

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
November 5, 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

Council Members Absent:

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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-6 SCE&G FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Councilman Pattillo 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. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-6 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-7 EDISTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Councilman Dozier 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 Barker made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-7 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-8 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BARNWELL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THREE POLICE CARS**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Pressure readings over a two-week period on the newly installed pressure control valve were at or above 30 psi. DHEC regulations require 22 psi, so we are now back in compliance.
- I will be meeting with Orchids management tomorrow to discuss the end of the year needs, the progress on their waste water treatment facility, and run schedule for next year.
- The site contractor mobilized today to start site work for the police station. The contractor is required to have the police station completed by the end of August 2019.

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-The police department will vacate the old police station and move into the administration building by the end of the year. Asbestos abatement will start right after New Year's with demolition following. The fire department will move into a single wide trailer located in their current parking lot, so demolition can continue up to the metal building.

-We are working with Nucor on a design proposal and budget estimate for the new fire station. I expect to have Nucor present this proposal to the building committee for review and comment before the December meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Director Philip Stanley updated Council on the improvements to the old digester. The WWTP employees designed the new stainless-steel system for the aeration saving the City money.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - The Christmas tree for the Circle will be donated by Joy Black.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Administrator Zawacki read an update by Director Pamela Davis. The new concession stand /restrooms at Lemon Park have been installed. We hosted the Regional Football Championship games at Lemon Park. Basketball and cheerleading registration are over with 155 participants. Upcoming events include the Turkey Trot on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, and Breakfast with Santa and the Candy Cane Hunt on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the recent fires at Orchids.

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) – Director Lynn McEwen reminded Council that the Tree Lighting and Love Light Program will be November 29<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Parade will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

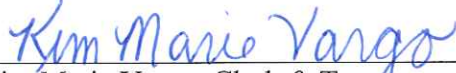
Council returned to regular session.

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**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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