

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 2, 2020 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Marcus Rivera

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

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Michael Kroll, S.C. Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, gave Council an update on the 2020 Census. Notifications will be going out in two weeks. He talked about the process of getting responses and the important impact of the census data.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved

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UPDATE FROM PAM RUSH, AXIS 1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Pam Rush, Axis 1 Executive Director, shared with Council the prevention, intervention, and treatment services Axis 1 provides to the community for persons that have substance abuse disorders. They are currently located on Jackson Street but will be moving to a new facility on Fuldner Road after construction is completed in September. They have partnered with local law enforcement agencies including the Barnwell Police Department and have provided them with necessary equipment and training through grant funds.

REQUEST TO REIMBURSE AXIS 1 CENTER OF BARNWELL COUNTY THE CITY'S PERCENTAGE OF THE PLAN REVIEW AND PERMIT FEES

Administrator McEwen informed Council that the amount that the City will retain of the plan review and permit fees for the construction of the new Axis 1 facility is \$573.75. All other fees must go to SafeBuilt. Ms. McEwen requested that this amount be refunded to Axis 1 since Axis 1 contributes so much to the community. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the request to reimburse Axis 1 Center of Barnwell County the City's percentage of the plan review and permit fees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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) – Councilman Dozier stated that they will be going in the morning to look at some water parks in the surrounding areas if anybody wanted to join them. Councilman Moody read a report from Recreation Director Pamela Davis updating Council on the new contract with the Barnwell Baseball Softball Association and upcoming recreation events.

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Police (Councilmen Barker and Black) – No Report

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

- Department Head meetings have been taking place weekly since the end of January. We are meeting to keep each other up to date on activities going on.
- Digester: RIA has approved our grant extension request to May 5th.
- Fire Station: I would like to set up a time for the building committee to meet with Chief Dicks and me on the fire station.
- Capital Project Sales Tax Update: We have sent in a request to the county to pass a resolution to have the Fuller Park Restroom Project added to the Fuller Park Splash Pad Project.
- Garbage: Still dealing with garbage complaints and are trying to make sure that communication is clear with both citizens and the garbage company.
- Census Complete Count Committee will be trained on Wednesday, March 4th here at City Hall. I plan to have a welcoming table in City Hall for Census Day which is April 1.
- Gordman's Ribbon Cutting will take place Tuesday, April 28th at 9 am. They are asking for city attendees, and also, if anyone can be there to make remarks.
- Finance and Salary Committee – Need to set a meeting.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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