

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL

August 1, 2022 – 5:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw, and Councilmembers Brad All, Ryan Bragg, Alicia Davis, James Moody, and Ron Still

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

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

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION

None

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Barbara Christian thanked Council for their decision to hire an animal control officer. She would like the police to be more proactive instead of reactive.

Ms. Phyllis Rhodie wanted a follow up on the anti-litter signs. Administrator McEwen said they had been ordered and should be in at any time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2022, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2022, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM BARNWELL COUNTY/BARNWELL COUNTY EDC FOR THE FUTURE WATER TANK

Administrator McEwen said the property at the corner of Barwick Rd and Dunbarton Blvd is an ideal location for the new water tank that will have to be built in the near future. She has been working with Tommy Boyleston from the EDC for the purchase of the property. Barnwell County Council will have to approve it. Attorney Boulware said it would also be subject to title approval. Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the purchase of the land from the

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EDC for the future water tank. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-03 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Councilmember Moody made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE ARPA FUNDING NEEDS

Administrator McEwen requested to use ARPA funds to purchase three vehicles for the police department and one vehicle for administration. The estimated funds needed would be \$150,000 for police and \$30,000 for administration. Ms. McEwen said that a fourth police vehicle was also available for purchase and would add an additional \$50,000. Police Chief Robinson said the department is actually in need of five vehicles. Three vehicles are currently in the shop with costly repairs and two have high mileage. The lead time for receiving vehicles after ordering them is uncertain. These police vehicles will be available because another entity had already ordered them and no longer needs them. Discussion followed. Councilmember Moody made a motion to purchase four vehicles for the police department and one vehicle for administration using ARPA funds estimated at \$230,000. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmember Brad All & Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw & Councilmember Ron Still) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmember Alicia Davis & Jimbo Moody) – Recreation Director Kevin Roberts gave an update on fall sports registration. There will be after hours registration from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

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Police (Councilmember Jimbo Moody & Brad All) – Police Chief Robinson gave an update on monthly activity. National Night Out will be held tomorrow night, August 2nd, at Fuller Park from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the police department and SC Regional Housing Authority to promote a partnership between the community and law enforcement. Fire (Councilmember Ryan Bragg & Ron Still and Mayor Rivera) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written monthly activity report.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Ryan Bragg and Alicia Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmember Ron Still & Ryan Bragg) – Councilmember Still said abatement of asbestos at the old sheriffs building has been completed and the building has been torn down. The area has been barricaded and clean up should be completed in the next week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Gave an update on the Joey Zorn Well Project.
- Boring for the conduit at Lemon Park and Fuller Park for the Wi Fi and cameras will begin this week.
- Website update is being developed. City council chambers renovations will take longer than anticipated due to equipment being on back ordered.
- Deadline to order veteran flags is September 1st
- Wall Street Market will be held August 13th and September 10th
- There will be a community clean up on Saturday, August 20th, from 7 to 10 am, a community public meeting with LSCOG for a needs assessment for a fire truck on Monday, August 8th, at 5:30 pm and a special called council meeting on Monday, August 29th, at 5:30 for a public hearing on both the FYE 2023 budget and the new grease control program and the second reading for both of the ordinances.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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