

January 4, 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, January 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm.
Minutes on tape.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Councilmembers J.T. Atkinson, W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, Robert Pattillo, 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 Director of Tourism & Community Development Lynn Cox.

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.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Councilman Patillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Second reading of Ordinance 2009-12 adopting the City of Barnwell Land Development Regulations - Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Patillo made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2009-12. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

First reading of Ordinance 2010-01 amending the City of Barnwell Zoning Ordinance – Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2010-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Approval of surplus equipment sale list – Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the list. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Administrator's Update – Administrator Zawacki updated council on the sewer leak from December 16th - the 90 degree Ell fitting just outside the new Main St. lift station failed and spilled approximately 3000 gal of sewage into the ditch next to the Main St station. The ditch runs directly into Heathwood Lake. The flow was stopped by placing a dam across the ditch and set up a recirculation pump to run the sewage back into the wet well. The leak was reported to DHEC and they were happy with our response to the spill. All residents on the lake were informed of the leak. This was the 7th failure of the force main since the new lift station went into operation. The problem is the existing force main is a four inch thin wall sewer pipe which cannot withstand the pressures of the new pumps. Administrator Zawacki requested that Council give him the authority to move forward and contact BP Barber with this engineering (not to exceed \$9,800) and cost estimate. Since this expenditure is under \$10,000, the Administrator has full authority to move forward.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that he and Chief Todd Gantt attended a presentation on the Statewide Court Case Management System. This program was initiated by the state nine years ago and today 81% of the State Counties are on the system. Abbeville, Bamberg, Barnwell, Charleston and Williamsburg are the next in line to get on the system. Due to the fact the county Magistrates are also Municipal Judges the system is being offered to the Cities; the total cost to the county for this system will be \$36,000 per year. The county would expect that the Cities would pick up a share of this cost. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to allow Administrator Zawacki to enter into negotiations with the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

-There was another sewer leak on Dec. 28th at the DNR offices behind the Hatchery. Approximately 1200 gals of sewage spilled into Turkey Creek. An existing manhole had failed and crumpled in on itself. We contacted DHEC, gave them our notification and sent them our sample results, and they are fine with what we have done. This manhole has to be replaced because it will not last another six months. Administrator Zawacki is getting estimates on what it will take to remove that manhole and put in a concrete pre-fabricated manhole in its' place.

-The Police Dept. received a donation from Kronotex for 2000 sq. ft. of flooring for the new police station. Mayor Lemon went on record as saying "Thank You" to Kronotex and also requested to send them a nice thank you letter.

-As of Jan. 1st Sport Holland is our new City of Barnwell Judge.

-On January 28th a Census educational bus will arrive in Barnwell and be parked in Reid's Plaza from 4 to 6 pm to explain the importance of the complete census count. We have also erected two signs indicating the City's support for the Census; one at the fuller park parking lot and the other at five points. The Census Bureau has requested that they be allowed to place a Census employee in City Hall to answer questions and fill out forms during the Census counting period. Mayor Lemon stated that he read in the paper that during the last ten years, due to under reporting, the State of SC has lost 58 million dollars in federal funds. Administrator Zawacki stated that in the year 2000 SC was 49th in Census letter returns.

-On December 17th Administrator Zawacki, Chief Dicks, and Jimmy Faircloth met with Milliken representatives. The topic of the meeting was a request from Milliken to tie into the city's Potable water line for their fire protection. Milliken also asked for a quote from the city to provide fire protection for their property. Due to the Milliken property sitting in an area carved out of the city limits, City Council would have to approve their request and they would have to enter into a contract with the City. Quotes were sent to them on January 4, 2010.

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. New Program guides are out and have been handed out to all elementary and primary school students.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan. Chief Gantt updated Council on 2009 cases, crime and grants, including a new \$5,000 grant from Palmetto Pride for litter enforcement.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that two hour parking be tabled for the time being. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox. Director Cox stated that we received a Palmetto Pride Grant for \$3,089 to continue the beautification of downtown. Director Cox asked Council to look at the Walking Tour Guide and give feedback on those. Director Cox passed out website statistics and discussed them with Council.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

January 4, 2010

The following are the minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Barnwell City Council at Barnwell City Hall on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The topic of the hearing is the proposed 2 hour parking limit on the circle and adjoining streets.

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

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, and Director of Tourism & Community Development Lynn Cox. Susan Delk of the People Sentinel was also present.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Mayor Lemon stated that this was a Public Hearing on the proposed 2 hour parking on the circle and adjoining streets. The Mayor reminded everyone that the parking spaces were public parking spaces and that some businesses are hurt by people parking in the spaces all day. The floor was then open to the public.

Liz Ringus – Ms. Ringus stated that business owners are parking in the spaces and we need to address a safe, well lit, secure place for the business owners to park. Two hour parking will hurt the town. Tourism will be hurt by the two hour parking. Ms. Ringus stated that unless you have a sign in front of every parking space, people will say that they didn't know about the parking limit. The Mayor and Ms. Ringus discussed reaching a compromise by making the inner circle exempt from two hour parking. The Mayor stated that the lights on the road leading to the parking lot behind Subway are now fixed. The Mayor stated that the customers were the ones that complained about the parking on the circle. Ms. Ringus asked that she be given some Barnwell Tourism passes that would allow tourists to park longer than two hours.

Sheila Folk – Ms. Folk stated that a person was in the art gallery for four hours painting. Ms. Folk stated that she wonders how that person would feel if she came out of the gallery to find a parking ticket on her car.

The Mayor read an article from the Aiken Standard discussing two hour parking in downtown Aiken. The article stated that first time offenders got a warning. The Mayor suggested that warnings issued to first time offenders would be a good idea.

Ms. Folk stated that she has customers that are in her shop for more than two hours and she does not want to have to tell them to go out and move their car. Councilman Atkinson stated that if they are going to be in the shop longer than two hours they could park on the inner circle. Ms. Folk stated that some of her customers are elderly and can't walk that far. The Mayor stated that elderly or handicapped customers could get a waiver for parking longer than two hours. Ms. Folk stated that it is difficult to park on the inner circle.

There was no further comments and the hearing was adjourned.

January 4, 2010

The following are the minutes of a Public Hearing conducted by the Barnwell City Council on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:15 pm. at Barnwell City Hall. The topic of the hearing will be the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance. The change would add a section to Chapter 5 Supplemental Regulations and would further define what are and how Modular Homes are placed in the city.

Minutes on tape.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr., Councilmembers J.T. Atkinson, W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, Robert Patillo, 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 Director of Tourism & Community Development Lynn Cox. Susan Delk of the People Sentinel was also present.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Mayor Lemon stated that this was a Public Hearing on the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 5 Supplemental Regulations regarding Modular Homes. The floor was then open to the public.

There was no public comment and the hearing was adjourned.

February 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, February 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, and Steve Walling. Councilman Atkinson was absent.

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

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:

Liz Ringus – Ms. Ringus gave Council a map of Wannamaker Estates. Five residents of Wannamaker Estates were in attendance. Ms. Ringus stated that Wannamaker Estates wants to put a gate across the dirt road that leads to undeveloped property, due to people going down the dirt road and throwing out trash and doing other illegal activities. Ms. Ringus stated that the residents of Wannamaker Estates do not want the county to continue to maintain the road. Administrator Zawacki stated that the road is not on the state's road list.

Matt Hooper – Mr. Hooper was present on behalf of the Barnwell Baseball Association. Mr. Hooper thanked Council for the new park. Mr. Hooper presented Council with a check for \$5000.00 for field maintenance.

Rhonda McElveen- Ms. McElveen updated Council on the upcoming Court schedule. Ms. McElveen stated that they are working on the CMS System. Ms. McElveen also stated that she is working on putting the deeds online going back thirty years.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 public hearing on the proposed two hour parking on the Circle and adjoining streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 public hearing on a change to the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Second reading of Ordinance 2010-01 amending the City of Barnwell Zoning Ordinance – Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2010-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Approval of the City's participation in the Statewide Court Case Management System - Administrator Zawacki explained the costs to Council. Councilman Pattillo made a motion for approval to participate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Discussion on participation in the Regional Home Consortium – Administrator Zawacki stated that the Lower Savannah Council of Governments needs an answer on whether the City wants to participate, and if we do want to participate we need to pass a resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he does not think the City of Barnwell wants to participate. The City must commit for three years and money is not guaranteed. The City must match 25%. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion not to participate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. During discussion, Administrator Zawacki stated that we are in a large region and he does not see the benefit of participating. The motion was unanimously approved.

Planning Commission recommendation for City Council to have City Attorney research possible re-annexation of the Milliken property back into the city limits – Administrator Zawacki stated that if Milliken comes back into the City limits, the fire issue will be null and void. Councilman Black made a motion to have the City Attorney research the possible re-annexation of the Milliken property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Council discussed the re-annexation of Milliken. The motion to have the City Attorney research the re-annexation of Milliken was unanimously approved.

Administrator's Update

-Administrator Zawacki stated that he has received the estimate for the replacement of the manhole behind the DNR office. The cost will be \$3,800. Administrator Zawacki stated that he has approved the project to move forward.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Wal-Mart remodel will be done under the Lead Contractor, Gillam & Associates of Aiken.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the USDOT has approved our reimbursement request for the circle work. SCDOT is currently processing the request.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that it is time for the filing of the 2010 Statement of Economic Interest. Administrator Zawacki stated that it is preferred that you file electronically. There is a penalty if the form is not filed by April 15th 2010.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that we have started clearing the lots on Wellington and Jackson for the new City Park. Work is being done with City employees. Councilman Atkinson is helping with the design of the park in order to keep our cost down.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Census Bureau had an educational bus in Barnwell on January 28th. The city sponsored the visit as part of our complete count effort. Several hundred citizens attended the event.

-Administrator Zawacki informed Council that a police officer had resigned and we are currently advertising for a replacement.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the sale of surplus items went well. We received 11 bids which amounted to \$3,261.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Street department cleaned up the areas by the DNR office along Turkey creek. This area will now be maintained so it will not get overgrown again.

