki discussed the list with Council. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he was in favor of the playground equipment for Fuller Park but not in favor of the splash pad because of the cost and it would only be used in the summer. Administrator Zawacki said that citizens have been asking for recreational activities at Fuller Park for elementary and primary aged children. Councilman Dozier stated the Fuller Park project was included to appeal to citizens that may not care about the capital improvement projects. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the City of Barnwell Capital Projects Sales Tax Project list as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEDICAL INSURANCE RATES FOR 2016-2017

Administrator Zawacki and Kim Vargo explained the new medical insurance rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Council. Beginning July 1st, medical premiums will increase 5%, dental premiums will increase 5.5% and vision premiums will remain the same. The yearly additional cost to the City for increases in employee coverage is \$16,600. The recommendation is for the City to pay the increased cost in employee coverage and that employees pay the increased cost in dependent coverage. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the new medical

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insurance rates for 2016-2017 and keep the same funding level. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo.

SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE 2016-2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP

A budget workshop was scheduled for 3:00 pm on Thursday, June 23, 2016.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-We had the engineers evaluate problems with the digester airline and diffusers at the wastewater treatment plant. They will submit a proposal to fix the problem.

-We hired a new employee for the opening at the wastewater treatment plant. He has 13 years of experience working in wastewater.

-The bid opening for the Orchid's lift station was held on Thursday, June 2, 2016. We received three bids: Babcock Construction LLC \$1,292,820, LAD Corp of West Columbia \$1,417,310, and G H Smith Construction Inc \$1,691,310. Our engineers will evaluate the bids and provide us with their recommended bid winner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – No Report

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of May. Chief Black stated that Axis 1 has given the department a grant for two digital cameras and an external hard drive for the computer system. Chief Black wanted to commend Officer Murphy and Officer Lewis for going above and beyond by finding a fire and going into the house to make sure no one was home.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Dicks stated that the fireworks display will be held on July 1st. Some of the members of the fire department will be attending the SC Firefighters Association's annual conference in Myrtle Beach for training.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Administrator Zawacki informed Council that effective July 1, 2016 employer and employee contributions would increase 0.5 percent for the South Carolina Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement System.

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACTUAL DRUG & GANG TASK FORCE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter involving the Drug and Gang Task Force. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session.

APPROVAL OF FUTURE FUNDING OF THE DRUG & GANG TASK FORCE

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to fund the Drug and Gang Task Force for another year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 23, 2016 – 4:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.,
W C Black, William Dozier, Ben Duncan, and Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas
Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Fire Chief Tony Dicks,
and Police Chief Reuben Black

There was no news media present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF BABCOCK CONSTRUCTION BID OF \$1,298,820 FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORCHIDS LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Babcock Construction's bid of \$1,298,820 for the construction of the Orchids Paper lift station and force main upon the approval of the bid package from EDA and RIA. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the BUDGET WORKSHOP of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 23, 2016 – 3:00 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met for a Budget Workshop with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Billy Dozier, W.C. Black, Benjamin Duncan, and Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Marie Vargo, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Lynn McEwen

Mayor Lemon called the workshop to order and stated that salaries needed to be reviewed. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session to review salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 with Council. They explained to Council that the proposed budget included 6 months of anticipated revenues from Orchids Paper Products. Cash reserves will have to be used if this revenue is lower than anticipated. The only proposed fee increase discussed was a \$2.00 a month increase per cart in garbage fees. A 3% salary increase was included in the proposed budget. Cash reserve balances were discussed. The first reading of ordinances for the budget and any fee increases will be at the next council meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 11, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Police Chief Reuben Black

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION ON SCE&G TREE TRIMMING IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL

SCE&G representative Scott Neeley informed Council that in a couple of months, SCE&G will begin line clearing in the City of Barnwell. SCE&G has contracted with Lucas Tree Company. Mr. Neeley provided Council with some information about the tree trimming process and stated that he wanted to cover any concerns they may have. SCE&G trims every five years to maintain a safe environment and reliability of the system. The trees are cut to industry standards and the focus is on the health of the tree. The contractor will remove debris by the end of the day or leave a note on houses that are affected. If there is a dead tree on the homeowner's property, the contractor will cut the tree but leave it on the homeowner's property. It is the homeowner's

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responsibility to remove this debris. Mr. Neeley provided the City with a telephone number that residents can call if they have any questions or concerns.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2016 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-3 AMENDING BUSINESS
LICENSE ORDINANCE 2005-5**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-3 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-5, BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-4 INCREASING GARBAGE FEES

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-4 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III, REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES” by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. The ordinance increases the fee for roll carts by \$2.00 per cart per month. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-4. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-5 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-5 “TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- The new employee for the WWTP that was supposed to start last week, notified us that he has accepted another job. We have interviews set up for two other potential employees.
- While investigating a problem with the digester at the WWTP, we found 20 years worth of sand built up in the digesters. We have a company removing the sand. We have evaluated the problem with the diffusor and believe we will be able to repair the unit ourselves.
- RIA and EDA have given approval to award the bid for the Orchids lift station. We have asked the contractor for payment and performance bonds. Once we receive those we will send out notice to proceed on the project.
- Adrian Bell resigned as our Recreation Director. We offered the job to Ms. Pamela Davis, another finalist for the position. She is available to take the job on August 3rd. My recommendation is to bring her on board. The recreation committee agreed with the recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – No Report

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of June. Chief Black stated that the Officer of the Month is Detective Brian Owens because he has stepped up and is filling in for the data entry person while she is out on leave. Chief Black said he was going to try Coffee with a Cop one more time. The community has not been coming out for this event. It is scheduled for August 13th at McDonalds. Officer Wallace graduated from the Police Academy. Chief Black stated that he met with his officers about the events going on around the country with law enforcement and the media. He asked for prayers for his officers.

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Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Administrator Zawacki informed Council on the success of the Independence Day Celebration for Lynn McEwen who could not be at the meeting. Ms. McEwen wanted to give special thanks to the recreation department workers and the police department for their work during the celebration.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 1, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: Billy Dozier and W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks & Recreation Director Pamela Davis and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen.

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 2016-5 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF
BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The Mayor opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone would like to speak. There was no response. The public hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Officer Charles Mullis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-4 INCREASING GARBAGE
FEES**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-4 “AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE GARBAGE FEES” by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-5 RAISE REVENUE AND
ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-5 “AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION OF 2016-3 CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN
PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

Mayor Lemon read the resolution. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to pass the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

-The preconstruction conference for Orchids lift station and force main will be on August 11th at 1:00 pm. The contractor will receive his notice to proceed letter and construction will begin by September 1st. The contractor feels he will be finished by January 1st.

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-At the WWTP all the equipment is now operating properly. This should decrease sludge amounts and reduce cost. The WWTP operators did an outstanding job removing all of the sand from the digester and repairing the aeration ring.

- Marcus Wilson has successfully passed his B license test and is now qualified to operate the WWTP. Cindy Keisler has been hired for the open WWTP operator position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that her first day would be August 3rd. She gave an update on football registration.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of July. Chief Black reminded Council of the upcoming Coffee with a Cop on August 13th. Chief Black discussed Governor Haley’s body cameral bill. The City has been approved by the State to receive \$9,500 in funds. These funds are for reimbursement of body cameras already purchased by the City and for two years of data storage and software. Chief Black stated that with the resignation of Officer Lewis the department is down one officer.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that the SC Forestry Commission has notified him of grant approval for the purchase of 10 portable radios for the volunteers. The City must match 50% of grant funds.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Administrator Zawacki stated that the committee for the 1% capital projects sales tax met last week. They had not received the City’s approved project list due to Councilman Dozier’s accident. Zawacki attended the meeting and gave them the list along with a presentation of the projects. The projects were accepted by the committee.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 12, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen.

Ms. Laura McKenzie of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

-Mr. Lon Walsh who lives on Academy St. stated that speed limits need to be posted on Academy St., Washington St., Franklin St., and Hagood Ave. He is concerned about speeding in the area, especially in the mornings. Mayor Lemon told him that the City would have to request the signs from the SC Highway Department. Mr. Walsh was also concerned about limbs hanging over the sidewalks and blocking them. Administrator Zawacki said he would look into his concerns.

-Mr. Robin Rucker with the American Legion Department of SC informed Council that membership in Barnwell County has gone down. He is in charge of membership and wants to revitalize membership so area veterans can get benefits. He asked for Council's help by having them attend a meeting in November that is currently in the planning stages. He will inform Council when the plans are finalized.

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-Byron Brown stated that his concern is that recreation and athletic facilities have taken away everything for softball and baseball. There is no place to practice. Citizens must pay to use the new fields and they are not accessible to children. Mayor Lemon stated that the City will look into his concerns.

