

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 1, 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: Billy Dozier and W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks & Recreation Director Pamela Davis and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen.

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 2016-5 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF
BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The Mayor opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone would like to speak. There was no response. The public hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION 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 Officer Charles Mullis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-4 INCREASING GARBAGE
FEES**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2016-4 “AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE GARBAGE FEES” by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-5 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 “AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR 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 second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION OF 2016-3 CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN
PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

Mayor Lemon read the resolution. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to pass the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

-The preconstruction conference for Orchids lift station and force main will be on August 11th at 1:00 pm. The contractor will receive his notice to proceed letter and construction will begin by September 1st. The contractor feels he will be finished by January 1st.

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-At the WWTP all the equipment is now operating properly. This should decrease sludge amounts and reduce cost. The WWTP operators did an outstanding job removing all of the sand from the digester and repairing the aeration ring.

- Marcus Wilson has successfully passed his B license test and is now qualified to operate the WWTP. Cindy Keisler has been hired for the open WWTP operator position.

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 Pamela Davis informed Council that her first day would be August 3rd. She gave an update on football registration.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of July. Chief Black reminded Council of the upcoming Coffee with a Cop on August 13th. Chief Black discussed Governor Haley’s body cameral bill. The City has been approved by the State to receive \$9,500 in funds. These funds are for reimbursement of body cameras already purchased by the City and for two years of data storage and software. Chief Black stated that with the resignation of Officer Lewis the department is down one officer.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that the SC Forestry Commission has notified him of grant approval for the purchase of 10 portable radios for the volunteers. The City must match 50% of grant funds.

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) – No Report

Administrator Zawacki stated that the committee for the 1% capital projects sales tax met last week. They had not received the City’s approved project list due to Councilman Dozier’s accident. Zawacki attended the meeting and gave them the list along with a presentation of the projects. The projects were accepted by the committee.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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