

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 2, 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, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

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, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, 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

Mr. Duncan Holiday – Mr. Holiday stated that he was representing the Barnwell Presbyterian Church. Selling the property is necessary to help the Church's financial situation. Mr. Holiday requested that the zoning change be approved so that the property can be sold to Ms. McCormack to open a restaurant.

Ms. Elaine Hiers – Ms. Hiers expressed her concerns about rezoning the property and how it will affect the other property in the area. She wanted Council to consider the desires of the homeowners.

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Mr. Dean Hartzog – Mr. Hartzog stated that he was against the rezoning. He presented Council with a petition to stop the rezoning of the Legion Hut property. The petition was signed by area residents. Mr. Hartzog stated that he had spoken with the members of the Planning Commission and some of them told him that they would not want a restaurant in their back yard. Mr. Hartzog stated that he had experienced numerous issues with loud noises when the property had been rented out in the past. He does not want alcohol to be served next door and is concerned about the types of business that would be allowed in neighborhood commercial if Ms. McCormack ever sold the property. Mayor Lemon stated that alcohol would not be permitted to be sold because the property is too close the First Baptist Church.

Ms. Delia McCormack – Ms. McCormack stated that she does not want to be a bad neighbor and does not plan to sell alcohol or rent the building out for events. She stated that she wants to create new jobs for the community. She said she plans to landscape the property and provide any easements or walls needed to help the neighbors feel comfortable.

Mr. Leroy Williams – Mr. Williams, owner of the former Roger’s Trailer Park, requested the City run water to each of the mobile homes on his property. The request was given to the building and planning committee.

Mr. James Williams – Mr. Williams, on behalf of the Barnwell County Museum Board, asked Council to consider taking over the maintenance of the old police station that used to sit on the Circle.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 public hearing and regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-1 AMENDING THE ZONING OF LOTS AT 320 REYNOLDS RD FROM R-12 TO NC

Councilman Dozier made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Black made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-1 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker. The motion passed 4 to 2 with Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier voting against the motion.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-The repairs and modification of the Rose St water tank are complete. This month the inside and outside of the tanks will be sand blasted for the prime coat. This project should be completed by the end of May.

-Reviewed the schedule for the construction of the new police station with Council. Comments from SCDOT on the project parking and entrances will require one entrance near Washington street to be changed. Construction drawings should be completed for final review in May. Bids should go out in June with the contract being award in July. Construction should begin in August.

-The application for a construction permit for the new digester at the WWTP has been submitted to DHEC. Once we receive the permit it will be sent to RIA for their review and approval. We will then advertise and open bids in June.

-The process water currently being received at the WWTP does not have enough nutrients for the microorganisms to do their job. Philip Stanley is researching a nutrient addition system for the aeration basins.

- The SC Railroad Museum in Winnsboro would like to have the crossing signals by the police department put in their museum. We can put it on next month's agenda, if Council is interested in looking into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Director Philip Stanley stated that DHEC performed a sanitary survey on the water system in December. The results showed no issues and a satisfactory rating.

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Director Pamela Davis updated Council on current activities. A softball tournament will be held this Saturday at the LPSC with another one scheduled for August 25th. The Farmer's Market will be open on Tuesday and Thursdays from May thru September. The Fishing Derby at Lake Edgar Brown is scheduled for May 5th. Construction has started for the new concession stand/restrooms at Lemon Park.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that the department is full staffed. Chief Johnson also stated that they had investigated Mr. King's complaint about his neighbor dumping trash and that the complaint was unfounded.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that he will be traveling to Plano, Texas to look at a used service truck for his department.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –No Report

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen informed Council the Pick Up with Pride will be held on April 7th and the Spring Fling will be on April 19th. She is currently working on the local update for census information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

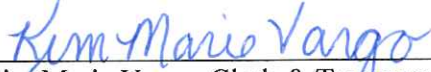
Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of status of litigation with Barnwell County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer