

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 4, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

Mr. Logan Anderson of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reverend Brendolyn Jenkins Boseman came before Council with a request for naming a street in honor of her mother, the late Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Jenkins. She said that her mother was a tireless worker for all of the community, and this would be an honor to recognize her in this manner. She gave Council information on her mother's accomplishments and provided a proposed list of streets for their consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said they would take the request under advisement and give it consideration.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS BY SEALED BIDS

Administrator Zawacki provided a list of surplus property and requested approval to sell the items by sealed bids. The advertisement would run in the paper for two weeks and bids would be opened on March 21st. Councilman Dozier made a motion to authorize the sale of surplus property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION ON TACKLE FOOTBALL AND RECOMMENDATION OF FUTURE CITY RECREATION FOOTBALL OFFERINGS

Ms. Claudia Branum with USC Palmetto Health Orthopedics and Recreation Director Pamela Davis gave a presentation on the health risks of tackle football for children under the age of 14. Risks include Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease found in athletes and others with a history of repetitive brain trauma. There has been a national campaign to educate parents that tackle football is an inappropriate activity for children under the age of 14. The City's football program serves ages 4 through 12. The recreation committee agrees with the findings of the presentation. Councilman Walling made a motion to go to flag football for ages 12 and under. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Councilman Barker voting against the motion.

DISCUSSION ON ACCEPTANCE OF TWO LOTS ON THE CORNER OF APPLE ST AND CORLEY HEIGHTS RICHARDSON RD

An aerial photo of the lots was provided to Council. Councilman Pattillo explained that the lots were purchased by a local builder several years ago with the intention of building patio homes. The homes were never built, and the lots have not been maintained. The owner of the lots would like to donate them to the City for a park or some other use. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the City needed the lots. Administrator Zawacki said they were not needed for a park. They can not be used for the site of a potential new water tank or well because of the existence of a high-tension power lines. Discussion followed. Councilman Dozier made a motion not to accept the offer of the two lots. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

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

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Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that the 10U and 12U boys brought home 2nd place in the district basketball tournament. The Daddy Daughter Dance was a huge success. The BBSA is holding practice four nights a week at the LPSC with opening day scheduled for March 23rd at 2:00. Scotsman donated a new ice machine for the new concession stand at LPSC. The recreation department will host the State Dixie Youth Baseball Rookie League Tournament for 5 and 6 year olds in July 2020 at the LPSC. Upcoming programs include the Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt in April and the \$10,000 Fishing Derby in May.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen updated Council that a new part time custodian was hired for city hall and the police department.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen reported that new banners have been put up. The Barnwell Development Association will be having their annual meeting drop in tomorrow morning from 8:00 to 9:00 at Common Grounds.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-We have asked the contractor to give us quotes on three items that were not in the original bid- the installation of a four-foot chain link fence to go around the storm water holding pond, the installment of a wood guard rail along Washington St, and an extension of the entry pad into the building.

-The contract for the new digester has been signed and the notice to proceed has been issued. The contractor will be on site this month and the project is expected to be completed in November.

-All repairs to the Main St sewer line have been completed. The cost was \$2,500 under budget.

-All five wells at the Milliken site have been closed and DHEC has been notified.

-The City audit is still not complete. The auditors are still waiting on retirement data from the State. We will request a special called meeting to present the audit when it is completed.

-City Attorney Thomas Boulware has asked that the City enter into a contract with Pope Flynn LLC for advice and counsel on funding for the fire department. Discussion followed.

Administrator Zawacki has the authority to sign the engagement letter if it is under \$10,000 and there is enough money in the contingency fund.

-A special called meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019, at 5:30 for consideration of the EDC settlement.

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ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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