-Terrance Wallace stated that he was with the Barnwell High School Alumni Committee and they wanted Council to reconsider their request to rent Fuller Park for a Homecoming cookout. He said about 1,000 people attended it there last year and there were no problems except for parking issues. Police Chief Reuben Black stated that closer to 2,000 attended the previous year's event and traffic on the four lane was a nightmare. The police department received numerous complaints. Chief Black said he did not have the manpower to work the event. The denial was based on safety and liability issues, the event was too large for the location. Chief Black had suggested they look into using Veterans Park but the committee said the request was denied because it was not a memorial type event. Councilman Walling suggested that they contact the school and see if they could use the practice field.

EDC UPDATE – T. BOYLESTON

Mr. Tommy Boyleston has been the Barnwell County Economic Development Director since April and he wanted to officially introduce himself to Council. He gave Council an overview of the EDC and an update of activities since April. The purpose of the EDC is to bring new industry to the County, work with existing businesses in the County, and develop a better business climate in the County.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 public hearing and regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE CITY TO PROVIDE A \$1,250 LOCAL MATCH FOR MASC HOMETOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Administrator Zawacki asked Council to approve a resolution that would commit the City to provide a \$1,250 local match that is required to apply for a \$25,000 MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant. If awarded the grant money will be used to fund a study for the proposed public safety building on Burr Street. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-We received a satisfactory in all categories on our yearly DHEC inspection of the WWTP. The report included a statement that the grit collector, grinder and digester needed to be repaired. The grit collector and digester have already been repaired and placed back in service. The grinder will be replaced with a factory rebuilt unit in October. This will complete all needed repairs at the facility.

-The notice to proceed was given to our contractor for October 1, 2016 for the lift station and force main for Orchids. The reason for the October date was due to a 20 week lead time on the pumps for the lift station. The contractor will have 180 days to complete the project. We are still waiting for the final pre-treatment program from Orchids. This has to be in place prior to us receiving their process wastewater at the WWTP. Orchids anticipates that we should see the first process water at the WWTP in March 2017.

-We submitted a grant application to RIA for a \$500,000 grant to construct a new digester at the WWTP. The new digester will replace the current one which was constructed in 1954 and upgraded in 1984. We also submitted grant applications to Carolina Panthers Hometown Grant for \$5,000 to complete the playground at Lemon Park, to PARD for \$25,000 to refinish the basketball court at Fuller Park, and to MASC for \$25,000 to do a study for the proposed public safety building on Burr Street.

-I wanted to recognize all our departments for their work during the tropical storm on Friday. All departments worked like one team and did a great job keeping the city safe and clear of debris. Some SCE&G customers lost power due to a tree falling on the power lines on Clinton Street. This also included the WWTP. Our operators placed the plant on emergency generator power and we had no problems keeping the plant running.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Administrator Zawacki read Director Davis's report updating Council on football, cheerleading, park maintenance and upcoming events. Ms. Davis was attending a recreation conference in Greenville.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of August. Chief Black stated that Major Martin has left the City for a job with the Public Defender's office. Brian Johnson will fill his position. Captain Johnson is a certified instructor for driving and firearms. Chief Black stated that a lawsuit filed against the department 2 ½ years ago will go to a mediation hearing in October. Chief Black informed Council that his department has received funds from an Axis 1 grant dealing with traffic safety in reducing the number of DUI related accidents and deaths in Barnwell County. Chief Black also updated Council on the recent storm.

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Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks stated that his department is short one employee. He will take applications from volunteers first and then advertise if a suitable replacement is not found. The ladder truck is back in service and the repairs were less than anticipated. Chief Dicks invited Council to the upcoming Fire Prevention Open House scheduled for the second Tuesday in October from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen stated that she has been working with Chief Black and Chief Dicks to combine an open house for both the fire and police departments. Lynn also stated that she sent letters to the high school and middle school principals to inform the students about the rules and regulations for them gathering on the Circle on Friday afternoons. Fall Fest is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Mayor Lemon welcomed the Boy Scouts in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Recreation Director Pamela Davis

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Officer Brian Johnson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL FOR CHIEF BLACK TO SIGN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE AIKEN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Administrator Zawacki asked for Council's approval to have Police Chief Black sign the new agreement. State law concerning these types of mutual aid agreements was changed during the 2016 legislative session and some have to be updated. Mayor Lemon asked Attorney Boulware if he looked over the agreement. Mr. Boulware stated that he did and the City has signed these agreements in the past. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the signing of the agreement by Chief Black. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Construction of the lift station for Orchids will begin this month. The contractor has 180 days to complete the project.

-Philip Stanley, the operator in charge of the WWTP, received his Class A license. The other operators are working on their license advancements.

-At last month's meeting Mr. Lon Walsh asked that speed limit signs be placed in his neighborhood. A letter was sent to SCDOT for placement of those signs but we have not received a reply back yet. The bushes and tree limbs have been cleared from the sidewalks in the areas that Mr. Walsh requested. Mr. Byron Brown's concern about not having a place to practice at Lemon Park without a fee will be addressed by the recreation committee during the committee reports.

-We are closely watching Hurricane Matthew. If any evacuations are ordered along the coast, traffic will come through Barnwell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on current activities. The gazebo at Collin's Park is in need of repair and she is currently getting estimates. Football and cheerleading are going well. Basketball registration is now open and the deadline to sign up is November 11th. She is in the process of applying for a \$25,000 PARD grant to resurface the basketball courts at Fuller Park and improvements at Lemon Park.

Councilman Walling said the recreation committee, Administrator Zawacki, and Recreation Director Davis discussed Mr. Brown's concern about not having a place to practice softball or baseball without being charged a fee. After reviewing the rental fees in nearby municipalities, the committee made the following recommendations:

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-There will be no charge for practice on the 300 foot baseball field. If someone wants a guaranteed time to hold a practice on the field, they must reserve the field at no cost. The current rates will still apply for lights and for tournaments.

-Fees for the Quadplex fields: \$25 for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour or \$100 per day plus \$15 per hour for lights.

A City employee must be at the park during practices and tournaments.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the recreation committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of September. He is having trouble keeping his department fully staffed. He met with Emergency Management Director Roger Riley and Sheriff Carroll about Hurricane Matthew.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks reminded Council about Fire Prevention Open House scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th from 6 pm to 9 pm. He is in the process of filling the vacant position in his department.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Administrator Zawacki reminded Council about Fall Fest scheduled for Thursday, October 20th from 5 pm to 7 pm. He gave Council a copy of a new brochure that will be given out to new water customers welcoming them to Barnwell and giving them pertinent information about the area and available services.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
November 7, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Others Present: Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Lynn McEwen and Recreation Director Pamela Davis

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Officer Cullen Gallimore and Officer Ashley Still.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Lemon read a letter that he received thanking the residents of Barnwell for welcoming the evacuees of Hurricane Matthew and for the wonderful hospitality shown at the shelter.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

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APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO COVER HURRICANE MATTHEW'S COST

A request was made for an emergency appropriation of \$14,656 to cover the costs of Hurricane Matthew. This amount included debris removal, fuel for emergency generators, pump truck to keep lift stations from overflowing, and overtime for essential personnel. Some of these costs were submitted to the insurance company. Any costs not covered by insurance will be submitted to FEMA. FEMA will reimburse 75% of allowable expenses. Councilman Dozier made a motion to appropriate the funds needed to cover Hurricane Matthew costs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the budget would be amended. Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo said not at this time. The motion was unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL'S 1966 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR STATE 1A CHAMPIONSHIP IN FOOTBALL

Mayor Lemon read the proclamation recognizing Butler High School's 1966 50th anniversary of their State 1A Championship and presented the proclamation to Mr. Willie Dean Sanders, assistant coach at that time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Zawacki was on vacation so his report was read by Clerk & Treasurer Vargo.

-On the four grants we applied for, we have received an award from PARD for \$21,600. We did not receive the Carolina Panthers Hometown grant or the MASC grant to study the proposed public safety building. We are still awaiting word from RIA on the new digester grant for the WWTP.

-We will hold our annual planning commission three hour training meeting at 5:30 on November 14th. We are still having problems trying to get our two new planning commission members through their initial six hour training. Tony and I plan to get with Representative Hosey to see if he might be able to help us with this.

-The cleanup of our lift station site for Orchids has started and we have received the formal schedule of construction from our contractor. As mentioned earlier, there are several long lead time components that have pushed our construction time out but the contractor still feels that he will make the March deadline.

-We still have not received any response from the DOT on our request for speed limit signs.

-We will hold a public meeting on November 21st at 5:30 on a needs assessment for CDBG. LSCOG will run the meeting.

