

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
August 7, 2017– 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., W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, Benjamin Duncan, 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, 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 2017-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

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 Police Chief Brian Johnson.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

## **SECOND AND FINAL 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 Ordinance 2017-1 “AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Administrator Zawacki asked Council to increase the budget expenditure line item for LPSC turf management from \$5,000 to \$14,000 to contract this service out. The additional \$9,000 would be funded from the Local Hospitality Tax Fund. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-1 with the increase recommended by the Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-2 CHANGE OF TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councilman Black made a motion to read Ordinance 2017-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF COUNCIL SECTION 2-42 TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS, OPEN TO PUBLIC SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS FROM 6:30 TO 5:30” 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 2017-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**DISCUSSION ON CAPACITY COMMITMENT AGREEMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

City Attorney Boulware referred Council to his memorandum regarding the capacity commitment agreement and stated that there was a confidentiality paragraph. He stated that there was not much that he could add to the information in the memorandum other than the City may not get the full capacity that was illustrated. He recommended that the City continue to negotiate. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to continue to negotiate with CEC Development LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND TO NEGOTIATE PRICE WITH THE LAND OWNER**

This item was tabled by the Mayor.

**REVIEW OF DRAFT AIA AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ARCHITECT**

This item was tabled by the Mayor.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Gave an update on Orchids Paper Products and stated that the plant should be in full operation by September.
- Four employees are studying to take the licensing test for the mosquito control program. The written mosquito control plan will be on the September agenda for Council approval.
- The grant for new generators has been submitted.
- Our engineers have recommended that we look into the condition of the two wells and tank at the old Sara Lee plant. The new owner uses very little water and has no need for them.
- Filing period is currently open until August 15<sup>th</sup> at noon for the November election for Council Districts 1, 3, and 5.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

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Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Recreation Director Pamela Davis gave an update on football registration. The season will be from September 11<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>. Upcoming events include a movie in the park on August 11<sup>th</sup> to kick off football season, a baseball tournament at LPSC for MDA on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and a solar eclipse launch party in conjunction with the library at LPSC on August 21<sup>st</sup>. There is a group interested in starting a semi pro football league. They held a try out at the LPSC and want to make Lemon Park their home field. Details are still being worked out. Director Davis wanted to thank the police department for doing a wonderful job at keeping an eye on the parks.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that there has been some confusion with City ordinance 20-162 that pertains to fireworks. He would like to work with the City Administrator and the City Attorney to amend the ordinance to include consumer grade fireworks in the class level of fireworks to avoid confusion.

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 informed Council that the new Census will begin in a couple of months. She asked Council to encourage residents in their districts to fill out and return any information they receive from the Census Bureau. The high school homecoming parade will be held September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURN**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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