

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
July 1, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, 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, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanly, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trish Gordon - Ms. Gordon, with the Barnwell County Library, informed Council about the collaboration between the library and SC Codes. SC Codes is a statewide program designed to provide free access to coding education for all residents of the state. The program will provide free online coding courses, mentorship opportunities, and career resources for anyone interested in programming. The library is providing a location for those interested in the program. The kick-off is scheduled for July 23, 2019.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the minutes needed to be corrected to show the review of the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 instead of 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 budget workshop meeting with the correction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LSCOG AND THE CITY OF  
BARNWELL ( 10 YEAR UPDATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City is required to update the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and land development regulations every 10 years. The City of Barnwell planning commission, led by the LSCOG, will update the 2009 comprehensive plan. The cost to update the comprehensive plan will be \$35,000 and will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. Administrator Zawacki asked for permission to sign the agreement with LSCOG. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the cost was the same as last time. Administrator Zawacki stated that there was an increase in the cost. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the agreement with LSCOG to prepare the 10 year update of the comprehensive plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LSCOG AND THE CITY OF  
BARNWELL (REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, OFFICIAL  
ZONING MAP AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS)**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the budget for this part of the agreement is \$10,000. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the agreement with LSCOG to provide technical assistance in the review and update of the zoning ordinance and official zoning map, and land development regulations. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MUNICODE QUOTE FOR RECODIFICATION OF THE CITY'S  
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the state requires that the City Code be recodified every 10 years. It was last done in 2009-2010. The budget for this is \$10,000. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to authorize the administrator to sign the agreement with Municode for the recodification of the City's Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker 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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Administrator Zawacki read a report updating Council on baseball and softball, upcoming summer camps, farmers market, recreation on wheels, flag football and cheerleader registration and upcoming softball tournaments.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –Chief Johnson stated that Officer Seth Bryan has one more week of the Academy before he becomes certified.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Dicks stated that this past week was the SC State Firefighters Association's annual conference in Columbia. Three of our volunteer firefighters who have passed away were recognized. The City's fire department competed in the statewide BBQ competition and took second place.

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 reminded Council of the upcoming fireworks show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Make a Difference Monday on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Election day will be November 5, 2019. The first notice of the election will run Wednesday, July 24, 2019. The second notice will run August 7, 2019. Filing will open on August 1, 2019 at noon and close August 15, 2019 at noon. The mayor and city council districts 2, 4, and 6 are up for re-election.
- Six companies have asked for our RFP for waste collection bids. We are hoping to get a good turn out on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 for the bid opening.
- Construction of the police station is on schedule. It looks like the only thing that will go over into September is the punch list.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION LEGAL ORCHIDS PAPER BANKRUPTCY**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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