

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**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