

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
November 6, 2017– 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., W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, Benjamin Duncan, 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, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley, and Community Development & Tourism 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**

Mr. Roger Riley, Barnwell County Emergency Management Director, gave Council information on South Carolina Water/Wastewater Agencies Response Network. This is a network of utilities helping other utilities during natural or manmade emergencies.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATION ON GIVING TUESDAY**

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation proclaiming November 28, 2017 as Giving Tuesday in the City of Barnwell.

**APPROVAL FOR MAYOR TO SIGN STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

Administrator Zawacki explained that the City has been a signatory on this agreement for a long time, but the State has updated the agreement and is asking everyone to approve the updated agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the statewide mutual aid agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF AIA AGREEMENT WITH TILDEN HILDERBRAND AND  
MCDONALD LAW**

Administrator Zawacki presented the agreement to Council. Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand explained to Council that the City is currently in the conceptual design phase so the square footage in the agreement will probably change. The phasing of the fire department could also reduce the square footage. He explained that his fee is based on a percentage of construction cost, so his fee will move with the budget. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

-The City engineers talked to DHEC and DHEC has no records on the SLSC wells, so they will not permit the wells to go into the public domain. DHEC will also not permit the raw water Milliken wells. If Orchids goes into their third phase, the City will have to drop another well and build a new water tank. DHEC guidelines require that half of the amount of water utilized must be in holding.

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- We should be notified tomorrow about the RIA digester grant.
- Two employees have received their pesticide license for the mosquito control program. We will finalize our guidelines with DHEC and be ready for the next mosquito season.
- A meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> with a group from Senator Lindsay Graham's office and the acting director of USDA about a possible grant for the construction of the new fire station.
- The Christmas tree for this year's celebration will be donated by Mr. Shane Baxley.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley informed Council that there was an upset at the WWTP over the weekend and the clarifier flipped. The problem should be corrected by the end of the week. They also started refurbishing the aeration system on the 3 mgd plant and the City should see a savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000 by doing it themselves.

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that the football season ended with a total of 184 participants. There are 121 participants signed up for basketball with games beginning in January. The LPSC will be an overflow park for the Top Gun Baseball Tournament in Aiken on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Davis is also working with Top Gun to try to get some spring baseball tournaments. The Turkey Trot will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast with Santa and the Candy Cane Hunt will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks will apply for a state V-Safe grant to help supplement the cost of the new service truck.

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 tree lighting will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> with Representative Lonnie Hosey as the Grand Marshall.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for discussion on potential offer to seller. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Black made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to move forward with negotiations for the purchase of property on Jefferson St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

## **ADJOURN**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer