

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 11, 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, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Police Chief Reuben Black

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

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION ON SCE&G TREE TRIMMING IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL

SCE&G representative Scott Neeley informed Council that in a couple of months, SCE&G will begin line clearing in the City of Barnwell. SCE&G has contracted with Lucas Tree Company. Mr. Neeley provided Council with some information about the tree trimming process and stated that he wanted to cover any concerns they may have. SCE&G trims every five years to maintain a safe environment and reliability of the system. The trees are cut to industry standards and the focus is on the health of the tree. The contractor will remove debris by the end of the day or leave a note on houses that are affected. If there is a dead tree on the homeowner's property, the contractor will cut the tree but leave it on the homeowner's property. It is the homeowner's

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responsibility to remove this debris. Mr. Neeley provided the City with a telephone number that residents can call if they have any questions or concerns.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2016 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-3 AMENDING BUSINESS
LICENSE ORDINANCE 2005-5**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-3 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-5, BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-4 INCREASING GARBAGE FEES

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-4 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III, REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES” by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. The ordinance increases the fee for roll carts by \$2.00 per cart per month. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-4. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-5 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-5 “TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2016-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- The new employee for the WWTP that was supposed to start last week, notified us that he has accepted another job. We have interviews set up for two other potential employees.
- While investigating a problem with the digester at the WWTP, we found 20 years worth of sand built up in the digesters. We have a company removing the sand. We have evaluated the problem with the diffusor and believe we will be able to repair the unit ourselves.
- RIA and EDA have given approval to award the bid for the Orchids lift station. We have asked the contractor for payment and performance bonds. Once we receive those we will send out notice to proceed on the project.
- Adrian Bell resigned as our Recreation Director. We offered the job to Ms. Pamela Davis, another finalist for the position. She is available to take the job on August 3rd. My recommendation is to bring her on board. The recreation committee agreed with the recommendation.

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 activities in his department for the month of June. Chief Black stated that the Officer of the Month is Detective Brian Owens because he has stepped up and is filling in for the data entry person while she is out on leave. Chief Black said he was going to try Coffee with a Cop one more time. The community has not been coming out for this event. It is scheduled for August 13th at McDonalds. Officer Wallace graduated from the Police Academy. Chief Black stated that he met with his officers about the events going on around the country with law enforcement and the media. He asked for prayers for his officers.

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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) – Administrator Zawacki informed Council on the success of the Independence Day Celebration for Lynn McEwen who could not be at the meeting. Ms. McEwen wanted to give special thanks to the recreation department workers and the police department for their work during the celebration.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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