

March 1, 2010

The following are the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Monthly Meeting of the Barnwell City Council held at the Barnwell City Hall on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes on tape.

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

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Recreation Director Emily Randell.

Ms Susan Delk of the People Sentinel and several citizens were also present.

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

#### Public Comments:

Rhonda McElveen- Ms. McElveen updated Council on the upcoming court schedule. Ms. McElveen stated that CMS training will begin March 15 through the end of May. Municipalities will be trained in the afternoons.

Presentation of the 2009 City of Barnwell Audit – Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the FYE 9-30-09 Financial Statements and discussed them with Council. Mr. McGuire stated that Council should pay special attention to the first ten pages of the report. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the audit as information and vote on approval at the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Public Hearing on the Recreational Trails Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Request for a Resolution by Barnwell City Council to object to the Abandonment of the Yucca Mountain Repository – Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

#### **Administrator's Update**

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the man hole that failed behind the DNR building has now been replaced and that this should fix the problems in that area. He has sent the Mayor, Mayor Pro tem and the water and sewer committee an update of the current condition of the WWTP.

There are several pumps and blowers that need repair or replacement. Administrator Zawacki stated that he is currently getting costs for this work and a schedule of repairs. He will present this to the water and sewer committee prior to the next council meeting.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that he and Kim Vargo received a visit from John Phillips of MedCost to inform the City that insurance rates will be going up this year. The SC Government Assurance Group Board of Directors will approve the final rate plan at their March 17th meeting.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that on Monday he and Lynn Cox will be doing two breakout sessions called Community Planning for the Future at the SC Rural Summit. Also Mayor Pro Tem Williams will be accepting an award for the City at the Awards Ceremony. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he will not be able to attend. Councilman Atkinson stated that he may be able to attend and if not Administrator Zawacki could accept the award.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the plans and application for the Main St Force Main Replacement Project have been sent to DHEC for approval. We have advertized in the People Sentinel and SCBO for bids on the project. Bid opening with BP Barber will be at 2pm March 17th at City Hall. Bids will be received as information only and approval for the project to move forward will be on the April City Council agenda. Administrator Zawacki stated that he has placed BP Barber's estimate for the project in Council packets.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that we are currently working with SCDOT to have pedestrian crosswalks located at both stop lights on Dunbarton; one at the top of the hill on Dunbarton and the other at the stop light by Sports. There have been a lot of complaints from citizens about the difficulty of crossing Dunbarton. SCDOT is in favor of this project and is looking into the planning and timing of the project. SCDOT did mention that this might be the time for Council to look at making Pechman Street a parking lot and closing off traffic from Dunbarton to the Circle and have Dunbarton traffic go down Main St from Jackson instead. This was mentioned and recommended in the Master Plan.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that work is still progressing at the Lake Brown picnic site. As mentioned earlier, the work is being done by the Water Department and Street Department as they are available.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that Emily Randell is currently working on a grant request for the nature/walking trail at Fuller Park. Emily will fill Council in more during the Recreation Committee report.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that he has received three quotes for the clearing of the City lot across from TNT on Main St. Administrator Zawacki stated that the quotes are as follows:  
Carroll and Carroll- \$9,500  
Thoroughbred clearing-\$9,000  
Mike Rodgers-\$10,580  
This was taken as information only.

## **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 Randall stated that she is working on a Recreation Trails Grant which is due at the end of March. Director Randall stated that basketball season was finished and she updated Council on various recreation programs.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan. Administrator Zawacki stated that the City received a reimbursement check for \$95,195 from the police car grant.

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. Administrator Zawacki stated that Director Cox is requesting permission from Council to put a page on Facebook. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to allow Director Cox to put a page on Facebook. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during Executive Session.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.