

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
August 6, 2018– 5:30PM**

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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 2018-4 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

Mayor Lemon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Public Comments. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Frank Brubaker addressed Council about the railroad crossing signal at the police station. He said he lives in Boiling Springs and was representing the South Carolina Railroad Museum. They had heard that the signal would be moved with the construction of the new police and fire station and felt that the signal should stay in Barnwell, but if it wasn't they would like it for their museum. Mayor Lemon told him that the signal would stay in Barnwell.

## **UPDATE ON THE POLICE BUILDING**

Mr. McDonald Law and Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand gave an update on the new police station. They have been working with the building committee and are ready to go out for bids. Mayor Lemon commended the building committee for their diligence to the project.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL NO SMOKING POLICY**

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

## **DISCUSSION AND OR APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDISTO COOP AND SCE&G**

Administrator Zawacki explained that the agreement was between the City, Edisto Electric Cooperative, and SCE&G. The agreement includes a map of the assignments of electric service rights to parcels located within the City limits. There will be no change in customer service. If the agreement is approved, Edisto Electric and SCE&G will enter into franchise agreements with the City. Currently, Edisto Electric does not have a franchise agreement with the City. SCE&G will amend their current franchise agreement. The franchise agreements will be presented at a future Council meeting for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-4 RAISE REVENUE AND  
ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWEL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
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Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE POLICE BUILDING DRAWINGS AND APPROVAL TO  
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the drawings and to advertise for bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Councilman Dozier thanked the design team and City staff that were part of this project. He also thanked the taxpayers that voted yes to the Capital Project Sales Tax referendum.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- The six bids for the sludge tank at the WWTP were rejected because they all came in over budget. The low bid was \$997,965. The budget was \$500,000. We will meet with RIA next week to see where we go from here.
- The low bid for the water pressure control valve and vault at the Orchids site was \$69,050 from LAD Construction LLC. This is a regulatory installation, so the work must be expedited. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder.
- The Rose St water tank is completely refurbished and back in operation. The City logo has not been done due to weather conditions. It should be completed this week.
- Edison Solar Farm has received all their permits and construction is in progress.
- We should begin receiving credits on our SCE&G bill since the solar farm in Springfield began operating in July.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Pamela Davis informed Council that the street department employees have done a citywide pick up of garbage carts at vacant houses and at houses that have more than one cart but are only paying for one. They have picked up a total of 55 carts.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Pamela Davis informed Council that the Major League 11 and 12-year olds lost at State. Football and cheerleading registration ended

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today with comparable numbers to last year. She has started flag football for girls with registration ending August 15<sup>th</sup>. The World Fast Pitch Tournament is still scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at the LPSC. Her department is now fully staffed.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker 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) – No Report

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for a legal opinion on the EDC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

### **ADJOURN**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer