

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 1, 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, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Director of Public Works Philip Stanley

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-5 RELATING TO RECOVERY OF
COLLECTION COSTS AS PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the second and final

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reading of Ordinance 2018-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-6 SCE&G FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-7 EDISTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Barker made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-7. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$1,944,400 FROM STEWART BUILDERS FOR THE POLICE STATION AND AWARD THE CONTRACT

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the low bid of \$1,944,000 from Stewart Builders for the Police Station and award them the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. Discussion followed. Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the second lowest bidder contested Stewart's bid indicating a possible conflict of interest because Stewart Engineering, a relative of Stewart Builders, was used in developing drawings and bid documents. The claim was investigated and found that it did not violate any State or City procurement policies. Councilman Dozier asked about the financing. Administrator Zawacki said that the City had expected the low bid to be around \$1,800,000. The City will have to use its General Fund savings for the additional amount above the Capital Project Sales Tax allocated for the project. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked about the construction schedule. Administrator Zawacki said that if approved tonight, he would send out a notice of award and notice to proceed tomorrow. He anticipated that it would take three to four weeks for the contractor to mobilize and begin site work. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The water pressure control valve was installed on Orchid's twelve-inch water line. This will keep the water pressure above 20 PSI which is a state requirement.
- The LPSC restroom and concession stand that was ordered in January has finally arrived. The prefab concrete building will be setup tomorrow and then we will have an electrical contractor come in and finish the job.

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- We will rebid the digester project in early November. Contractors will be invited to bid on the project, Hopefully, we will get bids within our projected budget. If not, I will need to meet with the water and sewer committee and the Mayor to decide if it makes sense to move forward or to return the grant.

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) – Administrator Zawacki read a report from Director Davis who was at the LPSC for football games. The girls flag football had to be cancelled because there was not enough participation. Upcoming events include basketball registration, Scarecrow making on October 13th, and the 5K Turkey Trot on November 17th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that the City will house one of four generators that the County received from a grant. The generator will be owned by the County, but the City can use it as needed.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

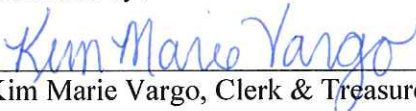
Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Fall Fest will be held on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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