

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 10, 2017– 6:30 PM**

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, 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, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jess Wilbanks – Ms. Wilbanks from United Way stated that she will be moving to Atlanta but before she moves she is scheduling a team from Americorps to be in Barnwell from October 15th – December 15th. The team will consist of 18 to 12 college age individuals who will work on needed projects. She said they must be provided with room and board. She asked Council to provide her with a list of projects, ideas on housing for the team, and to share their favorite place or story about Barnwell.

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Rick Williamson with Southern Realty – Mr. Williamson updated Council on the possibility of improving Peachtree Gardens. He stated that he has been in contact with LSCOG, and for any grant money to be provided for these improvements, it will have to go through the City. The City will have to make the application for a grant. Administrator Zawacki stated that it would be a Community Block Grant. This was provided to Council as information only.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2017-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DESIGN OF THE PS BUILDING AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON MARLBORO AVE AND WELLINGTON ST

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that three properties on Wellington are being appraised. Once the appraisals are received, he will put together a draft offer package for the purchase of the properties and a draft agreement with the engineer and designer on what it will take to put the package together with the drawings and getting it ready to go out on bid. He is requesting permission to get the draft letters and draft contract ready for Council's approval at the next meeting. Councilman Dozier made a motion to change the wording of the request to approval to move forward with the design of the public safety building **toward the** purchase of property on Marlboro Ave and Wellington St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Updated Council on the startup of Orchids Paper on June 15th.
- Lynn McEwen continues to work on the generator grant from the SC State Remediation Group. The grant application is due on August 1st. We are asking for \$100,000 for 3 generators for critical lift stations in the City. If the grant is awarded our match will be 25%.
- The State and Lower Savannah Council of Government have started meetings around the state to get ready for the 2020 census. Lynn McEwen and Tony Dicks will be attending for the City.
- Tomorrow we will be attending a meeting at the YMCA on possible fundraising for a public swimming pool.
- We received our mandatory mosquito traps for the mosquito grant and the Category 8 study material for the guys to get their pesticide licenses. We have received complaints this week for three problem areas in the City. These areas will be the first places that we will put the traps. DHEC will then tell us what we need to do to eradicate the mosquitos from those areas. This is not a blanket fogging of the whole City. We will identify problem areas and eradicating the mosquitos in those areas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Philip Stanley updated Council on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Administrator Zawacki said he still has not received a response on the request for speed bumps in Meadowbrook.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on recent and upcoming recreation activities. The Dixie Youth Major Boy's Tournament held at LPSC on June 17th-22nd went well. Davis is working with USSSA on tournaments for this fall and next spring. A World Fast Pitch Tournament for September 16, 2017 is still pending.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Brian Johnson informed Council that the K-9 training program was postponed for two weeks due to the heat.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks stated that it is in the budget for next year to buy a used service truck. He has found a used service truck that could possibly save the City \$30,000 if it could be bought before October. He will look into it further and bring it before Council if it is feasible.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Mayor Lemon thanked everybody for their hard work on the budget.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen updated Council on the Independence Day celebration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Police Committee Recommendations and personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

APPROVAL OF POLICE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Black made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Police Committee to promote Brian Johnson to the position of Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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