

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**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:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer