

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 12, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Interim Police Chief Robert Miller, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Dozier led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ryan Tvelia informed Council that there is a certain segment of people in the community coming together and trying to work on quality and bringing everyone together. They feel the City is not giving the same support. They also feel that some serious issues have been brought to Council's attention that have not been addressed, including sewer lines, sanitation, and lack of participation in YMCA events. Mr. Tvelia was informed that any issues or event notifications should go through City Hall.

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RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLAR

Jordyn Twitty was recognized as the Student Scholar for July.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Moody's Pressure Washing was recognized as the business for July.

PICKLEBALL PRESENTATION BY JACKIE RAMSEY

Mrs. Jackie Ramsey gave a presentation on pickleball. She said anyone can play but it is becoming very popular with older people. She would like to have two pickleball courts built at Fuller Park. It is very popular in Aiken, and they would be glad to come to Barnwell to hold a clinic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2021, CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2021, CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021, Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM THE BARNWELL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A SECOND SATURDAY WALL STREET MARKET

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the request of the Barnwell Development Association to hold a Second Saturday Wall Street Market. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved

APPROVAL FOR THE BLACK TOP BATTLE AT FULLER PARK BASKETBALL COURTS SPONSORED BY BJ JORDAN

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the request of BJ Jordan to sponsor a Black Top Battle at Fuller Park basketball courts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-8 AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Councilmember Moody made a motion to read Ordinance 2021-08 "AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022" by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-8. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-05 COMMITTING TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION RETAIL RECRUITMENT TRAINING PROGRAM, IF ACCEPTED

Administrator McEwen explained the retail recruitment training program. Councilman Dozier made a motion to read the resolution by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rivera

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and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the resolution by title only. Councilman Moody made a motion to approve resolution 2021-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO CANCEL OR CONTINUE TO POSTPONE THE INITIAL REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ON THE FIRE STATION PROJECT

Administrator McEwen explained that in April a letter of a 90 day postponement was sent to the companies that put in requests for qualification on the fire station project. The project was postponed because of a possibility that more funding would become available. Council needs to decide if they want to continue to postpone the initial request for qualifications or cancel it until we know for sure about the funding. Chief Dicks stated that he is fine either way. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to postpone the initial request for qualifications for another 120 days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Rivera recommended Councilmember Dozier for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Moody made a motion to elect Billy Dozier as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved. Mayor Rivera asked for any other nominations. There were none. Mayor Rivera appointed Mayor Pro Tem Dozier to the water and sewer committee and Councilmember Kinlaw to the sanitation and streets committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Administrator McEwen read a report provided by Director Keith Parks updating Council on the success of the recent State Tournament held at Lemon Park.

Police (Councilmembers Moody, and Davis) – Chief Miller stated that we recently hired two new certified officers. One officer is at the academy and one position is still open.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmen Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a report for activity during the month of June 2021.

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Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – Administrator McEwen gave an update on the progress at Fuller Park for the splash pad and restrooms.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The next Make a Difference Monday will be in October.
- I want to thank the Barnwell Development Association, Gary Brantley, and the Veteran's Association for their help with the Independence Day Celebration.
- We will have a drop in for the new Police Chief on July 15th from 5-7. July 27th will be Interim Police Chief Miller's last day. We appreciate all he has done for the department for the last 43 years.
- South Carolina has not yet received The American Rescue Plan funds.
- The District 6 council seat vacated by Councilman Williams' resignation will be added to the November general election. A special election is not necessary.

Mayor Rivera recognized Interim Police Chief Robert Miller for his 43 years of service to the community. Chief Miller received a standing ovation.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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