

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING and BUDGET WORKSHOP of  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL**

**June 27, 2022 – 5:00 pm**

**MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812**

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Rivera presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Marcus Rivera, and Councilmembers Brad All, Ryan Bragg, Alicia Davis, James Moody and Ron Still

**Council Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw

**Others Present:** City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo and City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Lamar Robinson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Kevin Roberts

The press was notified but no members were present.

**CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

**APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION  
OF THE OLD SHERIFF'S BUILDING**

The low bid for the project was from QC&D Enterprises of Chapin, South Carolina, in the amount of \$59,985. Administrator McEwen stated that the City has received all the required documentation from the company and their references have been checked. Councilmember Still made a motion to accept the bid from QC&D Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. The City Administrator is authorized to sign the notice to proceed.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Still made a motion to adjourn this portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

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**CALL TO ORDER OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Rivera called the budget workshop to order.

**DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL FUNDS & GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY 2023**

City Administrator McEwen and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed preliminary budget information for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, for the Local Accommodation Tax Fund, Local Hospitality Tax Fund, and General Fund except for the street department. A tax increase of 4.1 mills was discussed. This would bring in additional revenues of approximately \$52,000. Increases in expenditures were discussed. Purchases of new vehicles were not included in the budget but needed to be looked at. Councilmember Still said he would also like to begin a fund for delapidated buildings.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL-SALARY**

Councilmember Moody made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Still and unanimously approved.

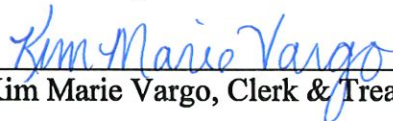
Council returned to regular session.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Administrator for the advancement of Employee A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN**

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

Submitted by:

  
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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer