

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 4, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, James Moody, and Robert Pattillo

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Marcus Rivera

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and Chief of Police Brian Johnson

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

UPDATE TO COMMITTEES FOR 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Williams read Mayor Rivera's updated list:

Water & Sewer – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Pattillo
Sanitation & Streets – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Pattillo
Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Councilmembers Dozier and Moody
Police – Councilmembers Davis and Moody
Fire – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmembers Dozier and Moody
Finance & Salary – Councilmembers Davis and Kinlaw
Building & Planning – Councilmembers Dozier and Kinlaw

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POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney Thomas Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Alonzo E. Corley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-01 TO ADOPT AND ENACT A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that the Ordinance 2021-01 "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA: PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE" be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-02; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CODE

Councilmember Pattillo made a motion that Ordinance 2021-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CODE" be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Ms. McEwen explained that this ordinance will allow the City to contract with construction managers and contractors in a similar

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way that we do with professionals like architects and engineers. This will allow the City to contract with them for projects that are smaller in scope, like the fire station renovations, without having to hire an architect. Once a bid is accepted from the contract manager, they can do much of the project themselves or bid out certain jobs. This will help the City save money on smaller jobs by cutting out the middleman. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2021-03; AN EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN
RETAIL, FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND IN PUBLIC CITY OWNED
BUILDINGS**

Councilmember Moody made a motion that Ordinance 2021-03 “AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL, FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND IN PUBLIC CITY OWNED BUILDINGS” be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Ms. McEwen informed Council that this ordinance, if approved, will replace the October ordinance that expired at the end of December and will be in effect for sixty days. Councilmember Davis read a letter of support from a citizen. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier. The motion passed 4 to 2, with Councilmembers Davis, Dozier, Moody, and Pattillo voting in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Kinlaw voting against the motion. Only one reading was required since this is an emergency ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director of Public Works Philip Stanley said that the new building for liquid chlorine should be completed in the next few weeks. Once it is completed DHEC will have to approve it.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier) – Mr. Stanley placed an order for new trash cans in October, but they will not arrive until the end of January due to COVID. Administrator McEwen thanked Philip and the water and sewer and street crews for their help with the Christmas decorations.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Several applications for a new director have been given to the committee for review.

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Police (Councilmembers Davis and Moody) – Police Chief Brian Johnson said that he has hired two certified and two uncertified officers. One position remains open.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmembers Dozier and Moody) – Council was provided with a report of activities since the last meeting.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Davis and Kinlaw) – Council was given a letter from McGregor & Company about the start of the FYE 9-30-20 audit.

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Dozier and Kinlaw) – Councilmember Dozier stated he hopes the fire station renovations will be completed in 2021. The contract management services should help with this timeline. Fire Chief Dicks and Ms. McEwen will be working on a bid package for these services.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

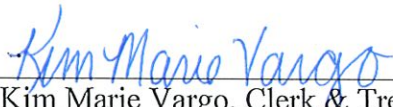
- The sitework is continuing at Fuller Park. Compaction tests were completed and passed. We hope to finish by the end of next week if the weather is good.
- I am still working on getting the plat and appraisal done for the County's final reading for the Well Project at the Industrial Park.
- Make a Difference Monday will be held next Monday, weather permitting. We will work on the four lanes in front of Walmart.
- The Planning Commission will be meeting on the last Monday in January via Zoom to approve some chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and complete other issues.
- There have been more and more cyber security threats to small communities and counties. We have discussed these with our IT company, VC3, and are continuing to monitor emails.
- The County has informed us that their offices will be closed to the public until February 1st. Service will be conducted via telephone, email, and online.
- The playground equipment and building for the bathrooms has been ordered for Fuller Park. The splash pad equipment should be ordered this week. It will take a while for these items to be built so it may be late February or March before they are delivered to the park.

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ADJOURN

There was no further business. Councilmember Pattillo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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