

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
February 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

Others Present: 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dean Hartzog spoke to Council about the proposed rezoning of the property on Reynolds Rd. He stated that over the years there have been parties at that location and he would have to call the police a couple of times a month. If the proposed new restaurant doesn't make it, he is concerned about what will go in that location. Rules regarding closing times are very loose. The proposed new zoning would allow many types of businesses to go there and he was not sure how it would be controlled.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW THOMPSON TO CITY OF BARNWELL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrew Thompson to the City of Barnwell Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE REZONING FROM R-12 TO NC**

Mayor Lemon stated that we would need to amend the agenda to show that we must first have a public hearing on this matter. Therefore, it will be taken as information only and not addressed tonight.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We have closed on the house on Jefferson St. The owner now has the month of February to remove all his belongings and asbestos inspection abatement and demolition will be in March.
- The final TOPOS and surveys of the Phase 1 police building are complete, and we expect final review of the drawings by the building committee to be complete by the end of this month. We hope to present the Phase 1 conceptual drawings for Council review at the March Council meeting.
- Our pre-construction conference with the contractor for the Rose St. tank refurbishment will be here in Council Chambers on February 7th. Mobilization by the contractor should begin by March 1st. The contractor has 90 days to complete the contract. During the time that the Rose St. tank is out of service, all wells will be controlled by the Main St. water tank.
- All equipment has been purchased for the mosquito program. We have three employees with Category 8 pesticide licenses. The trapping of mosquitos will begin in April and spot spraying will begin in May in identified infested areas. All employees who will work the program will receive training this month by the equipment manufacturer's representative.
- The bid package for the new digester at the WWTP will be ready to be advertised by the end of May and construction should begin in June.
- We still need one Zoning Board of Appeals member and two Planning Commission members. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to fill these openings.

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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) – Director Pamela Davis provided Council with a report updating them on Basketball, Cheerleading, Daddy Daughter Dance, Baseball, World Fast Pitch Connection and other upcoming events.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that the decrease in fine collections was due to new officers and collections should increase as the officers are trained.

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) – Director Lynn McEwen updated Council on the work she will be doing updating the City’s information for the Census and asked that they speak with their constituents and ask them to please fill out their census information. She also updated Council on the mosquito grant and provided Council with a copy of the educational materials that will be provided to the public regarding the Mosquito Control Program.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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