

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**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