-Once again, as with the tropical storm, our workers did an outstanding job in the city removing debris from the streets and our police did an outstanding job managing the evacuation of the coastal communities. Our WWTP workers did a great job keeping the potable wells and waste water treatment plant in operation. They also kept our lift stations from overflowing due to the power failure with the help of a septic tank pumper from Wade's Repair

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on current activities and described the PARD grant to Council. Football has ended and we are now registering for basketball which will start in January. Upcoming events include Turkey Trot on November 11th, Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd, and Candy Cane Hunt on December 10th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of October. The police department is doing a No Shave November fundraiser for the museum to refurbish the old police station. They have raised \$220. Businesses have complained on social media about the kids on the Circle on Friday afternoons. We will put an extra officer on duty on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:30. We will be doing a police calendar fundraiser again this year. We raised \$1,250 with the calendar last year. The county will be having a service at 11:30 at the courthouse in honor of veterans on Veteran’s Day. We had a meeting with Brad Hutto, Lonnie Hosey, and SCDOT about a crosswalk at Fuller Park. SCDOT said they will not put a crosswalk there because of safety issues. Senator Hutto said that was a City issue and he has no problem with limiting the number of people that use the park at an event.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks stated that there will be a press release on November 18th about a \$4,500 donation for fire protection equipment. Council was invited to the fire department Christmas dinner on December 3rd.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen gave Council a copy of the letter that the City sent to the schools concerning the children on the Circle on Friday afternoons. The fall festival was a success and Director McEwen thanked everyone that helped. Upcoming events include the Christmas Tree Lighting and Love Lights Program on December 1st and the Christmas Parade on December 3rd. Council will be riding on one of the fire trucks this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Black made a motion that Council go into executive session for the discussion of personnel compensation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 5, 2016– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Joshua Mercer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2016 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the 2017 holiday schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the 2017 regular scheduled City Council meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FIREMAN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the Fireman Christmas Bonuses as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-The contractor for the Orchids Force Main and Lift Station Project mobilized last week. Work should be completed by the 3rd week of March.

-We were notified by RIA that we did not get the grant for the new digester at the WWTP. We were told that our application will be reviewed again in the spring competition. I believe we were denied because we currently have an active grant with RIA.

-We are working with FEMA for reimbursement of 75% of our costs associated with Hurricane Matthew. Our FEMA representative has been very helpful with the necessary paperwork.

-The MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day is scheduled for February 1, 2017. I always go to this meeting as it gives insight into what is happening in the SC Legislature. Let us know if you are interested in going so we can get you registered.

-Mr. Tommy Boyleston with the EDC met with me. He said that Barnwell County Council has approved \$5,000 for the City of Barnwell to do a retail study. Blackville did a study at a cost of \$7,500 with the County paying \$5,000 of the cost and the EDC paying the \$2,500 balance. Mr. Boyleston needs to know if the City is interested in doing the study, and if we are, would we require the EDC to pay the additional cost or would the City be willing to pay the balance. Discussion followed including how much the study would cost for Barnwell since Barnwell was twice the size of Blackville. It was decided that more information was needed and this would be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

-The County will be having a meeting for the Mayors and Administrators on Monday, December 19th, at 5:00 pm to review the next steps needed for the 1% capital sales tax.

-Chief Black, Chief Dicks, and I met with Tilden Hilderbrand, the designer of LPSC, to look at the land and buildings we currently have and what it would take to put up a public safety building. Mr. Hilderbrand will send us a summary of what was discussed, and if the three of us agree with the summary, he will then put together a proposal for Council. The Mayor stated that he would like to see if there were any matching grants available through the Promise Zone.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) - No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Administrator Zawacki read a report from Recreation Director Pamela Davis. Participation in the Annual Turkey Trot, basketball, and Breakfast with Santa was up from last year. Ms. Davis wanted to thank the fire department for cooking for the Breakfast with Santa program. The Candy Cane Hunt will be held on December 10th at 10:00 am and basketball games will begin Saturday, January 7th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of November. The police department gave the \$220 they raised from the No Shave November fundraiser to the museum to refurbish the old police station. They also received another \$100 donation for this project. The museum will have a program for Pearl Harbor Day on the Circle on December 7th at 12:30 pm. The presentation will include a 21 gun salute. Area businesses were notified of this by Officer Ott.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen updated Council on the Christmas Tree Lighting and Love Lights Program and the Christmas Parade. She invited Council to the City employee dinner on Tuesday, December 20th, from 11:00 to 2:00.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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