

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 3, 2011 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Robert Pattillo, W.C. Black, Benjamin Duncan, and Steve Walling.

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell, and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel and several citizens were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Police Officer Derik Jones took the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhonda McElveen updated Council on the County Court Schedule. The new Probate Judge and new County Council Members will be sworn in on January 4, 2011.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-5 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL AMENDING THE ZONING OF LOTS ON FULDNER ROAD FROM INDUSTRIAL TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL”

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title Only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title Only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-5 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

REQUEST TO REALLOCATE ACCOMODATIONS TAX FUNDS

Director Lynn Cox requested that Council allocate some of the Accommodations Tax Funds to the Circle Theater. The Circle Theater has requested a sponsorship to help them out financially. Director Cox stated that the Circle Theater brings in visitors from throughout the region. She requested that the \$1,000 allocated to the Barnwell County Arts Council in this year's budget be reallocated between the Barnwell County Arts Council and the Circle Theater equally. Ms Cox discussed the issue with the treasurer of the Arts Council and was told that the Arts Council would not be against the request. Mayor Lemon stated that the Circle Theater does a lot for the community and he would like to see Council help them out. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to split the allocation between the Barnwell County Arts Council and the Circle Theater. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF A POTENTIAL SKATEBOARD PARK AT FULLER PARK

Mayor Lemon explained that he had turned this over to the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee asked Emily Randell to give the report. Director Emily Randell reported that they had looked into possible grants and there is only one grant available to build a skate park. This grant is through the Tony Hawk Foundation. The minimum amount available is \$1000 and the maximum amount available is \$25,000. Director Randell stated that the Tony Hawk Foundation will not consider the grant application until you can provide evidence of community involvement. You must have a certified design. The minimum cost for a skateboard

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park is \$75,000 to \$80,000. Director Randell requested permission to form a committee made up of citizens and local youth and skaters to look into what the need is for a skate park and possible fundraising opportunities. Discussion followed. Mayor Lemon gave approval to form the committee.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Chief Todd Gant explained the need for an additional police officer. Chief Gant stated that we currently have three uncertified officers and one officer on leave. Chief Gant requested that Council consider allowing him to hire one additional officer. Administrator Zawacki explained the dangers and costs of having officers working extreme amounts of overtime. Administrator Zawacki explained the costs and financial restraints of adding another officer. Mayor Pro Tem Williams commented as a member of the Police Committee that the Committee recommends hiring an additional Police Officer. Administrator Zawacki stated that he agrees with the Police Committee's recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to give approval to hire an additional officer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Councilman Atkinson asked Chief Gant about Fine Revenue and Chief Gant stated that revenue is down significantly due to the personnel issues.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

-On Project Tissue the PER has been sent to the Lower Savannah Council of Government so they can start the application for Commerce and Economic Development Administration for the grant to install the sewer line. The latest estimate is the line will cost approximately \$3.4 million and will have a capacity of 1.5 million gallons per day. The construction time table should be in by January 4, 2011 so that we can sit down with BP Barber and make sure that the installation of the sewer lines will meet the needs of that project.

-SCDHEC has issued new requirements for our NPDES permit for the WWTP in relation to the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges associated with industrial activity. BP Barber will be doing the update for our facility along with the required training of our operators. The cost will be approximately \$7,000. This cost was not budgeted and will be paid out of the Water Contingent Fund account. The vacant position for WWTP operator has been filled.

-We have received the official notification of the PARD grant for Kilkenny Park. The \$24,000 grant is very specific in its budget for what can be purchased under the grant.

-We also received a Palmetto Pride grant for \$1,500 for the purchase of cigarette butt containers and trash pickups.

-I mentioned at the last city council meeting that we had obtained a grant from the Village Renaissance grant program to study what could be done with the Bantam Forks neighborhood. The grant amount was \$15,000. After meeting with LSCOG and BP Barber, we determined the

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supplemental conditions added to the grant would cost the City an additional \$30,000 to complete the report. It was decided to not accept the grant. A letter was sent by Mayor Lemon indicating this to Commerce and we received a letter back from them today stating that they received the Mayor's letter.

-At the legislative breakfast held on December 7th Council asked Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey their thoughts on the possibility of the State collecting the Local Hospitality and Accommodation tax revenue and requiring all purchases with these funds to be approved by the state. Senator Hutto indicated that there was major opposition to the bill from cities and counties along the coast and he felt that the bill had no chance of passage.

-Sent a letter to SC Department of Transportation to request right turn only off of Franklin St unto Main St. The Regional DOT engineer will evaluate and let us know if this is possible.

-We had a compliance inspection of the Waste Water Treatment Plant in November and we had a 100% pass on that inspection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling: Director Emily Randell updated Council on the Fuller Park Trail Project. She informed Council that she had made some staffing changes to accommodate the basketball season. Her department started preparing all of the fields at Lemon Park for the upcoming baseball/softball season. Mayor Lemon asked if she had received any comments about taking down the backstop at Fuller Park to make the field an all purpose field. Randell stated the only feedback she had received was someone asking where the funding was coming from. Councilman Walling suggested putting in a plaque telling the history of the ballpark at Fuller Park. It was once used as a practice field for minor league teams. Director Randell stated that this could be included with the interpretive signs that will be put along the trail.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Mr. Pattillo asked about possible water lines and fire hydrants being run out to Sweetwater. Mayor Lemon stated that it was not economically feasible.

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: Councilman Black and Councilman Atkinson are working on the drawings for the bids for the Fuller Park Trail Project.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: No Report

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

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MEETING LOCATION:
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REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Robert Pattillo, Benjamin Duncan, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell.

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel and several citizens were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Lemon requested to amend the agenda to include 1a – Installation of new Police Officer. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to include 1a – Installation of new Police Officer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

INSTALLATION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams led new Police Officer Christopher Still in taking the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bobby Wright approached Council for consideration for rezoning property he owns at 251 Black Road formerly known as Danielle's on the Lake. Up until late 2007 he operated a community center type operation that offered banquet facilities for family style events and religious functions. The facility only has well water and a septic tank so its use was limited because he was not able to prepare food due to DHEC requirements for water and sewer. He would like to upgrade the service and cater food for the same type of events. He was told that

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the zoning was changed from commercial to residential in 2008 due to nonconforming use. He was not aware of the public hearing for that process and would have attended to express his concerns if he had known about it. He would like to appeal but the new zoning ordinance requires two or more acres of contiguous property for a zoning change. Mr. Wright owns two acres but it is not contiguous. Mr. Wright requested Council consider granting him a waiver of this requirement to give the property a designation of neighborhood commercial so he could operate this facility. He also requested consideration that water and sewer services be extended to this facility. Administrator Zawacki explained to Council and Mr. Wright the process needed for the appeal for rezoning the property. Estimated costs for extended water and sewer services were also discussed and Administrator Zawacki stated that he had informed Mr. Wright that he would be responsible for the cost of materials. Mayor Lemon stated that we would start the proper procedures.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM BUILDING PERMITS FOR CITYSERVE FOR MARCH 26, 2011

Administrator Zawacki gave Council pamphlets explaining CitySERVE. The nonprofit organization is sponsored by the Barnwell County Ministerial Association and uses volunteers to improve the community. Administrator Zawacki stated that CitySERVE wants to build several handicap ramps and railings for residents and they are requesting that they be exempt from building permit requirements on March 26, 2011. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to suspend the requirement for building permits for March 26, 2011 under Building Code Section 6 specifically for CityServe. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams. Councilman Atkinson asked if this would open up problems later. Mayor Lemon stated that this would be a case by case basis and therefore should not cause any problems. The motion was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARY FOR ADDITIONAL CITY PARKING FOR LIBRARY MEETINGS

Administrator Zawacki stated that he received a request from Sylvia Quattlebaum from the Barnwell County Library Board for help with a library parking issue. The Animal Advocates have opened their store and will no longer allow library patrons to park in their parking lot. Due to the fact that there are limited meeting rooms in the City and County, the meeting rooms at the Library are used a great deal. This causes parking congestion along Burr Street and on the

Circle, especially during the day. Administrator Zawacki stated that he informed Ms. Quattlebaum that he would bring it before Council because of the lot across from the Police Station and the possibility of using it as a parking lot. Administrator Zawacki stated that he had sent a letter to the County Administrator asking if the County would pave the lot if City Council approved the use of the lot as a parking lot. The County is meeting with the Transportation Committee concerning this matter. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the use of the lot as a parking lot subject to the County Transportation Committee approval for paving the lot or putting down crush and run. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

REPORT FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE, SKATEBOARD PARK STUDY COMMITTEE, AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Director Randell updated Council on the January 24, 2011 Skate Park Committee meeting. She explained the make-up of the 9 member committee. Director Randell stated that the Committee discussed park designs, fundraisers, and locations. The next meeting will be on February 21, 2011.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

-Updated Council on Project Tissue. LSCOG has sent out letters to all regulatory agencies that will be involved with permitting the project, our first public notice was in last week's paper notifying the public that we will be doing work in the 100 year flood plain of the Salkahatchie River, surveyors have marked the path of the sewer line, several permits have already been applied for and the location for the lift station has been identified. We held a meeting last week with Project Tissue owners and their general contractor B P Barber to get needed questions answered. There are still questions about their pretreatment program. Routine meetings will be held throughout the project.

-SCDOT denied the City's request to make Franklin St into a right turn only at Main St. The SCDOT feels that this change would make the road less safe than the existing configuration. Mayor Lemon stated that he would like to appeal SCDOT's decision.

-Updated Council on the work at Fuller Park and the bid process. We now feel that there will be a shortfall of funds for the total completion of the Fuller Park project. I have asked Emily and Lynn to develop a sponsorship program that we could roll out to our industries in the County to partner with the City to complete this project. I have placed a copy of the proposed program in your package and ask for permission to roll this out. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to grant approval of the sponsorship program for this project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he was concerned about the City doing fundraising. Councilman Atkinson stated that everyone is doing fundraising for their projects. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he and Mr. Boulware have been working on a historical marker for Turkey Creek Crossing that he would like to propose for consideration, when that part of the project is

being determined, that it becomes a part of the walking trail and be placed at the head of the trail or near the bridge.

-Reminder that 2011 Statement of Economic Interest forms have to be done by April 15th and they have to be done electronically this year.

-This is an election year and we have been notified by the Election Commission that the Mayor and three of our Council Members are up for re-election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling: Director Randell informed Council that she was notified that State PRT is going to be auditing all LWCF projects that have ever been done in South Carolina. Barnwell has three projects done in the 1970's and 1980's that received money through the Land Water Conservation Fund to help purchase land. She stated that the land has to still be used as originally planned or go through the proper conversion paperwork. She is working with State PRT to make sure all necessary paperwork is completed.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: No Report

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that in transferring money from the Water & Sewer Fund to the General Fund that the City makes it a policy to leave 130% of the payment due that year in the Water & Sewer Fund and transfer the balance into the General Fund.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

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March 01, 2011

The following are the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Barnwell City Council held at Barnwell City Hall on Tuesday, March 01, 2011 at 5:15 pm.

Minutes on cd.

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Council Members J.T. Atkinson, W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling. Mayor Edward Lemon was absent.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Community Development Director Lynn Cox, Recreation Director Emily Randell, Nora Sanders and Jeff Dewort from Lower Savannah Council of Governments, and Kaelyn Pfenning from the People Sentinel.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order.

Administrator Zawacki explained the intergovernmental agreement that the city would be entering into with Barnwell County as well as the Federal and State CDBG Grants being applied for in order to move forward on the project for the tissue plant. There was discussion about the agreement and the grants.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to enter into this intergovernmental agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the signing of the Federal Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the signing of the State CDBG Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel, Mr. Jim McGuire with McGregor & Company and several citizens were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhonda McElveen – Updated Council on County Court Schedule.

Mayor Lemon stated that this was the most people in attendance in the new Council Chambers and most attended because of the skate park.

Anthony Williams- Mr. Williams stated that he started the organization Hot Dog & Talk, which is a youth initiative, motivational and educational organization. He explained to Council how his organization will help with the skate park.

Phillip Brown – Mr. Brown stated that he was present to support the skate park for his grandson and the youth of Barnwell.

Janice Tuten – Ms. Tuten explained to Council the purpose of the Skateboard Park Association. Ms. Tuten stated that the Association currently has 30 members. The Association will work on fundraising and with the City of Barnwell Parks & Recreation on the maintenance and up keep of the park once it is built. Ms. Tuten feels that the park will help the youth in the community as well as tourism. Ms. Tuten stated that she is asking Council to accept funds raised by the Association to be donated to the City and put in an account for the skate park. Ms. Tuten stated that the estimated cost of the park will be \$30.00 per square foot.

Cooper Holder – Mr. Holder, a skateboarder, explained to Council what the skate park would mean to him. Mr. Holder stated that everyone has a skate park except Barnwell. Mr. Holder stated that the park has many supporters and Barnwell needs one.

Chase Hutson – Mr. Hutson explained to Council that Barnwell needs a skate park so skaters won't get into trouble for skating on the sidewalk.

Todd Grubbs – Mr. Grubbs explained to Council the need for a skate park.

Mayor Lemon thanked everyone for their interest and stated that the Council would receive a report from the Recreation Committee, Skateboard Park Study Committee and Recreation Director later on in the meeting. He explained that the City would love to build a skate park but because of the local economy there was no money available at this time. He stated that if the supporters persevered maybe they could make it happen.

PRESENTATION OF 2010 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the FYE 9-30-10 Financial Statements and discussed the statements with Council. He stated that the City received a clean audit opinion. The statements were presented fairly and were materially correct. He explained the Management's Discussion and Analysis section and recommended that Council read this section for a summary of the financial activities for the year. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the audit as information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting with the change to page 1 to correct the address of the property to 251 Black Rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT
GRANDFATHER STATUS 251 BLACK ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL**

Administrator Zawacki explained the Planning Commission's recommendation. Administrator Zawacki stated that the Planning Commission recommends granting Grandfather Status to 251 Black Road as Neighborhood Commercial and denying Grandfather Status to 190 Black Road as Neighborhood Commercial. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Councilman Atkinson asked if 190 Black Road was connected to 251 Black Road and Administrator Zawacki stated that they are not connected.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO WAIVE THE
MANDATORY CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS OF BLACK
ROAD**

Administrator Zawacki stated that because Mr. Wright needs to have water and sewer service in order to operate a catering business out of that building, he is willing to cover the cost of around \$6000.00 for installing the water and sewer to his building. Administrator Zawacki stated that there is a mandatory hook-up ordinance which states that if there is any house within 250 feet of a sewer line, that house must connect. Administrator Zawacki stated that the Planning Commission did not feel that it would be fair to require the other homes on Black Road to connect to the sewer. The Planning Commission recommends that this part of the ordinance be waived for the residents on Black Road. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to waive the 250 foot requirement for the residents on Black Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Councilman Atkinson asked if the sewer line would be adequate if the residents of Black Road decided to connect at a later date. Administrator Zawacki stated that it would be adequate and they would pay a sewer tap fee. The motion was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR THREE ITINERANT BUSINESS LICENSES

Administrator Zawacki stated that we have three Itinerant Business Licenses. First, Jennifer Bowers would like to have a Merchant Fair at the Gail Reyes Center. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ms. Bowers' license application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Next, Local Media Directories has applied for an itinerant license and an application for solicitation permit to sell advertisements in a yellow page booklet which will be distributed in Barnwell. Mayor Lemon asked if we restrict the hours on this type of business. Administrator Zawacki stated that there is a restriction on the hours. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made motion to approve Local Media Directories' license application subject to the hours that the Administrator will confirm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Finally, Brandon Williams has applied for a Mobile Car Wash Business license. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve Mr. Williams' license subject to the required hour restrictions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

REPORT FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE, SKATEBOARD PARK STUDY COMMITTEE, AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Director Emily Randell informed Council that the Skateboard Park Study Committee met last month. She updated Council on their activities. They are currently looking at two possible locations. The committee has spoken with designers of skate parks. They spoke with Spartanburg's Parks & Recreation Director who recently built a skate park. It is best to use someone who will design and build the park to keep cost down. The cost is between \$18- \$30 per sq ft. The committee is also looking at grants but they can't go forward until the City makes a decision on building the park. Director Randell stated that the Skate Park Association is already fundraising and she believes Barnwell is in a good position to get a grant. Mayor Lemon cautioned Director Randell to not get too involved until the study is finished because we are not going to indebted the City to anything. Councilman Walling asked how much the City would be indebted to the Skate Park monetarily if the Association is going to foot the bill other than liability. According to what he has read there is not much liability if the park is built by professionals. Mayor Lemon asked if the Skate Park Association could actually raise the money for the park. Director Randell stated that she believed they could with the available grants and fundraising combined if the City helped them write the grants. Councilman Walling made a motion that the City agree to help the Skate Park Association with grant writing in search of funds for building a skate park based on the fact that the City is not indebted in any way monetarily. Mayor Pro Tem Williams seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the Skate Park Study Committee and the Skate Park Association are working together. Director Randell stated that some of the members on the Study Committee are also on the Skate Park Association but they are two different entities. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the Skate Park Association will be run like the Baseball Association. Director Randell stated that it would. Councilman Atkinson asked if that would relieve the City of any liability. Director Randell stated that it would not because the Association wants to take the lead on the fundraising and assisting with the programming and bringing in competitions, but once the park is built they want the City to run the park as far as maintenance. Councilman Atkinson asked Mr. Boulware about the City's liability. Mr. Boulware stated that the City would have some liability if they own the park. Insurance could be purchased but the requirements for obtaining insurance were not known at this time. Mayor Lemon stated that we would have to take ownership of the park if we write the grants. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

-The CDBG and EDA grant applications for Project Tissue have been submitted, verified and accepted by the granting entities. The amount of wastewater that Project Tissue will generate has been increased. South Georgia Tissue has provided the city a commitment letter for the project. We have received a commitment letter from SCANA for a \$200,000 grant for engineering work. SGT submitted our pre-treatment check list but upon review by BP Barber, there were several items missing. We should see something on those within the next day or two. If the grants are

approved and all pre-treatment questions are resolved, we should have a contractor identified and construction could start by June.

-The City Public Works Department has made major progress on Kilkenny Park. All the retaining walls have been constructed and initial grading has been done. The county has agreed to provide help with final grading. We have received bids on the split rail fencing and the low bidder was Lowe's at \$2,300. Our goal is to have our dedication ceremony the third week in May.

-On the Fuller Park walking trail, the drawings and specifications for the shelter, boardwalk and stairs have been completed and we have advertised for bidders in SCBO and in the People Sentinel. We have requested that all sealed bids be received by March 31 by 12 noon. Bids will be publicly opened at that time. Bidders have 90 days to complete the project. Upon completion, we will advertise bids for the asphalt trail.

-I sent letter to SCDOT requesting an appeal to Stan Holladay's refusal letter for a right turn only for Franklin St.

-We are having some problems with grease in the sewer lines on Dunbarton Blvd. The sewer backed up this week end and flooded Title Max. Both Reid's and China Express had grease get into the sewer. A warning letter was sent to Reid's as this was the first time for them, but a final letter was sent to China Express indicating a loss of their business license and a \$250 per day fine if they do not install a grease trap. I asked for a plan to be submitted to the City within 30 days.

-Tomorrow I will be attending the County Transportation Committee meeting. They will be discussing and voting on our parking lot project.

-On the 14th I will be attending the Snelling Town Council meeting to inform them that we will be bringing a 16 inch sewer line through their town.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he would like a historical marker included in the Fuller Park Project. Administrator Zawacki stated that he would like for Director Lynn Cox to address that in her committee report. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked that the historical marker project be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling: No Report

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox

-Director Cox informed Council on the requirements that the State Historical Society has for state historical markers. The Society has to see all documentation on the historical information and the source of that information. They also have to approve the wording on the signs. Money is available in the Local Hospitality Tax Fund to cover the cost of the historical markers. It is a six month process to get the markers.

-Informed Council on upcoming events

Relay for Life lunch fundraiser on March 11th

Run for Relay fundraiser on March 26th-there is also a CityServe Event going on that day

Ribbon cutting on March 17th for Animal Advocates and March 19th for Lady Fingers

Community Clean Up on April 9th from 8-12. The City received a \$1,500 grant from Palmetto Pride for this.

-Gave Council information on the recommended changes to be made to the entrance signs coming into town. Mayor Lemon asked why we were changing the signs and Director Cox stated that changing them was included in the Master Plan.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel, Sheriff Ed Carroll, Lori Smith of Skate Park Study Group and several citizens were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

Mayor Lemon recognized Christopher Cox who was attending the meeting for a Boy Scout Merit Badge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Ed Carroll – Sheriff Carroll spoke with Council about the new 911 Communications Center and the need for the new 800 meg radio system. The FCC has mandated that everybody switch to the new system within the next four years. Sheriff Carroll explained that since the county was in the process of updating the communications center the county needed to switch to the new system now to recognize cost savings.

Rhonda McElveen – Updated Council on County Court Schedule.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2011 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 special called meeting of the Barnwell City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2010 AUDIT PACKAGE

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the 2010 audit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

POLICE RADIO REQUEST

Police Chief Todd Gant gave a presentation about his request to upgrade the City's radio system to the new 800 meg system. Chief Gant stated that communications in the state during Hurricane Hugo was a nightmare. The state looked into the problems and started the 800 system. This system provided better communication during Hurricane Floyd. The Federal Government got involved after Sept. 11th and started pushing to get all states into the new system, so that all emergency agencies can communicate with each other during an emergency. Chief Gant stated that the FCC is running out of bandwidth with public safety communications. The FCC mandated that our bandwidth usage be cut in half to make more space for users. This will cut our power by at least one third which will prevent us from communicating with our officers. Blackville, Williston and the Sheriff's Dept. will all be changing to the 800 system. They will keep the 400 system up as long as possible. However, we will lose the intercommunication between departments that we depend on. The initial cost of the new system will be around \$64,000 which includes one year of user fees. After the first year, the yearly user fee will be \$14.00 per month per radio. Mayor Lemon asked if the current system would soon be obsolete. Chief Gant said that it would. Mayor Lemon asked where the money would come from. Administrator Zawacki stated that we probably didn't have to do this until next year and the money would have to come out of reserves. Administrator Zawacki stated that this would be included in the 2011-2012 budget.

RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND WAIVER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BLACK ROAD FOR MANDATORY SEWER HOOK UP

Mr. Boulware passed out Barnwell City Code Section 32-33, Mandatory Connections. Mr. Boulware stated that Council has no authority to waive an ordinance. However, Barnwell City Code Section 32-33 only applies to new construction. Therefore, the existing residents will not be required to connect to city sewer. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to rescind last month's motion to waive mandatory sewer connections for the residents of Black Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

PATRIOT FLAG PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lemon stated that we will table this matter until next month's meeting.

REPORT FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE, SKATEBOARD STUDY COMMITTEE AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Director Emily Randall turned it over to Lori Smith. Ms. Smith gave Council a written report from the Barnwell Skate Park Study Group which included possible locations, grant opportunities, fundraising and possible donations. Discussion followed. Ms. Smith stated that they would like to have a decision from Council on the location at the next City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF WELCOME SIGN DESIGN AND COLORS

Director Lynn Cox presented Council with proposed new welcome sign designs and colors. Mayor Lemon asked why we needed new signs. Ms. Cox stated that the new design included the new logo that was part of the Master Plan to promote the City of Barnwell's new identity. Mayor Lemon asked about the cost of the new signs. Ms Cox stated that costs for new signs have been budgeted in the Local Hospitality Fund budget. Councilman Atkinson stated he had discussed the new design with Councilman Black and they decided that the conversion of the existing signs to the new design and colors could be done inexpensively. Mayor Lemon made a motion to allow the committee and Ms. Cox to choose the design as long as the cost is within the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF WORDING FOR FULLER PARK HISTORICAL MARKER

Council was presented with the wording for the historical marker. Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the wording for the Fuller Park Historical Marker, for Director Cox to send it to the state for their approval and have Ms. Cox, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Mr. Boulware and Administrator Zawacki discuss and approve any changes made by the state without bringing it back to Council. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF WORDING FOR CITY HALL HISTORICAL MARKER

Council was presented with the wording for the City Hall historical marker. Councilman Pattillo questioned the banks listed in the wording. Discussion followed. Council asked Director Cox to get more information on the banks.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON KILKENNY PARK SIGNS

Administrator Zawacki gave Council examples of the interpretive sign and dedication sign. Discussion followed. Mr. Zawacki stated that the dedication sign would be donated by John Henry Mole. There will also be an angled entry sign with one side on Jackson St. and one side on Wellington. Administrator Zawacki stated that this was being given to Council for their information.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHERN CAROLINA BARNWELL UNIT

Administrator Zawacki stated that he had received a letter from the Boys and Girls Club requesting a donation from the city of \$5,000. Mayor Lemon stated that although he thinks the Boys & Girls Club is a great idea, there are no funds available in the city budget and the Recreation Department does a good job of providing services and programs for children. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to respectfully deny the request for funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE **John Zawacki, City Administrator**

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- Updated Council on Project Tissue. We received a letter from US EDA indicating that our application was complete met all requirements for acceptance and that our project is highly competitive. We received the \$200,000 donation check from SCANA for engineering costs and developed an approval policy with them to ensure the City would not be liable for repayment of spent funds if something stopped SG Tissue from becoming a reality.
- Land grading is continuing at Kilkenny Park to get ready for paving. We received several bids for the paving. The low bid was \$9,200 and the high bid was \$13,175. Aiken Augusta Paving was given the job with the low bid of \$9,200. They will start paving within three weeks.
- Fuller Park pre-bid was held on March 17th with 8 bidders present. Emily Randell, JT Atkinson Jimmy Faircloth, and I were present for the City. We were able to answer all their questions and made some modifications to the bid package. Emily sent out an addendum to the bid the next day. On March 31st, the bids that were received were opened and the low bid was \$ 105,503 from Treat & Woodman for the turnkey bid and \$61,500 from Henley Construction for labor only.

These bids are outside of our budget and with Council's permission we would like to send letters rejecting all of the bids. We will re-scope the project and go out for bids again within the week.

-We have had no response from SCDOT on our letter requesting an appeal to Stan Holladay's letter not allowing Franklin Street to be a right turn only street. I will be sending out another letter this week.

-We are moving forward with corrective action for the grease problem from China Express. I have met with the owner of the building and he has taken action to correct the problem. We have a truck coming in to clean out several of the problem areas.

-We have received a letter from the engineering firm for Animal Advocates asking what needs to be done to get a water line extended outside the City limits. A copy of his e-mail is included in your package. I have asked him for a formal letter to the city requesting this water line. Upon receipt, I will forward it to the water and sewer committee for evaluation.

-We received a letter from the Barnwell County Airport indicating that the Army National Guard has requested use of the abandoned runway for training exercises for June 4th thru the 18th. There is a briefing on April 6th at the airport. The army may request the use of city water for this exercise.

-We have received verbal notification of a fuel surcharge to be imposed by Suburban for trash pickup. We currently are getting a fuel surcharge from them but it is fairly small. At this point we do not know how much the new surcharge will be or its impact to the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson

Councilman Atkinson stated that due to the recent rash of sewer backups and problems the committee was approached with the need to purchase sanitary sewer overflow prevention monitors. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to allow the City to purchase the monitors at a cost not to exceed \$24,000 and to use funds from the W&S Contingent Bank Account for the purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling

Director Emily Randell updated Council on the weekend tournament that drew around 400 people and stated that there are two more scheduled. Ms. Randell informed Council that the Barnwell Baseball Association returned the \$1,900 that the City gave them last year because they will not be volunteering in the concession stand as promised. Tonight was opening night for the baseball season.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox:

Director Cox provided Council with the sponsor information she will provide to Circle Theatre for their program for Mousetrap. She also needed a few Councilmen to go to a photo op for the paper on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:15pm

Upcoming events: Community Clean Up this Saturday from 8am to noon, Third Thursday is April 21st, Relay for Life on the Circle is April 29th 7pm-7am, Patriot Flag ceremony is May 14th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
May 2, 2011 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling.

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ada Chappel- Ms. Chappel stated that she was a recent resident of Barnwell and asked Council what was the process for having the property next to hers cleaned up. Mayor Lemon explained the city's procedure for lot cleaning. Administrator Zawacki asked Ms. Chappel to bring him the information on the property and he would start the process.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED
MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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PATRIOT FLAG PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lemon read and signed the proclamation proclaiming May 11-16, 2011 as Patriot Flag Week and May 14, 2011 Patriot Flag Day.

REQUEST FROM THE ANIMAL ADVOCATES FOR WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Administrator Zawacki referred Council to a letter from Animal Advocates requesting city water for their property at 10981 Marlboro Ave. They are the only one at this location and it is outside the city limits. The cost would be approximately \$11,350 and would require DHEC and SCDOT approval. DHEC approval would be necessary because anyone moving into the adjacent properties would be able to connect to the line. Mr. Zawacki asked Council if they wanted to run the water line outside the city limits and if so, who would pay the cost of running the line to the property. Mayor Lemon stated that the city never wants to run lines outside the city limits. They would rather have properties annexed in. Discussion followed. It was decided that the first step was to see if they were willing to annex. Councilman Black made a motion to deny the request at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

REPORT FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE, SKATEBOARD STUDY COMMITTEE AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Ms. Lori Smith stated that she was representing the Skate Park Study Committee. They felt the ideal location for the park would be the front of the city lot on Main St and their second choice would be Allen St. They were asking Council to disband the Study Group and give them Council approval for lot location at the next council meeting. She stated the Skate Park Board was reorganizing but can't move forward without location. Mayor Lemon told Ms Smith that they could disband the study group and asked the recreation committee to make a recommendation for the location at next council meeting.

REQUEST FROM MRS. MATTIE CAVE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 967 MAIN ST

Administrator Zawacki explained that Mrs. Mattie Cave Moore inherited the property at 967 Main St. She received a letter from the police department to clean up the property and bring it up to city ordinance standards. Mrs. Moore cannot afford to pay for the cleanup and wanted to know if the City would be interested in purchasing the property. Mr. Zawacki asked Council if they were interested in this offer. Discussion followed. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to have the Administrator pursue swapping the cleanup for the property. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE
John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- Project Tissue was moving ahead slowly. The City has done everything they need to do and is now waiting on Project Tissue.
- SCDOT has not had time to review the City's appeal regarding Franklin St. They have a number of pending traffic studies ahead of ours.
- Received notice from Suburban Disposal that beginning June 1, 2011 the fuel surcharge for garbage collection will increase to 10.6%, from \$259 per month to \$2,091. The percentage could fluctuate with cost of diesel fuel. Additional costs would not significantly impact the budget this year but next year's budget could see fuel surcharges anywhere from \$24,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Zawacki requested that Council have the city attorney look into drafting an ordinance for a sliding scale fuel surcharge fee that would increase the garbage fees charged to customers. Discussion followed. It was decided to look into increasing garbage rates for next fiscal year during the budget process.
- Reviewed midyear financial reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson

Administrator Zawacki showed Council the new sewer back up monitors that were just purchased.

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling

Director Emily Randell gave Council a copy of the new summer brochure. She updated Council on the irrigation leaks at Lemon Park and scheduled tournaments.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan:

Police Chief Todd Gantt asked Council to consider passing an ordinance similar to the one recently passed by Barnwell County that requires establishments in the County that allow on premise consumption of alcohol to close at 2:00 a.m. He is worried that it may cause problems in the city if the city allows similar establishments to remain open after that time. Mayor Lemon asked the police committee to bring back a recommendation at the next council meeting. Chief Gantt told Council that he is worried about gas prices. He has some plans in place now to keep the cost down but if prices continue to increase he may have to talk to the police committee to get approval for additional plans. Chief Gantt also updated Council on weekend events.

Councilman Pattillo asked Administrator Zawacki if the City sent the letter to the State objecting to a local convenience store having on premise alcohol consumption. Administrator Zawacki stated that the letter had been sent.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black:

Councilman Atkinson updated Council on the Fuller Park Project. He stated that after the City rejected all initial bids because they were too high, the requirements were revamped and sent out for bids again. Three phases of the revised project were bid on and only one was within budget. The other two phases need to be revised and rebid. Even with the revisions the committee feels that the project will need an additional \$30,000. Discussion followed. Attorney Boulware stated that the discussion should be in executive session so Mayor tabled the discussion.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox:

Administrator Zawacki asked Council if the updated wording for the City Hall/Bank of Barnwell historical marker was ok and could Director Cox move forward with it. There were no objections. He also informed Council on the upcoming Third Thursday events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that Council move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Council moved into Executive Session. There was no action taken in Executive Session. Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept Administrator Zawacki's recommendation that the asphalt bid and trailerhead shelter bid be rejected and rebid to see if we can get bids to fit the budget and that the boardwalk bid-total bid, \$26,234.08, and labor only bid, \$16,885.86, from Treat & Woodman be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL June 6, 2011 – 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling.

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell and Tourism & Development Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck McConnell – Mr. McConnell stated that he was representing the Meadowbrook Area Neighborhood Crime Watch and they are concerned about speeding in the area. They wanted to know if the Police could monitor the streets and give a few tickets to get the message out. Mr. McConnell also thanked Chief Gant for helping organize the Crime Watch.

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen updated Council on the County Court Schedule.

County Councilman Harold Buckmon – Mr. Buckmon stated his concern about criminal activity in Litchfield & Barnwell Arms. There is a policy that if a residence calls police more than three times they are evicted and he feels many incidents go unreported because of this. He has written a letter to the Housing Director to get a waiver on the three call limit He may need Council's assistance when he gets a response back. Mr. Buckmon also stated that he is in the process of getting his Water Treatment Certification and is in need of practical experience. Mayor Lemon turned the matter over to the Water & Sewer Committee.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-1 ADOPTING THE UPDATED BARNWELL COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki explained that this Ordinance was necessary for the city to remain eligible for FEMA Funds in case of a natural disaster. He then read the Ordinance by Title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2011-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON PROVIDING THE BARNWELL SKATEBOARD ASSOCIATION CITY PROPERTY LOCATED ON MAIN ST FOR A SKATE PARK

Councilman Pattillo stated that the Recreation Committee recommends that the City grant the Skateboard Association the City property on Main St. at the front of the lot provided that they raise one half of the money needed to build the park by June 30, 2012 either in fundraising or grants or the property will revert back to the City. Council discussed the pros and cons of granting them the property. Director Randell stated that the land would always belong to the City. The Skateboard Association only has to have a designated piece of property to proceed with applying for grants. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to pledge the property to the Skateboard Association with the provision that they raise funds to cover 50% of the cost of the park by June 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Discussion followed. Councilman Pattillo revised his motion to grant the Skateboard Association the use of the front portion of the land on Main St. for the building of a Skate Park so that it is visible from the street provided that the city has access to the back of the lot and the Skateboard Association raises funds to cover 50% of the cost of the park by June 30, 2012. The revised motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE COST INCREASE FOR 2011-2012

Administrator Zawacki and City Clerk & Treasurer Vargo informed Council on the health insurance cost increases and options that were available beginning July 1, 2011. Administrator Zawacki recommended that the City switch from Companion Life to Principal Financial Group for dental coverage. He also recommended that the city stay with Blue Choice for medical

insurance but switch to the alternate plan which will increase the out of network out of pocket dollar amounts. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept Administrator Zawacki's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

FRANKLIN ST REQUEST, RESPONSE FROM SCDOT

Mayor Lemon stated that SCDOT said no to his request for a right turn only on Franklin St.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

The election date this year will be September 13, 2011. The filing opens on Monday June 27, 2011 and closes on July 8, 2011. The notice will run in the paper on Wednesday June 22, 2011 and the second notice will run on July 6, 2011.

The request for water by the Animal Advocates has been canceled. The Board has decided to go with a well.

I spoke with the family of Mrs. Mattie Moore on the property on Main St. They have agreed to clean up the two properties and not move forward with having the city clean up the property.

The Beer and Wine License for Quick Pantry for onsite consumption has been withdrawn as a mistake. The new license request is for OFF-Premise Beer/Wine sales. The Quick Pantry will have to advertize for three weeks in the paper indicating Off Premise Beer/Wine sales only. Mayor Lemon stated that we need to write a letter in favor of them getting their license.

I have attached a letter from Mr. Boulware on the most current language for two Historical markers at Fuller Park. This is for Council's information.

We have received our millage cap for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Our cap for next year's budget is 2%.

For Council's information I have enclosed a listing of participants at our last baseball tournament.

Project Tissue is moving forward. We are waiting on a committed grant letter from Commerce and US Economic Administration. We are within weeks of getting these letters.

A new company will be coming into the building formerly occupied by HanesBrand. It is a four phase project with 40 employees the first year and eventually up to around 140 employees.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling:

Councilman Pattillo and Director Randell updated Council on an incident that happened at Lemon Park when the park was closed due to lightening. Parents and some members of the Baseball Association were upset and treated Ms Randell and the recreation staff horribly. Some used profanity and someone even threw something at a staff member. Discussion followed. It was decided that a letter of reprimand will be written to the Barnwell Baseball Association stating that if this type of behavior happens again the City will look into the provisions provided in their contract as to what steps will be taken next. Director Randell updated Council on upcoming tournaments, summer camp and summer programs.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan:

Chief Todd Gantt reported to Council that he talked to the police committee about adopting an ordinance similar to those adopted by Barnwell County and Williston that require establishments that allow on premise consumption of alcohol to close at 2:00 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the committee recommends an ordinance and made a motion to initiate a Draft Ordinance to follow Barnwell County and the City of Williston's guidelines. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox:

Director Lynn Cox updated council on the following:

Report on Circle Theatre Play

Report on progress of the City Hall Historical Marker

Third Thursday – June 16 This will be the last one until September

July 2 – Independence Day Celebration at Veterans Park, Fort Gordon Signal Corp Band, food vendors, games, fireworks

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Council went into Executive Session. There was no action taken in Executive Session. Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept Administrator Zawacki's recommendation to award the contracts for the Fuller Park Trail Project to the low bidders to L-J Inc for the asphalt bid for the sum of \$42,930, and to Site C LLC for the Trail Head Shelter Labor w/ tongue & groove bid for the sum of \$24,600. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 11, 2011 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell and Tourism & Development Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Susan Delk of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen, Barnwell County Clerk of Court, requested the use of Council Chambers for court on November 28th and possibly November 29th. She will provide security. Councilman Black made a motion to allow it. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Ms. McElveen updated Council on the County Court Schedule.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED
MEETING**

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-1 ADOPTING THE UPDATED
BARNWELL COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the ordinance on the second reading of Ordinance 2011-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SIGN USEDAGRANT
DOCUMENT**

Administrator Zawacki requested permission to sign/approve the documents to accept the USEDAGrant and all the conditions that go along with it. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to grant permission for Administrator Zawacki to sign/approve the documents accepting the USEDAGrant document. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE SC COALITION OF MAYORS

Mayor Lemon asked if Council would approve his membership in the SC Coalition of Mayors. Mayor Lemon stated that he would pay half of the membership fee. Councilman Black made a motion to allow Mayor Lemon to join for one year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

Councilman Walling stated that the Recreation Committee has some suggestions for Park Rental Fees. Councilman Walling went over the recommended Park Rental Fees with Council. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the Park Rental Fees as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Walling stated that the Recreation Committee recommends that the Barnwell Baseball Association pay a fee of \$5000.00 per year to help offset the cost of operating Lemon Park. Discussion followed. Council tabled the issue for later discussion.

SET BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE AND TIME

Administrator Zawacki stated that he would like to have a budget workshop during the week of July 18th. The date was set for Thursday, July 21st, 4:00-6:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE
John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- Received confirmation on both the SC Commerce grant for \$1,475,000 and the USEDA grant for \$1,500,000 for Project Tissue. All permits have been applied for and all drawings are complete except for the lift station which still requires electrical and mechanical engineering. All work on the lift station has been halted until Project Tissue begins construction of their facility. There will be a meeting on the project on July 13th at 2pm at City Hall on what are the next steps to make this a reality. I notified the paper indicating that the meeting is open to the public in case all or some of the City Council members want to attend.
- Received notification from Suburban Disposal that the cost of the garbage contract will increase 4% effective September 1, 2011. This increase is in addition to the 10.6% fuel surcharge we received several months ago.
- After several heavy rains earlier this month, several areas of the city were flooded due to plugged storm drains. This is mainly due to lawn maintenance companies' blowing leaves and grass down the drains. I would like to recommend to Council that Council request our city attorney to develop an ordinance to outlaw this practice. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to have the City Attorney draw up such an ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.
- Collapsed pipes in approximately 290 feet of sewer line on Allen Street have caused major problems with back up of sewage in the area. We have requested labor only quotes from two companies on an emergency basis to get the pipe replaced. The estimated completion cost is less than \$10,000.
- I will be meeting with various council committees this week to get their input on potential problems that we see in the budgeting process.
- Election Update. Filing deadline ended July 8th. All incumbents face no opposition as of now. If someone wants to declare themselves as a write in candidate, they must do so within 14 days after the filing closes.
- Mayor Lemon stated that he feels we need to have our City Attorney draw up a resolution commending Mark Keel on his new position as Chief of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to have the City Attorney draw up a resolution commending Mark Keel on his new position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: Councilman Black asked to have a crosswalk by Hagood Ave and Lemon Park marked.

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling: Director Randell stated that several citizens had inquired about the funding to build Kilkenny Park and the Fuller Park Walking Trail. She reminded Council that the City received grants to help cover those costs. Director Randell updated Council on Baseball, Football and Cheerleading.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: Chief Gantt stated that the 800meg Radio System for the County will be going live this month. We currently have six radios to use for the Police Department and Fire Department. After August 1st those six radios will be our only means of communication with other areas in the County. Chief Gantt stated that the new radios will need to be ordered by Sept. 1st in order to have them by Oct. 1st.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Dicks explained that he will be in need of the new radios in order to communicate with the County offices.

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Cox updated Council on Facebook and City of Barnwell website usage, welcome signs, Third Thursday, and the Christmas Parade. Brady Kemp will be the Grand Marshall this year along with the UPS NASCAR #6 car.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

July 21, 2011

The following are the minutes of a Budget Workshop of the Barnwell City Council held at Barnwell City Hall on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 4:00 pm. Minutes on disk.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Councilmembers J.T. Atkinson, W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell and Tourism & Development Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo reviewed the preliminary budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 with Council. Proposed fee increases discussed included a millage increase of 1.1 mills, an increase in sanitation collection fees of \$2.00 per month, and a new public safety fee in the amount of \$8.00 per month. The first reading of ordinances for the budget and any fee increases will be at the August council meeting.

Administrator Zawacki also noted that there was no opposition for the upcoming election.

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MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 1, 2011 – 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: none

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen updated Council on the County Court Schedule.

Lori Smith, Skatepark Association Board, spoke to Council about the present and future use of the parks by different citizen run recreation groups and wants council to create a fair policy that holds all groups to the same standards and fees/charges. She also commented on the agenda item #10 and urged council not to vote to hold an election this year since there is no opposition.

Mr. Harold Myers thanked the City of Barnwell for participating in the Co-Op program with the Career Center, as well as thanked Chief Dicks for working with his Grandson in that program.

BARNWELL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION/LEMON PARK

Will Kearse provided Council with an update on the spring season of 2011, with more teams yet less sponsors. He feels that there is more open communication with the Recreation Department and commended the City staff for all they did. He also updated the council on the tournaments that the BBA held. Mr. Kearse requested that the City Council table the discussion about the BBA paying the City \$5000 until the Recreation Committee and the Recreation Department Director can meet with the BBA to discuss all the options. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to table the BBA discussion (agenda item #4), until the BBA, Recreation Committee/Director and one councilmember from the Finance Committee meets. Mayor Pro Tem Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2011 CITY OF BARNWELL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 Barnwell City Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-2 INSTITUTING A PUBLIC SAFETY FEE

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the ordinance on the first reading of Ordinance 2011-2. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-3 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the ordinance on the first reading of Ordinance 2011-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-4 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTMEBER 30, 2012**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title only. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the ordinance on the first reading of Ordinance 2011-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Mayor explained the situation with the election and received advice from the City Attorney, Tom Boulware regarding the state statute. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to hold the election. Councilman Atkinson seconded the motion. All other Councilmen approved the motion, Councilman Black opposed it.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE
John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- Project tissue is still moving forward but slowly, there are several ordinances that have to be implemented by the towns of Snelling and Bamberg to give us permission to operate the lift station in their jurisdictions. There is an issue with the title on the tissue property. Until these can be cleared up, movement will be slow. B P Barber is almost complete with the bid package and we are waiting for the approval to advertize the project.
- Hanesbrand Building has been rented. They will take possession on August 15.
- The sewer replacement on Allen Street is complete, and we will pave the cut on the road this week. All sewer monitors are in place and working. This should greatly help with managing our sewer infrastructure to reduce over flows.
- The Fuller Park walking trail project is approximately 85% complete with the completion of the shelter, seeding of approximately 2 acres of land and to erect the split rail fence. The walking trail is already being used on a regular basis.
- There will be a Planning Commission Meeting on August 10th at 6:15 pm to discuss the rezoning of the area of Jackson St. from Dr Claytors' office to the old R/R bed on both sides of the road. Neighborhood Commercial Zoning status was changed to R-12 at the last Zoning update. This area has historically been NC and returning it to that designation would not negatively affect the city. The planning commission's recommendation should be on next month's agenda.
- In order to more completely inform our citizens of activity in the city Chief Gantt has started a Barnwell Police Face book page. This page is updated daily by Chief Gantt. The Barnwell County Sheriff also has a similar face book page. I urge you to go the face book and see what is going on in the city and to see the chief's recommendations.
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- We have received a letter from Ms Mattie Cave Moore along with a copy of a deed. Ms Moore has requested that the City accept the property as she no longer can maintain the property. I have asked Tom Boulware to look into what the City would have to do if the city wanted to accept Mrs. Moore's offer.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARK KEEL

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept a resolution that recognizes Barnwell Native Mark Keel with his new appointment as Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling: No Report

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Per the request of Chief Dicks, Councilman Black made a motion to allow the Fire Department the use of the Circle, with no road closure necessary, on Patriots' Day (Sept 11) to honor those fallen and remember the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report.

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: No Report

Rhonda McElveen announced that there will be a portrait unveiling of Judge Inabinet on August 11, 2011. Mayor Lemon announced that the changing of the guard for the National Guard Armory will be at 10 am this Saturday.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 29, 2011 – 6:00PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called meeting with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Councilman W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo presented the updated 2011-2012 FY budget to the Council. Mr. Zawacki explained that we received the attorney general's opinion that the proposed public safety fee did not meet the test as a service fee but instead was a tax. So it was removed from the preliminary budget. He then provided the council with the updates in revenues and expenses to keep a balanced budget. This was presented as information only and no vote was taken at this meeting.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Council went into Executive Session. There was no action taken in Executive Session. Council returned to regular session.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

September 12, 2011

The following are the minutes of the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 2011-2 to adopt a Public Safety Fee held at Barnwell City Hall on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Minutes on disk.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Council Members W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, J.T. Atkinson, and Steve Walling. Council Member Robert Pattillo was absent.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

Mayor Lemon called the public hearing to order. Mayor Lemon stated that this public hearing was not necessary since the City had removed the public safety fee from the budget because of the opinion received by the Attorney General's office that stated that the proposed public safety fee did not meet the test as a service fee but instead was a tax. The public hearing was adjourned.

The following are the minutes of the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 2011-4 to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012, held at the Barnwell City Hall on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:15 pm.
Minutes on disk.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Council Members W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, J.T. Atkinson, and Steve Walling. Council Member Robert Pattillo was absent.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gant, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present.

Mayor Lemon called the public hearing to order. Administrator Zawacki informed the public and council on the changes from the first reading to the second reading of the proposed budget necessary because of the removal of the public safety fee. Mayor Lemon asked if there was any public comment and there was none. The public hearing was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL September 12, 2011 – 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present along with several other citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer. The Mayor also commended Fire Chief Dicks and his committee for the excellent presentation on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks held Sunday morning, September 11, 2011.

SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD PRESENTATIONS

The SC National Guard thanked the Council and the City for having the National Guard at the Airport. Lt. Col Rocky Tucker presented the Council with a thank you plaque. The Mayor accepted the plaque for the City. Lt. Col. Tucker also presented the Airport representatives present, Mr. P.F. Beck and Mr. Cal Hoffman, with a plaque in appreciation for hosting the National Guard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Riley – Spoke to the Council about the Neighborhood Crime Watch. The neighborhood committee had put up signs for Meadowbrook and Mr. Riley had helped Wannamaker with their signs. He also asked the Council to help with the issue of speeding in the Meadowbrook

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neighborhood. He and his neighborhood watch group would like to see police sit with radar and write tickets. They are worried about a child getting hit.

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen updated Council on the County Court Schedule.

BARNWELL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION/LEMON PARK FEES

Councilman Walling updated Council on the Recreation Committee's meeting with the Barnwell Baseball Association. The Barnwell Baseball Association agreed to pay the \$5,000 fee for the 2012 baseball season but could not guarantee to provide the 30 volunteer hours per week that had been requested. The BBA stated that they did not want to be responsible for getting volunteers or be responsible for their actions. The BBA said they would encourage parents to volunteer and pass out the volunteer forms from the City Recreation Department. Councilman Walling stated that the Recreation Committee will meet in September to determine if cuts need to be made to the services provided to the BBA during the baseball season based on the 2012 budget and lack of volunteer hours provided by the BBA.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2011 SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2011 Special Called City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-2 INSTITUTING A PUBLIC SAFETY FEE

Mayor Lemon asked for a motion to table this ordinance due to the Attorney General's opinion that it did not meet the definition of a service fee. Councilman Black made a motion to table Ordinance.2011-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson. No vote was necessary for a tabled motion.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-3 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the

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Ordinance by title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2011-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki explained the change in the increases from the first reading to the second reading. The increase in the fees for roll carts will remain the same as in the first reading-from \$8 to \$10 per month for residential customers and from \$9 to \$11 per month for commercial customers. The dumpster fees were changed from an increase of \$2 per month added to the current \$26 in the first reading to the following based on dumpster size: 2 cubic yards decreased by \$6 to \$20, 4 cubic yards stays the same at \$26, 6 cubic yards is increased by \$10 to \$36 and 8 cubic yards is increased by \$30 to \$56. These are based on actual charges placed on the City by Suburban.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-4 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTMEBER 30, 2012**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2011-4. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION ON AMENDING ITS CAFETERIA PLAN

Administrator Zawacki read the resolution incorporating new language into its cafeteria plan due to healthcare reform. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to adopt the resolution on the City Cafeteria Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

REZONING OF JACKSON STREET

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the recommendation from the City of Barnwell Planning Commission to rezone the selected portion of Jackson Street from R-12 to Neighborhood Commercial and to hold a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPLICATION FOR SOLICITATION PERMIT FROM APX SECURITY SOLUTIONS

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the permit with restrictions of Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPLICATION FOR AN ITINERANT BUSINESS LICENSE

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the itinerant business license for Geppetto Leathers to be located in parking lot of Advanced Auto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON MS. MATTIE CAVE MOORE REQUEST TO THE CITY

Attorney Thomas Boulware updated the Council on the situation on the property of Ms. Moore. There are several family members that will need to be contacted before this situation can be resolved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- Barnwell High School has invited the Council to participate in the 2011 homecoming parade on October 7th at 4 pm.
- Officer Drayton Gant, the City's Animal Control Officer, has asked the City to consider a proposed change to the current Public Nuisance ordinance to add a determination when a dog becomes a nuisance and also to consider a new ordinance which would limit the number of dogs per household within the city. Suggested wording was included in Council packets. Discussion followed. The information was given to Attorney Boulware for his review.
- The Barnwell County Transportation Committee has approved funding for the City of Barnwell's parking lot at the corner of Burr St and Washington St.
- Pickens Williams Jr, County Administrator, has requested that the City allow the contractor making repairs to the County Administration Building be able to utilize a portion of the City parking lot for a lay down area. A drawing showing the proposed location was provided to Council. It was suggested that the business owners, especially Bedingfield and Williams Law office, be informed about this.
- The Army will again be utilizing the abandoned runway at the airport for training on September 13 and 15 between the hours of 6:30pm and 11:30pm and September 21 and 23 between 8pm to 12am and October 12, 13, 14 between the hours of 8pm and 12am. The MH-47 helicopters that will be used are very large and loud and you may get calls from some of the citizen wondering what is going on.
- The City has been named in a suit for personal injury. The suit is being handled by our state insurance provider. The person fell last year in front of the SRP Credit Union due to a crack in the sidewalk by a storm water drain. SCDOT is also involved in the suit as the primary entity named in the suit.
- Updated Council on the progress of Project Tissue.

- The company moving into the old Hanesbrand building is moving forward. They will be starting with 3 lines instead of 2 lines increasing the original employee base from 60 to 90 employees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling: Administrator Zawacki read a report for Recreation Director Emily Randell who was attending a conference. Football & cheerleading has started with about 200 kids participating. Games are Mondays at 6 pm and Tuesdays at 6:30 and 7:30 pm. She invites the Council to come out and watch. Fall program guides are in your packets.

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: Councilman Black gave a report on the entrance sign changes.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Facebook fans are up to 1,262. Letters about Christmas Parade will be sent out soon. We are in search of a Christmas tree for the Circle. Gave Council flyers on Third Thursday which will be held September 15th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to go into executive session for a legal opinion on a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session. There was no action taken in Executive Session. Council returned to regular session.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

October 3, 2011

The following are the minutes of a Public Hearing conducted by the Barnwell City Council on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:15 pm. at Barnwell City Hall. The topic of the hearing was the proposed rezoning of eight parcels of land on Jackson St from R-12 to Neighborhood Commercial. Minutes on disk.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Council Members W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, and Robert Pattillo. Councilmen J T Atkinson and Steve Walling were absent.

Also present were City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Recreation Director Emily Randell and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present along with several citizens.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Mayor Lemon asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Fire Chief Dicks explained that the City of Barnwell Planning Commission was recommending that tax parcels 073-06-03-021, 073-10-06-002,003,004,007,008,024 and 073-10-06-011be rezoned from R-12 to Neighborhood Commercial to correct an unintentional error that occurred when the zoning map was last updated. These parcels were originally Neighborhood Commercial but were accidentally rezoned to R-12 and the error was not discovered until now.

There was no further business and the public hearing was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2011 – 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., W.C. Black, Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: J.T. Atkinson

Others Present: City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Chief Todd Gant, Recreation Director Emily Randell and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present along with several other citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Edward Lemon and Councilmen W C Black-District 2, Steve Walling-District 4, and Pickens Williams Sr.-District 6, ran unopposed in the September 13, 2011 election. City Attorney Thomas Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Edward Lemon and Councilmen Pickens Williams, Sr., W C Black and Steve Walling.

POLICE OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the oath of office to new police officer Casey Bell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Williams – Mr. Williams spoke to council about an incident that occurred at Williams Farm & Garden on Friday, September 30th around 4 pm. He stated that he and his uncle felt threatened by a group of men that came into the business. He has concerns about the police arriving much later than they have in the past. He told council that he realizes that budgets have to be cut, but the police department needs should be placed first. He suggested that they look into a 1% sales tax.

Herman Sanders – Mr. Sanders told council that he needed help with getting an address for his buildings and lot. Fire Chief Tony Dicks will help Mr. Sanders with this issue.

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen updated Council on the County Court Schedule.

DISCUSSION OF TOURNAMENT FEE FOR THE BARNWELL BASEBALL ASSOCIATIONS USE OF LEMON PARK

Councilman Pattillo updated the council on the latest meeting that the Recreation Committee and Director Randell had regarding the Barnwell Baseball Association. The Recreation Committee recommends that due to the BBA being unable to provide the man hours of volunteers, services to the park for the BBA will be cut. In addition to the \$5,000 that the BBA will pay the City of Barnwell for the use of the park, there will be no baseball games held on Wednesdays, all games will end at 9:30 pm, the concession stand will have a limited amount of food items available, and the BBA will line the fields on two of the play days of the week.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-5 REZONING OF EIGHT LOTS ON
JACKSON ST FROM R-12 TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Ms. Vargo read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2011-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilman Black made a motion to nominate Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. Councilman Pattillo made motion to close the nominations and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Lemon congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Williams.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Committee assignments were provided by the Mayor as follows:

Water & Sewer – Councilmen Black and Atkinson
Sanitation & Streets – Councilman Atkinson and Mayor Pro Tem Williams
Recreation & Parks – Councilmen Walling and Duncan
Police – Councilman Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams
Fire – Councilmen Pattillo and Walling
Finance & Salary – Councilmen Black and Pattillo
Building & Planning – Councilmen Black & Atkinson

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Clerk & Treasurer Vargo read Administrator Zawacki's update since he was on vacation.

-Project Tissue has received the ok from the budget and control board for the issuance of \$35,000,000 in tax free bonds. The two banks that are purchasing these bonds are moving forward with the purchases. The 34 acre plant site has been timbered and clean up of the property should start soon. BP Barber has approximately six weeks of work to have the bid package ready to go and we should go out for bids by late November.

-The police department has received a report that for fiscal year 2010/2011 we have outstanding fine revenue of \$138,489. We are looking into the possibility of using the offset debt program to collect these funds.

-The cost to replace the blown out pump motor at well #11 on Rose Street is approximately \$4,000. The major problem with well #11 is that it does not have a weather proof

shelter. I am currently looking into what types of shelters/enclosures are available. The pump and well water systems require a minimum of a 100 sq/foot enclosure.

-We are working with BP Barber at the WWTP to determine what types of pumps could be used to replace two recirculation pumps. These pumps have to be rebuilt every other year at a cost of \$10,000 per year. The recirculation pumps in the old WWTP have never been repaired and still work perfectly. Unfortunately they are no longer made.

-The owner of SASCO Safety LLC (located in the old Hanesbrand Building) is scheduled to be in Barnwell next week. He has indicated that his equipment will be in Charleston by the end of next week. SASCO currently has two employees getting phone systems and utilities installed at the building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling

Director Randell reported that there will be a tournament this coming weekend. There are 12 teams signed up for the one day tournament. The next scheduled tournament is set for October 29th.

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams

Police Chief Gantt wanted approval from council to schedule trick or treating on Monday evening, Oct 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm. Council agreed. Gantt also wanted to address Mr. James Williams concerns during public comment. He informed council that during the time in question, the police department was in the middle of escorting a very large funeral. Sheriff deputies originally scheduled to help with the funeral had been called out to another call in the county, so the City Police were called in to assist with the funeral. The police department is following up on the incident that occurred at Williams Farm and Garden.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo:

Fire Chief Dicks reminded council that Fire Prevention Week is October 9th-15th. They will have an Open House on Tuesday, October 11th from 7-9 pm. He also stated that the donations from the flags from the 9/11 ceremony raised \$167 for the Burn Foundation. The Mayor commended Chief Dicks and his committee for a great program.

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black No report

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Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox:

Director Cox reminded the council that Third Thursday is Oct 20th and she gave them a flyer on it. The Christmas tree for this year will be donated by Kim Sanders. She is also working with the Barnwell County Museum and other organizations to host the Barnwell County Boil - storytelling event again this year on Sunday, November 6th at 3 pm. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. She asked the councilmen to update her on who was riding in the Homecoming Parade this Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session for a legal opinion on a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session. There was no action taken in Executive Session. Council returned to regular session.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
November 7, 2011 – 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling.

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Recreation Director Emily Randell and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present along with several other citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Williams led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Marty Martin with the Barnwell County Economic Development Commission introduced Mr. Kevin Bradley, owner of SASCO Safety, and gave Council an update on the timeline for the opening the manufacturing plant.

Rhonda McElveen, Barnwell County Clerk of Court, updated Council on the County Court schedule.

PROCLAMATION NOVEMBER DIABETIC EYE DISEASE MONTH

Mayor Lemon read and signed the proclamation declaring November as Diabetic Eye Disease Month.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 Public Hearing on rezoning eight parcels of land on Jackson St. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

SECOND & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-5 REZONING OF EIGHT LOTS ON JACKSON ST FROM R-12 TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the second & final reading of Ordinance 2011-5. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-6 CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTY INTO THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2011-6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LSCOG CDBG#4-ED-10-001

Administrator Zawacki explained the agreement would engage Lower Savannah Council of Governments to administer the CDBG grant. LSCOG was already named in the grant documentation to manage the grant earlier this year but the agreement was not signed. Administrator Zawacki stated that it has been reviewed by him and the City Attorney Thomas Boulware. Mr. Boulware informed Council that the agreement was in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid with grant funds. Administrator Zawacki stated that he and Mr. Boulware recommend that Council approve the agreement. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF URS BP BARBER MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City's Engineering Firm, BP Barber, has been purchased by URS and URS is requiring the City to sign a Professional Service Agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Administrator Zawacki stated that he and Attorney Boulware recommend that Council approve the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if this agreement would tie us in to URS only. Attorney Boulware explained that the agreement lays down the foundation for future services and does not mean the City has to contract with URS. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the professional service agreement with URS. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

-We received two bids to our solicitation for a new sewer truck. One from US Jetting LLC for \$96,874 and the other from Rodders and Supply for \$ 98,638. We had budgeted \$100,000 for the unit. We request that the bid be awarded to US Jetting LLC. The estimated delivery date is March 15, 2012. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the bid of \$96,874 from US Jetting LLC for the purchase of the new sewer truck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

-On November 3rd, we opened bids for the replacement RAS pumps for the WWTP. Three bids were received.-MB Kahn Construction Co Inc bid \$97,790, MJL Inc. bid \$79,500 and McClam & Associates Inc bid \$73,600. BP Barber (URS) has recommended that City Council award the bid to the low bidder, McClam & Associates Inc. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the low bid of \$73,600 from McClam & Associates Inc for the purchase of the replacement RAS pumps for the WWTP. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

-The Board of Zoning Appeals canceled their November 10th meeting due to a conflict with one of the board members. The new public hearing date is December 5th at 5:00 pm. Currently the board has three members. The Zoning Ordinance requires five members appointed by the City Council. I respectfully request that council provide me with recommendations to fill the two open board seats.

-I have provided you with a list of surplus equipment that are inoperable or need major repair. I request approval to advertise for sealed bids on these items. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to allow Administrator Zawacki to advertise for sealed bids on the surplus equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

-LSCOG is doing a study on bicycle & walk friendly areas in the City of Barnwell. This study is funded by a grant received by LSCOG and there is no cost to the City. There will be a workshop at the Barnwell County Library tomorrow. I have placed a flyer at each of your seats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling

Director Randell updated Council on tournaments. The next tournaments will be in February.

Director Randell stated that Barnwell will be hosting an All Star game at the High School on November 17 at 6:00pm. Director Randell stated that tonight is the first night of the basketball season.

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams

Councilman Duncan asked Chief Gantt how the police cars are holding up. Chief Gantt stated that due to budget restraints they are going to try to get by with what they have.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo:

Fire Chief Dicks reminded council December 9th is the annual Christmas dinner and Council is invited. Chief Dicks stated that SRS Fire Department is interested in using the City's training facilities and would like to help update the facility in exchange for being able to use it.

Finance and Salary- Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox:

Director Cox updated Council on Third Thursday, Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas by Candlelight, and Christmas Parade.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL December 5, 2011 – 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., J.T. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, W.C. Black and Steve Walling.

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Recreation Director Emily Randell and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Kaelyn Pfenning of the People Sentinel was also present along with several other citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order and led with a prayer. Mayor Lemon commended the City employees for making the City look festive for the holiday season.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ben Kinlaw stated that he resides at 93 Phillips St. and he wanted to talk about the City's noise ordinance. He has had a conversation with Chief Gantt and has made several calls to neighbors in his area to see if they were aware of the noise ordinance. The current ordinance does not define loud noise and he would like for Council to take a look at how the ordinance is written to define the definition of loud noise.

Rhonda McElveen, Barnwell County Clerk of Court, updated Council on the County court schedule.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-6 CONSENTING TO
INCLUSION OF PROPERTY INTO THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2011-6 on the final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL 2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2012 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the 2012 Regular Scheduled City Council meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the employee Christmas bonuses. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FIREMAN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the Fireman Christmas bonuses. The motion was approved by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Councilman Atkinson stated that we are very fortunate to have these volunteers.

AMENDMENT TO SRF LOAN POLICY

Administrator Zawacki stated that we received a letter from the SC Budget and Control Board, who administers the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. They have retroactively authorized a change to certain provisions in their major loan policies. This will reduce the interest rate on the City's current SRF loan from 3.5% to 2.25%. This will save the City approximately \$14,000 in interest expense annually. Kim Vargo has submitted the letter to the Board asking for the reduction in the interest rate and was told that a new Loan Agreement should be ready for the Mayor to sign prior to the March 2012 quarterly payment. There is also a provision that allows for the City to reduce its Debt Services Reserve requirement to reflect the new payment schedule. However, an amendment to our ordinance and resolution has to be done by our Bond Attorney in order for that to happen. Due to the small amount that the Debt Service could be lowered, we first need to determine if the cost of Bond Council would be justified.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

- The replacement of the RAS pumps at the WWTP will start Wednesday of this week. It will take approximately 4 weeks to complete the project.
- SG Tissue Project is still moving forward. LSCOG has requested payment from the USEDA grant for their administration of that grant. The LSCOG will also bill the City for the administration of the CDBG grant. This amount will be \$1,200 and I will forward this bill to the Economic Development Commission for payment. The next step is to send letters to both agencies to close out the grants for the SCAT Park. We will then start a new grant application for the Airport Industrial Park with the Department of Commerce. This will mean we will have to have 2 public meetings on the grant request. I don't know how long it will be before we hear if the grant is approved. The grant amount requested is \$1,475,000.
- This week will complete all the required OSHA training for the City employees and we will be up to date with the current training requirements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Atkinson and Mayor Pro Tem Williams: No Report

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling
Director Randell updated Council on break-ins at Lemon Park concession stand. She stated that the football season is finished and basketball season has begun.

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams

Chief Gantt stated that counterfeit money is circulating around town. He also stated that the Police Department's administrative staff is short one person until January, which means that telephones are often switched over to central dispatch.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo:

Lynn Cox presented the committee's recommendation for implementing direct deposit and changes in the leave policy-calculating time in hours instead of days and accruing 3 weeks of vacation after 10 years of service instead of 15 years of service. Changing from weekly to hourly calculations is needed to use the QS/1 payroll program to track leave. It was taken as information to be voted on at the next Council meeting.

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black:

Councilman Black stated that they have met with several department heads concerning the need to update the telephone system. Larry Mattox from VC3 presented Council with the proposed recommendation for updating the phone system. It was taken as information to be put on the agenda next month.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox:

Director Cox updated Council on Christmas Parade winners, Third Thursday and Barnwell Development Breakfast.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer