

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
February 3, 2020 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, James Moody and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Recreation Director Pamela Davis and Police Chief Brian Johnson.

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

Mayor Rivera welcomed and congratulated the Barnwell High School State Champion Cheerleaders. He presented their coach, Amy Williams, with a bouquet of flowers and the cheerleaders with a gift card.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2020 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 30, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2020 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2020-1 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3, TO UPDATE THE RATE SCHEDULE AND CLASS SCHEDULE BASED UPON RECENT STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO NAICS CODES BY REPLACING APPENDIX A AND B WITH ATTACHED 2019 APPENDIX A AND B" by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF THE SPLASH PAD RECOMMENDATION FROM ENGINEER TILDEN HILDERBRAND

City Administrator Lynn McEwen informed Council that Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand was asked for a recommendation on where to place the splash pad at Fuller Park. His location recommendation was given to Council. The building/recreation committee met this afternoon. They would like to see the splash pad moved closer to the parking area. They looked at several pictures and are planning on visiting Aiken and Orangeburg to view their splash pads. These cities have different sized splash pads and will give the committee an idea of the specifications for Barnwell. They would also like to use a nature inspired theme and expand the parking lot. The Fuller Park splash pad and playground equipment are Capital Project Sales Tax Project #2. We will ask the County for permission to have the Fuller Park restrooms moved from Capital Project Sales Tax Project

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#4 to be included with Project #2, so all the improvements to Fuller Park can be completed at the same time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that the basketball season was finishing up and three teams will be going to All Stars. She has sent out a basketball survey to parents to see how the program could be improved. The Daddy-Daughter Dance is sold out. It will be held February 7th. New discs have been purchased for the Disc Golf Course at Fuller Park and we are looking at the possibility of starting a Disc Golf League.

Police (Councilmen Barker and Black) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that he had hired a new officer and are currently fully staffed. The new officer speaks Spanish which will be a great asset to the department. They are organizing the evidence room in the new building using the same system as SLED. They are also organizing the police records in conjunction the State Archives record retention schedules.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Moody) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier) – No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We received a \$5,400 Palmetto Pride Grant. This will be used to purchase trash cans that will be permanently installed in the parking lots at Lake Edgar Brown. We will also purchase more pick-up sticks. The next MADM will be next Monday at 4 pm on Wellington between Anthony's and Marlboro Ave. A Saturday morning cleanup will be scheduled for April or May.
- Planning Commission meetings have been ongoing. They meet the 4th Monday of the month.
- Census Complete Count Committee will be meeting to help promote the Census and provide information to people about the importance of it.

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- The February dates for the county-wide meeting with councils did not work out. They are now looking at dates in March.
- The RIA grant for the digester has been extended to March 5th and the contractor is completing the necessary paperwork.
- Reminder of the retirement luncheon for Mr. John Zawacki on Wednesday, February 12th, from 11:30 to 1:30.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Black made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Human Resource Director position. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

Councilman Dozier made a motion to offer the Human Resource Director position to Candidate A. the motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Councilman Barker made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer