

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 18, 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, Robert Pattillo, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

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

Liana Orr – Ms. Orr, Chairman of the Barnwell County Museum and Historical Board, thanked Council for their support of the Barnwell County Museum including the \$7,000 the City has allocated to the museum for the repair of the old police station/guard shack. She presented Council with a letter requesting that any funds remaining after it is fully restored be reallocated for repairs to the C.G. Fuller House where the museum is located. This was taken as information only and will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-2 CHANGE OF TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Williams 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 Duncan and unanimously approved. Councilman Williams asked the reason for the change. Mayor Lemon said he suggested it as a matter of convenience because the work day for most people ends at 5:00. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE A SALES PRICE FOR TWO HOMES LOCATED ON BURR ST FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MAKE A PURCHASE OFFER

The building planning committee decided to consider putting the public safety buildings on Burr St. This would require the purchase of two properties on Burr St. Councilman Black said he would like to amend the request to include a property on Jefferson St. Administrator Zawacki said that all three properties have been appraised. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to give approval for the City Administrator to negotiate for the purchase of two houses on Burr St

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and one house on Jefferson St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The offers will be presented to Council for final approval.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The City has received the funds for the mosquito grant. Arrangements are being made to get employees certified. A copy of the mosquito control plan was given to Council. The grant funds must be spent by April.
- Updated Council on Orchids Paper. We are still waiting on the final payment from EDA.
- Submitted a grant request to RIA for \$500,000 to build a new digester at the WWTP.
- The City received very little damage from Hurricane Irma. The Main St and Galilee Rd lift stations lost power but we had generators staged at those locations. Administrator Zawacki praised the City departments that helped during the hurricane.
- The planning committee has finalized the location of the two public safety buildings. They will be built on Burr St with fire at the current location and police across the street on the parking lot side of Burr St. The current locations have been inspected for asbestos and lead. We are waiting on the reports. The other three proposed properties will be inspected tomorrow. The reports will include the cost of abatement and demolition.
- Talked to the owner of the Sara Lee water tank and wells about the possible purchase. The initial inspection of the well houses show that the controls are in good shape. The tank will be inspected and the wells will be tested.

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 updated Council on recent and upcoming recreation activities. Football games will be held at LPSC on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through October 31st. Regulation sized goal posts have been installed on the multi-purpose field at LPSC.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

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) – No Report

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. 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:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer