

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 2, 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, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2021-08 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (AS AMENDED)**

Mayor Rivera asked if there were any public comments on the Ordinance. City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo addressed the changes that were made to the budget since the first reading in July. There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rivera adjourned the public hearing

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REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rick Holcombe expressed his concern with some of City Council's personnel decisions. He asked for a public hearing on the matter. Mayor Rivera stated that policy states that any citizen of the City is entitled to comment at any regular scheduled council meeting with the exception of personnel matters.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

Jamie Still was recognized as the student scholar for August.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Life Tabernacle Church, Lucy Lu's Café and Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church were recognized for August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-08, AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (AS AMENDED)

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Police (Councilmembers Moody and Davis) – No Report

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

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

Building and Planning (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Administrator McEwen gave an update on the Fuller Park splash pad project. The playground and splash pad are completed. Work is still being done on the parking lot extension, restrooms, and the walkway to the restrooms needs to be corrected for ADA compliance. We are waiting on estimates for sod. Ms. McEwen asked for Council's approval, if there were no safety issues, to have the splash pad open on Saturdays and Sundays until the rest of the work can be completed. Council agreed to have the splash pad open on weekends from 8am to 7pm until everything is completed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Notice of elections for the November general election ran in last week's paper. Districts 1, 3, and 5 for a four year term and District 6 for an unexpired two year term will be on the ballot. Candidate filing will open today at noon and will close at noon on August 16th.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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