

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL and PUBLIC HEARING  
April 3, 2017– 6:15 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RENAMING ELLENTON ST TO JAMES BROWN WAY**

There was no public in attendance. Mayor Lemon stated that there was a way to designate a special name for a portion of a roadway without changing the name of the street. Mayor Lemon closed the public hearing.

**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 and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Captain Brian Johnson, WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley, and Community 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 Julio Santos-Hernandez.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

### **DISCUSSION ON NAMING A STREET IN HONOR OF JAMES BROWN**

Mayor Lemon stated that he has changed his suggestion for renaming Ellenton St because the reason for the name has come to his attention and he didn't want to dishonor the people it was named for. Mayor Lemon stated that a section of Ellenton St could be designated as James Brown Way by putting up a sign only and not changing the street name of Ellenton. Another option would be to rename the street across the lake. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he was against changing anything on Ellenton St because it was named for the people of Ellenton and it is already the Veteran's Memorial Highway. Council discussed the options for naming a street in honor of James Brown. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to decide if Council wants to pursue any acknowledgement of James Brown in the City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lemon. Upon vote, Mayor Lemon, Councilman Duncan, and Councilman Walling voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Williams voted against the motion. Councilman Black and Councilman Dozier abstained. Since there was not a majority vote, the matter was tabled. Mayor Lemon stated that he would bring it to the County since Mr. Brown was not born in the City but in the County.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

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- The lift station for Orchids Paper is 100% complete. We will do the startup of the lift station this month. Orchids will do their system start up at the end of this month and into May. Paper production should start in June. We had budgeted revenue for the startup to begin in April.
- The Barnwell Solar LLC is moving right along. The site prep is complete and they are currently installing the solar panel supports. Solar panels should start being installed this month. The second solar farm Edison Solar is moving forward but no site prep work has started.
- The mosquito grants have been awarded but we are waiting on notification to see if ours was approved.
- We have applied for a recovery grant for Hurricane Matthew from the SC Hazard Mitigation Group to install five emergency generators and to place our lift stations on the SCADA system. The grant request is for \$250,000 and is 75% reimbursable.
- We have received a reimbursement check of \$34,362 from FEMA for 75% of the costs the City incurred during Hurricane Matthew.

### **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 Walling updated Council on opening day of baseball.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Mayor Lemon asked if we could set aside money to restore the old police station when the budget is done for the new year.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen gave Council flyers for the Spring Fling scheduled for Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and the Pick Up with Pride scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Councilman Dozier made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and for a legal opinion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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