

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 6, 2020 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo James Moody and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Water & Sewer Director Philip Stanley, Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen and Police Chief Brian Johnson.

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Administrator Zawacki administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilman Moody, and Councilman Black.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 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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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Rivera announced the City Council Committee members as follows:
Water and Sewer – Councilman Black and Councilman Dozier, Sanitation and Streets – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo, Recreation and Parks – Councilman Moody and Councilman Dozier, Police – Councilman Barker and Councilman Black, Fire – Councilman Barker and Councilman Moody, Finance and Salary – Councilman Pattillo and Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Building and Planning – Councilman Black and Councilman Dozier, Community Development and Tourism – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL TO SELL USED CITY COMPUTERS

Administrator Zawacki asked for Council approval to sell fifteen computers and twelve phones. They are obsolete since the software packages have been updated and new computers have been purchased. Councilman Dozier made a motion to put them up for sale. Mayor Pro Tem asked if they had to be sold in a block. Mr. Zawacki stated that they did not. Mr. Zawacki also stated that the ones that cannot be wiped will have to be scrapped. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Philip Stanley updated Council on a tree that fell on a main power line causing a power outage. The WWTP and Cascades were hit hard, but everything is recovered. The WWTP sludge tank project is almost finished.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – None

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Lynn McEwen read a report from Recreation Director Pamela Davis updating Council on December recreation programs. Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. The Candy Cane Hunt was cancelled due to weather conditions and the Lighted Boat Parade was cancelled due to lack of participation. Basketball games are starting tonight, and Lemon Park is being prepared for the upcoming baseball and softball season. The Dixie Youth State Tournament will be held at Lemon Park in June.

Police (Councilmen Barker and Black) – Administrator Zawacki stated that the old police administrative building has been torn down.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Moody) - None

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – None

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Councilman Dozier updated Council on the first meeting on the new fire station. The initial costs were too high, so they are going over the plans to bring the cost down.

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier) – None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We have received all of the RIA funding for the WWTP sludge tank project. We have had our closeout audit with RIA. Once final payment is sent to the contractor, documentation will be sent to RIA and we will receive a closeout letter.
- The asbestos has been removed from the old fire department building. The air samples have been returned and everything is clear.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer