

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 11, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. presiding.

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

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF SUIT BY CITY OF BARNWELL, TOWN OF WILLISTON AND TOWN OF BLACKVILLE VS. BARNWELL COUNTY AND BARNWELL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2017-CP-06-00113 AND IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS THEREOF

Mr. Thomas Boulware, City Attorney, updated Council on the suit. Last Monday night, the Barnwell County Council gave first reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the settlement agreement. They also passed a resolution saying that they will give third reading to an ordinance. They have another reading tomorrow night and the third reading next week. A date for the EDC to sign the resolution has not been set but it should happen next week. In the settlement agreement, the only thing that the towns agreed to do was to give the County a fourth appointment on the corporate board in two years. The reason the settlement agreement took so long was because the County was trying to resolve some issues with the EDC which were not part of the lawsuit. Mr. Boulware said he was completely satisfied with the agreement. There is

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an April 1st deadline to file a brief so we need to act as quickly as we can. Mayor Pro Tem Williams read the resolution. The resolution will be 2019-1. Councilman Pattillo made a motion that the resolution be approved as written and as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

Mr. Boulware gave Council a letter stating that he will be coming off the state retirement system as of March 29th. This will require the City to appoint him as City attorney at the April 1st meeting, if it so desires, to serve under the same terms and conditions as he has represented the City in the past.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer