

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 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, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and Community and 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 Councilman Barker led with a prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Billy Dozier District 1, Rev. Harris Barker District 3, and Robert Pattillo District 5.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Officer Andrew Milligan.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Councilman Black made a motion to nominate Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. The vote to elect Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem was unanimous.

Mayor Lemon appointed the committees as follows:

Water and Sewer -Councilmen Black and Dozier

Sanitation and Streets -Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling

Recreation and Parks -Councilmen Pattillo and Walling

Police -Councilmen Black and Barker

Fire -Councilmen Barker and Walling

Finance and Salary -Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo

Building and Planning -Councilmen Black and Dozier

Community Development & Tourism -Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the appointment of Will Alexander to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Mayor Lemon recognized Representative Lonnie Hosey and thanked him for being at the meeting and all that he does for the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Niurka Donaldson informed Council that she has daughters who love to play basketball, but she does not allow them to play on the City court because it is all boys that play there. She would like the City to provide an indoor basketball court. Mayor Lemon told Ms. Donaldson that the City would look into it.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE SALES CONTRACT ON 135 JEFFERSON ST

Councilman Black made a motion to go ahead with the offer to purchase 135 Jefferson St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL AND AWARD OF LOW BID FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE
ROSE ST WATER TOWER**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City is obligated to bring the Rose St. water tower back to where it needs to be. We sent out eight bid invitations to companies that do that type of work and received three bids back. The high bid was from Mclean Tank Company for \$285,000. Next was Leary Construction for \$284,500 and finally Utility Service Company for \$227,000. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the low bid of \$227,000 from Utility Service Company. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The flower shop asbestos abatement has been completed and most of the windows have been removed. Demolition will start tomorrow. Asbestos removal will also begin tomorrow on the house across the street. We have received approval from the County landfill to dispose of our demolition debris there. The final survey on 135 Jefferson St will be done tomorrow.
- We are still waiting on the drawings of the new properties, so our architect can start his final design for Council's approval and to prepare bid packages.
- We have received our approval to proceed with the RIA Grant for the new digester at the WWTP. We should have bid packages ready to advertise by early February and have the bid in by early March and then hopefully start construction by the end of March.
- We have a request to rezone 3.5 acres on Reynolds Rd from R-12 to Neighborhood commercial. We have started the notification process. The Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 22, 2018 at 6:15. Their recommendation will be ready for the February Council meeting.
- There has been a lot of clean up at Elberta Circle. At least six of the homes have new roofs. Two of the homes are ready for a final inspection. A group came in and bought 18 homes and they are going to refurbish those homes.

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- Orchids water usage is now at their projected average amount. We have requested an annual report from Orchids on the number of jobs they have created for grant requirements.
- Hometown Legislative Action Day will be held on February 7th and the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government will be held on February 7th and 8th. Notify us if you want to register.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the Rose St. tank refurbishment would be tied into Orchids and Administrator Zawacki stated that it is tied into Orchids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley updated Council on the Aeration Diffuser project. They are about two thirds of the way done. Philip stated that they hired a new employee today that was a water treatment specialist in the Army.

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Administrator Zawacki read a report from Pamela Davis updating Council on recreation events and activities. She would like to meet with the Recreation Committee soon to go over the contract with the Baseball Association. We have two dates, April 7th and August 25th, that we are looking at to host softball tournaments for World Fast Pitch Connection.

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

Councilman Black made a motion to go into executive session for discussion on personnel-Administrator position. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Black made a motion that the City Administrator continue to be employed by the City after March 1, 2018 at the adjusted salary as recommended by the Building Committee as

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an at will employee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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