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 requested permission to apply for a Recreation Trails Program Grant to develop a trail at Fuller Park. Director Randall stated that she would like to hold a Public Hearing February 11, 2010 for the Grant. Councilman Walling made a motion to give permission to apply for the Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Director Randall stated that the City had received a Grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Golf Course Builders Association for ten sets of junior golf clubs and ongoing maintenance for the life of those clubs. Director Randall stated that we are in the middle Basketball Season right now and that is going very well. Director Randall stated that we have 16 tournaments booked for Lemon Park and we also have people renting Lemon Park for practices.

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

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

February, 11 2010

The following are the minutes of a public hearing conducted by the Barnwell City council on Thursday February 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm. at the barnwell city Hall. The topic of the hearing will be the 2010 Recreational Trails Program Grant for Fuller Park trail.

Minutes on tape.

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilmember's J.T. Atkinson, W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, and Steve Walling.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Recreation Director Emily Randell.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Williams than asked Recreation Director Randell to give a brief overview of the Recreation Trails grant program and what the grant would mean for Fuller Park. The floor was then opened to the public.

There was no public comment and the hearing was Adjourned.

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.

April 5, 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, April 5, 2010 at 6:30 pm.
Minutes on cd.

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

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Recreation Director Emily Randell and Director of Tourism & Community Development Lynn Cox.

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

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

Public Comments:

Mr. Maceo Nance of the Rural Development Office of the Department of Commerce came to officially present the council with the Directors award, which had been awarded during the 2010 Rural Summit to the City of Barnwell for its work over the last 2 years in taking the Master Plan and working on it without much help from outside sources.

Rhonda McElveen- Ms. McElveen updated Council on the upcoming Court schedule. Ms. McElveen stated that they are being trained on the CMS System. She also gave an update on mortgages and liens as well as the amount of money in set-off debt cases, which was \$27M from 4944 cases. This includes fees, fines, and restitutions, but she does not believe that this figure includes child support cases.

Rodman Lemon and Howard Shannon gave the council information on surveillance cameras that the city might want to look into for Lemon Park. The council asked them to get in touch with the City Administrator to provide a formal proposal.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the 2009 Audit provided by CC & McGregor in March. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the draft copy of the contract for Milliken Fire Services to be sent on to Milliken. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki explained that if the Milliken Plant property were to eventually be brought back into the city limits, that the contract for fire services would be void since it would be automatically covered when within the city limits.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to allow Administrator Zawacki to move forward in negotiations with the Aqua Seal Manufacturing & Roofing Company for the annual inspection of the flat roof on top of City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion for acceptance of the low bid of the local contractor Carroll and Carroll to clean up the city lot on Main St that will be used for additional parking for Lemon Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Administrator Zawacki read an explanation of the need for a resolution to invest in the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

The request for an itinerant business license on the agenda was withdrawn.

Administrator's Update

Once again the state legislators are planning to cut funding for the Local Government fund. The 12 % cut means a reduction of \$4.6 million dollars to SC Cities. I have placed in your council packages a graph that shows Local Government funding to Barnwell over the past nine years. As you can see the estimated funding for this fiscal year and the 2011 fiscal year is less than what the city received in 2003. Once again the reduction will challenge the 2010/2011 general fund budgeting.

The cleanup campaign to remove non-habitable buildings on Perry Street is close to completion. We have only one house on Perry St. left to take down and one house on Hagood St to take down. These will be completed within the next 60 days. This will mean we have removed 6 structures and cleaned up 4 lots on Perry Street.

On March 27th we had the bid opening for the Main St force main. Of 8 plan holders, 6 bid on the project.

I have sent a formal letter to Ms. Joanne Woodrum, District Engineering Administrator, asking to have pedestrian crosswalks installed at US 278 and SC 64 (Sports) and at US 278/SC 64 and SC 70. A copy of the letter is in the council package.

On Monday, March 29th Lynn Cox and I provided an oral presentation on our MASC 2010 Achievement Award application. This was based on public service. The presentation was named City Hall—A Renovation for the Future. We received a letter today informing us that we did not receive this award and that Aiken won in this category.

We had some vandalism at Lemon Park the weekend of March 20th. Five juveniles took the Lemon Park Golf Cart and kept crashing it into the concession stand doing damage to the buildings blocks and golf carts. All five vandals have been arrested.

On Monday, April 26th all members of the city planning commission will be provided with the mandatory continuing education training. This will be a four hour course.

I will be attending a briefing on April 19th to learn about the Army's proposal to use the Barnwell County Airport for Specialized training.

Med Cost insurance update: An overall increase in monthly premiums of 21.6%, an additional tobacco surcharge of \$25 per person per month with a \$75 per family per month maximum for those who use tobacco products.

USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute is requesting that the City pledge \$500 for regional tourism marketing. Lynn Cox explained the request further with information regarding grants and cash matches. Councilman Walling made a motion to pledge the \$500. There was no second, so the motion died.

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 the grant application for the Fuller park/Turkey Creek Trail had been submitted. During the recent Easter egg hunts, 25 kids were present for the night egg hunt, and over 200 were at Lemon Park for the Saturday egg hunt. 16 tournaments are scheduled with the possibility of another couple being scheduled for the summer. Emily will provide the council with a list of those tournaments. Summer program guides will be out very soon.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo. Fire Chief Tony Dicks stated that he would be going to Washington at the end of the month for the National Fire Fighters Association meeting.

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

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black. Additional restrooms are needed out at Lemon Park. Councilman Pattillo made a motion for Administrator Zawacki to move forward in the purchase and building of additional restroom facilities out at Lemon Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. The cost for this project would run under \$10,000 and funding will come from contingent since this is an unbudgeted expense. Mayor Pro tem Williams thanked Councilman Atkinson for taking his time to draft up a plan for the restroom building.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox. Relay for Life – No softball tournament this weekend, but we are steadily working with luminaries and sponsorships. Also, come by Subway on Thursday, April 22 to get your sub made by some folks from the City of Barnwell...lunchtime – John Zawacki and Lynn Cox, dinner time – Mayor Lemon and Emily Randell. A portion of the profits from that day will be donated to Relay. Relay for Life will be held on the circle on Friday, April 23rd 7pm to 7am, Saturday morning. We hope that the entire community will come out to support the relay, enjoy good food, and play

party games – the theme is Birthday Party. Several celebrities will be dunked in the dunking booth.

Saturday, April 17 – Zero Tolerance for Litter Campaign weekend and community clean-up campaign from 7 am to noon. We would ask that all come out and volunteer a few hours for this our biannual clean-up campaign. Supplies will be available, come sign in at the front of City Hall and we will let you know where you need to pick up.

Wayfinding signage - working on a sign assessment.

Facebook update – since mid March, Facebook has been sending us an update on our page.

Lynn provided an informational sheet from facebook.

BDA – the Barnwell Development Association is going to be holding an event a month downtown to promote our local businesses and shops. The “Third Thursday” Downtown Event will be held – 3rd Thursday of each month from May through October. We will have entertainment – musical groups on the circle as well as some activities. The shops plan to stay open later and businesses that are not downtown can talk with us about setting up...this is part of our new 2010 membership campaign.

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

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the city administrator and city engineer BP Barber to award the Main Street Force Main project to low bidder Babcock Construction LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

May 3, 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, May 3, 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, J.T. Atkinson, and Steve Walling. Councilman Pattillo was absent.

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

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.

Mayor Lemon requested that he be able to amend the agenda to include 4A as old business and an Executive Session for a legal opinion and a contractual matter. Councilman Black made a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Claudette Towne: Ms. Towne presented Council with pictures of the handicap parking at Lemon Park. Ms. Towne discussed with Council the problems with the handicap parking. Ms. Towne stated that the handicap parking needs to be on the same side of the road as the park and on a smooth surface. Mayor Lemon and Council discussed what could be done about the parking problem. Mayor Lemon stated that he would send it to the Building and Planning Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting with the following changes-the lot approved to be cleaned up by Carroll & Carroll be identified as the city lot on Main St that will be used for additional parking for Lemon Park and the request for an itinerant business license was withdrawn not cancelled. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

New Business- Mayor Lemon stated that he has had several people call him and express their concerns with the Pawn Shop opening across from the Primary School. Mayor Lemon stated that there is some concern that they may be able to sell guns. Administrator Zawacki stated that the City had no jurisdiction in this matter and at this time the owner does not have a Federal Fire Arm License.

Old Business- Mayor Lemon stated that he would like to bring up under old business the request from the USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute for \$500 that did not get approved at the last Council meeting. Mayor Lemon stated that the USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute has done a lot for the City of Barnwell. Director Lynn Cox stated that the request was for Tourism and

Marketing. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan. The motion passed with Lemon, Williams, Duncan and Walling voting yeah. Councilman Black and Councilman Atkinson did not vote.

Approval of the Shindler Extended Warranty Agreement-Administrator Zawacki stated that this is the maintenance contract for the new elevator for the next ten years. The price is \$450.00 per quarter. The old contract was \$850.00 per quarter. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Security Camera proposal for Lemon Park from Universal Surveillance Systems-Administrator Zawacki stated that the proposal was \$99,000.00. Administrator Zawacki stated that after reviewing the proposal, he recommends Council table the proposal. Mayor Lemon stated that he would be abstaining from the vote. Councilman Walling made a motion to table the proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Building Inspector Status- Administrator Zawacki stated that the Building Inspector, Chief Tony Dicks, received a call from the state two weeks ago indicating that due to not having taken the commercial courses within the required period of time, his provisional status for commercial inspection was being revoked. He is now a specialized inspector. He can do residential buildings and commercial structure. We do not have an inspector that can do commercial electrical, mechanical or plumbing. Administrator Zawacki stated that Chief Dicks requested that he not be considered to move into the commercial field. Administrator Zawacki stated that he would like for Council to allow him to contact inspection companies for bids. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to allow Administrator Zawacki to contact inspection companies for bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Health Insurance Cost Increase for 2010-2011- Mayor Lemon stated that he was going to turn this over to the Salary and Finance Committee for their recommendation. Administrator Zawacki stated that we would have to have a decision from Council before June 1st. Therefore, we will have to have a special called meeting after the Salary and Finance Committee meets.

Administrator's Update

-Administrator Zawacki stated that on April 26th the Barnwell Planning Commission received their annual mandatory training. All members were present.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that clearing for Parking Lot 4 at Lemon Park has begun; most of the trees have been removed and we will be ready to start removing the top soil in two weeks.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the railroad ties for the Lake Park have been delivered and we should start placing these in the next couple of weeks.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that on April 27th a strong thunder and lightning storm developed over Lemon Park. As per our inclement weather policy, the Recreation Director Emily Randall shut down the park and had park patrons go to their cars. During the storm the park did receive a lightning strike that caused a small fire in the Joy Field dugout and knocked out the scoreboard. Burris Electrical, the electrical contractor that installed the scoreboard, came out the next day and repaired the damage. This shows how important it is to follow our safety policies at Lemon Park.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that due to the economic situation facing many municipalities, we will not be sending a representative from the City of Barnwell to the Municipal Association's annual meeting this year.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that as for the Census, he is pleased to announce that Barnwell County has hit a 73% level for mail participation, among the highest in the nation. The City of Barnwell is currently 22 % over the 2000 census participation level.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Army has suggested using the Barnwell Airport for training later this year. The first training mission will most likely come from Fort Bragg in October and will entail dropping 550 paratroopers at the airport and then convoying them to SRS thru the Snelling gate. Administrator Zawacki stated that he has included a slide presentation that explains exactly what they will do and what they think the economic benefits to the city will be. This could bring some revenue into the city through purchases, restaurants and hotels.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Force Main project will begin on May 4th. Badcock will be bringing in their equipment and the Force Main piping will be arriving. They have 90 days to complete the project. Administrator Zawacki stated that there will be some congestion problems down Galilee Rd and Main St from the pumping station to Brown St. as they go down the side of the road laying the new force main pipes.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that he had received a letter from LSCOG Home Consortium requesting that we reconsider participating. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion not to reconsider. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that he received the municipal millage caps from the Municipal Association and the millage cap for 2010 for the City is zero.

Committee Reports

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson. No Report

Sanitation and Streets- Councilmen Black and Atkinson. Councilman Walling asked if anyone received a call from Wannamaker concerning a water leak. Administrator Zawacki stated that he would check it out. Administrator Zawacki noted that we have been testing fire hydrants.

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Pattillo and Walling. Administrator Zawacki presented the summer brochure and discussed some of the problems at Lemon Park. Administrator Zawacki stated that we started issuing parking tickets instead of warnings. Administrator Zawacki stated that we had two near misses last year with children and elderly walking out in front of cars and this is the reason for the stricter parking policy.

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 Lynn Cox stated that we picked up 1400 lbs of trash with only thirteen volunteers and four inmates. The Palmetto Pride Grant requires us to pick up litter and more volunteers are needed. The Relay for Life was successful. Three teams stayed until 6:00 am. The amount raised was around \$31,000.00. The City of Barnwell was the top raising team. We have until August 31st to complete the year. Third Thursday will begin in May. Streets will not be closed.

Fantastic Family Fun Fest will be on July 3rd. City of Barnwell has 700 fans on Facebook. Director Cox stated that she is still working on the sign assessment. Director Cox stated that she will be going to a meeting with LSCOG to talk about a bicycle and pedestrian study that they want to do.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

May 21, 2010

The following are the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Barnwell City Council held at the Barnwell City Hall on Friday May 21, 2010 at 12:30 pm.
Minutes on cd.

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

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to change insurance from the South Carolina Local Government Assurance Group Plan to the Blue Choice Plan effective July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

June 7, 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, June 7, 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, J.T. Atkinson, Robert Pattillo 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, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randall and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

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.

Mayor Lemon stated that the agenda needs to be amended as follows; add 6a-Executive Session concerning Employee Policy; 7a-Approval of amendment to sick leave policy; and 7b-Approval of Adoption of Workers' Compensation Policy. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Rhonda McElveen updated Council on court schedule. Ms. McElveen stated that they have gone live on CMS.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2010 special called Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Discussion of the England Enterprises Inspection Services Proposal – Administrator Zawacki explained a proposal from England Enterprises that was given to Council. Administrator Zawacki stated that this was the first proposal that the City has received and is for information only so Council can review how other municipalities of our size are handling the building inspection problem. An official notice for proposals for services will be in the paper this Wednesday.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-2 Amending Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-225 Schedule of Permit Fees – Administrator Zawacki explained that as the city moves forward looking at the building inspection issues, the fees for these services also have to be adjusted. This ordinance changes the schedule of fees. 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 read the ordinance by Title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

Mayor Lemon stated that he recommends a separate policy for elected officials and appointed officials in as much as they be allowed to use the City's health insurance as long as they reimburse the City for the City's cost for the insurance. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve this policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is attached.

Approval of amended Policy on Health Insurance for retirees –Administrator Zawacki explained the amendment to the Policy on Health Insurance for retirees. Effective 7-1-2010 current city retirees and employees hired by 12-31-1989 will remain on the current policy. Employees hired after 12-31-89, elected officials, and appointed officials will not be eligible for health insurance assistance from the City. Also the required minimum number of years of continuous full time employment for eligibility is 28 years for South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) and 25 years for the Police Officers Retirement System (PORS). Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is attached.

Amendment to Sick Leave Policy – Councilman Walling made a motion to amend the sick leave policy by deleting the word "non-occupational" from the sentence "Sick leave is paid when an employee is excused from work due to his own non-occupational disability" in the current policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Approval of Adoption of Workers' Compensation Policy – Administrator Zawacki explained that the Workers' Compensation Policy discussed at the March meeting was not officially voted on. This policy allows the employee two choices if he is out on workers' compensation. Since workers' compensation only pays 66 2/3% of the employee's salary, the employee has the right to use his available leave which would give him 100% of his salary until his leave is used up and then he would go on workers' compensation. If the worker does not want to use his leave, he would go immediately to workers' compensation. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the adoption of the Workers' Compensation Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is attached.

Administrator's Update

- Updated Council on the Main Street and Galilee Rd. Force Main project. It looks like completion will be several weeks ahead of schedule.
- Stated that the economy is having an impact on softball and baseball tournaments this year. One tournament was cancelled, a second tournament was cancelled due to the death of the tournament director, and a third tournament only had 4 teams out of 9 scheduled teams show up. This is happening all over the state not just Barnwell.
- Stated that insurance sign ups with the new carrier went well and the switch over to Blue Choice insurance will be July 1st.

-Stated that the preparation of the 2011 budget has begun. He has asked all department heads to provide him with their proposed capital lists and any special items that they see coming up. Due to the fact that revenues for the last two quarters come in June and August, he has placed restrictions on spending and hiring for the rest of the fiscal year.

-Updated Council on City Hall Project. We are still waiting on the last change order from Query Pritchard. The original change order was sent back due to several mistakes. Administrator Zawacki stated that hopefully we will close out this project within the next eight weeks.

-Informed Council about a request from Mr. Bennie Wiggins for Council to look over an insurance claim that was denied by the City's insurance company. Mr. Wiggins had a problem when there was a sewer backup on Ninth St. He filed a claim with the City's insurance company for reimbursement of expenses. After a thorough investigation, the insurance adjustor sent Mr. Wiggins a letter stating that they found no fault or liability with the City and that they regret there would be no payment on the claim. Mr. Wiggins asked that Administrator Zawacki bring it to Council for them to look at. Mayor Lemon stated that Council has to look out for the resources of the City and that is why the City has insurance. In a situation like this, unfortunately, the problem is between Mr. Wiggins and the insurance company not Mr. Wiggins and the City.

-Stated that there was a major irrigation water line break at Lemon Park and he wanted to let Council know that the Water and Recreation Departments did an outstanding job of working together to solve and fix the problem.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that we have an employee going out on leave to have major surgery and we will be hiring a temporary employee to work while that employee is out.

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 Randall explained to Council the reasons the number of tournaments was down for Lemon Park. The City is looking at hosting its own tournaments.

-Director Randall informed Council on several incidents at Lemon Park that required the Police to be called in.

-Director Randall stated that there will be a track meet at Lemon Park on June 12th. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that there needs to be someone at Lemon Park to welcome the people to Barnwell for the Track and Field Meet.

-Director Randall stated that the Summer Camp Program is under way. There were 26 kids the first week and 32 kids the second week.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan. Councilman Duncan asked about copper theft from air conditioner units. Chief Gantt stated that there have been a couple of incidents.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo. Chief Dicks stated that there will be some staff going to Myrtle Beach for the State Fireman's Association Conference.

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

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black. Councilman Atkinson stated that in response to the complaints about the handicap parking at Lemon Park, they have made a drawing and Administrator Zawacki is in the process of getting the price for the project.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox.

-Director Cox stated that "Third Thursday" for May started out slow but hopes to see a bigger crowd in June. There will be music, lemonade for sale, water Olympic games for kids, and free seminars at the library. Stores will be open and may have some June specials.

- Director Cox stated that the Family Fun Fest will be July 3rd at Veterans Park beginning at 5pm. There will be games, food and the Fort Gordon Military Band will play at 7:30 and fireworks at 9:15pm.

-Director Cox stated that our official Census participation has come to an end. All title 13 information and records have been destroyed. As of today, the national rate of participation is 72%, South Carolina is at 73% and the City of Barnwell is at 73%.

-Director Cox discussed the report on the Wayfinding Plan. Mayor Lemon asked Director Cox if she is moving toward coming up with a plan. Director Cox stated that the first step is needs analysis, which she has already done. The next step would be getting a committee together to start looking at the needs analysis and deciding which signs need to come down and looking at what type of signs we want to put up and where and then we would start looking for Grants. Mayor Lemon told Director Cox to go ahead and get a committee together.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

July 12, 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, July 12, 2010 at 6:30 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. Councilman Robert Pattillo was absent.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randall and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

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:

Lawrence Blackwood – Mr. Blackwood is the owner of the new pawn shop that opened close to the primary school. Mr. Blackwood stated that he heard there may be some discussion on the sale of weapons close to the school. Mr. Blackwood stated that he didn't see any problem because there would not be any ammunition sold and all weapons will be locked. Mr. Blackwood stated that there is another pawn shop approximately 250 yards behind him that sells weapons. Councilman Walling asked Mr. Blackwood if there was a waiting period before someone can purchase a gun. Mr. Blackwood stated that there is a form that has to be filled out and then he calls it in and if the person has no felonies then they can buy the gun. Mayor Lemon stated that he would have the City Attorney write a letter to the Attorney General to make sure there is no existing law on the books against selling weapons so close to the school.

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen stated that they have reduced the number of inmates by traveling to other counties and utilizing their court time rather than waiting for the Judge to return to Barnwell. Ms. McElveen updated Council on County court schedule. Councilman Atkinson asked Ms. McElveen if we used the inmates to work around the county. Ms. McElveen stated that they do use them to cut grass, work at the landfill, etc.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Milliken update and discussion – Administrator Zawacki stated that Milliken will be going into demolition mode. They are currently removing the asbestos from the plant. They expect to start actual demolition near the end of August. Milliken will then plant pine trees on the property. Administrator Zawacki stated that he faxed Milliken 16 pages of easements and drawings showing the amount of land that they would not be able to plant pine trees on. Administrator Zawacki stated that they will have a meeting on July 28th to discuss the easement issues.

Administrator Zawacki stated that he recommends Council have the City Attorney look into re-annexing the property back into the City Limits. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to have the City Attorney look into re-annexation of Milliken property into the City Limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-2 – 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 “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 6, Article II Section 6-255, Schedule of Permit Fees, to Provide for an Increase in Building Permit Fees, Other Permits, and Building Code Review Fees.” Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2010-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Administrator’s Update

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Main St./Galilee Rd. Force Main Project is approximately 75 % complete. All of the piping has been installed. The Galilee Force Main has been connected to the Galilee Lift Station. We are now waiting on the six inch valves for the Main St. Force Main. Work will resume week after next. Work should be completed within two weeks once the valves arrive.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the July 3rd family fun fest went very well with many compliments and only a few complaints. The main complaint was that we did not have enough restrooms. We estimated that approximately 1500 people were in attendance at Veterans Park. Everyone is already looking forward to next year’s event.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that we finally closed out the City Hall project with Query/Pritchard. The only open issue is the two entry doors on Jefferson street. The panels on the doors are still separating. We will continue to work with Q/P until we get the proper fix.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the first go round of the 2010/2011 budget has been completed from the expense end. Administrator Zawacki stated that he and Kim are now working on the revenue section. Administrator Zawacki stated that we hope to have a preliminary budget to the finance committee by July 26th and have a finance committee meeting on the 29th. This will place the first reading of the budget at the August 2nd council meeting. And allow for the 15 day advertisement in the paper and a city council budget workshop before the Sept 13th city council meeting for final reading.

-Administrator Zawacki stated that the Barnwell County Assessor’s office went through a full county reassessment. The City should get the new assessment numbers soon. Administrator Zawacki stated that we will have to look at our millage rate along with how the assessment has increased to see what type of rollback we will have to have on our millage.

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 Randall stated that we will most likely receive the Recreational Trails grant of \$60,725 for the Fuller Park Trail Project. We are waiting for official approval. Director Randall stated that the official baseball and softball season is over. All Star games will finish up this week. Football and Cheerleading practices will begin in two weeks. Director Randall stated that we put up soccer goals on the multi-purpose field. The field is being used on Tuesday and Thursday nights by adult soccer teams. Director Randall stated that Fuller Park is also being utilized by the citizens of Barnwell.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan. Chief Todd Gantt updated Council on changes in municipal laws – The jurisdiction on the shoplifting dollar amount was changed from \$1,000 or less to \$2,000 or less so this may increase the number of cases seen in municipal court. The changes also redefine assault charges. This will require additional training for officers. Chief Gantt reported on the new Crime Report software that shows on a map the type of crimes that are committed in a certain area.

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 provided a sketch for handicap parking at Lemon Park. Councilman Atkinson stated that it will provide 10 handicap spaces and that will satisfy all handicap parking requirements for the park. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$6,840 from Carroll and Carroll Inc and use contingent funds to build it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Mayor Lemon thanked Councilmen Atkinson and Black for all of their hard work.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox-Director Cox thanked everyone for their help with the July 3rd Family Fun Fest. Director Cox gave Council an update on Facebook. Director Cox stated that the 3rd Thursday in July Theme will be Christmas in July. Director Cox stated that the Wayfinding Plan Committee will meet this month. Director Cox gave Council a proposal to have a Park Naming Contest for the new Lake Park. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion that Council move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Council moved into Executive Session. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept Administrator Zawacki's recommendation to accept the proposal from England Enterprises Inc for Building Official services. The motion was

seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved. This will go into effect on August 1, 2010.

Councilman Black made a motion to accept Administrator Zawacki's recommendation to accept donated land. The donor will be responsible for all appraisals and all IRS documentations and filings. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

August 2, 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, August 2, 2010 at 6:30 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, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling.

Also present were City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Randell and Tourism and Community Development Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Susan Delk of the People Sentinel and Rhonda McElveen, County Clerk of Court were present.

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

Public Comments:

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen stated that General Session is going on this week. They heard bond estreatments as well as some pleas that day. Court will end Wednesday due to Trial Lawyers Association meeting Thursday and Friday. Family Court is the week of the 23rd as well as two review days on the 12th and 13th. Barnwell and Bamberg County Common Pleas - Non Jury is the week of the August 9th and Common Pleas – Jury is the week of Aug 30th. 129 are ruled in for family court. Mrs. McElveen explained how the court system will swap around to hear different county cases in other counties, but with the same judge, ie. Judge Early, but not jury trials.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Milliken Annexation Report – Administrator Zawacki stated that after some research, the only property of Milliken Corporation that is outside the city limits is 85 acres, where the plant sits. Attorney Boulware passed around a 1955 petition that showed the 85 acres that originally were carved out of the city limits. All of the information has been sent to Frances Cantwell of Charleston who is an annexation lawyer and expert in these matters. Milliken is still planning to demolish the buildings and plant the acreage in pines and have it rezoned agricultural. There was some discussion about the easement access that the city would have and the amount of acreage that would be taxed. There is still a question of whether it is worth the city re-annexing the property.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-3 to Amend Article III Flood Damage Prevention, Sections 6-431, 6-433, 6-439(a)(2), 6-439(a)(3) and 6-445. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. The Ordinance was read by title only by Administrator Zawacki.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance 2010-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

First Reading of Ordinance No 2010-4 to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Barnwell for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2011. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. The Ordinance was read by title only by Administrator Zawacki. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance 2010-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Administrator's Update – given to the Council by Administrator John Zawacki

The 2010/2011 city budget workshop will be held at City Hall on August 17th at 5:30.

The Main St. force main project is now 85% complete. The remaining items to be completed this week are the main pressure test and the hook up to the Galilee lift station and Main Street lift station. The final connection to the Brown Street sewer line will take place the end of this week or early next week. The new line should be operational by the end of next week. That will only leave the capping and chlorination of the old force mains, which will stay in place.

The paving of the circle is finally scheduled for this weekend. The circle will be shut down to traffic at 6pm on Saturday and will reopen at 6pm on Sunday. The striping of the parking and cross walk lines with thermo plastic will follow in several weeks.

We have begun the new building permit program and Ron Powell is our building official from England Enterprises. He has issued the first building permit for the construction company building a house in the Wannamaker subdivision. The next step in the program is to take the building permit department paperless by using an online secure document website. There is an overview brochure in the city council packet for information on the website.

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board is looking to fill 6 open positions and have asked councils help in doing so. If you or someone you know would like to be on the board please let the board know.

We were notified by the county administrator that the county council has approved \$8,500 for the 2010/2011 budget year for Barnwell Recreation and will be given to the City of Barnwell Parks & Recreation Department.

Mr. Brian Croft of Croft's Residential Construction has requested to look at all the building permits issued during the last year under the Freedom of Information Act. We have set August 9th for Mr. Croft to review the permits.

The Barnwell Baseball Association has made a request by letter for the \$5,000 that was given to them by the City Council last year that they had given back to the City earlier this year. They are experiencing a shortfall in their budget of over \$6,000. Administrator Zawacki also pointed out to the City Council that the City has spent \$19,936 in maintenance and repairs of Lemon Park due to the Baseball season.

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 Walling commented on the \$5,000 request from the Barnwell Baseball Association. The \$5,000 is not available and the Parks & Recreation Committee does not recommend giving the Association any money. It would also be suggested that if the Barnwell Baseball Association cannot run the program without a deficit budget, that it may be time for the City Recreation Department to take over the Baseball/Softball Program. Director Randell stated that the \$5,000 given back to the City by the Baseball Association plus an addition \$5,000 from the city was used to recondition the fields this year. This is in addition to the almost \$20,000 that the City spent on maintaining the fields for the baseball/softball season and the repairs needed to the park due to damage caused during the season. Administrator Zawacki noted that the programs that the Recreation Department was running have broken even and not lost any money. The only other issue that Director Randell noted was that the concession stand had lost money this year. The Department has already asked for parent volunteers to work the concession stand during the football season. This may eliminate the extra amount of staff and employee payroll for running the concession stand. Mayor Lemon asked about the cost of outfitting a football player. Director Randell stated that with new equipment, it costs about \$300. Administrator Zawacki also pointed out that if the City Parks and Recreation does take over the baseball/softball program, then the department will need to hire another person.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan. Councilman Walling made a motion to change the official Halloween Trick or Treat night in the city to Saturday, October 30th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo. Councilman Duncan asked the chief about the recent heat wave and the fire dangers. Chief Dicks stated that we had been lucky that there have not been any problems due to the heat.

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

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black. Councilman Atkinson stated that the handicap parking at Lemon Park is still being worked on.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox- Information was provided about the August Third Thursday, Back to School theme and the need to assist the teachers with supplies. She reported on the City's Facebook page. There are 879 fans, averaging 135 users per week, and 151 page views. The Wayfinding Task force met July 27th and discussed the assessment. Director Cox will be working on several items before the next meeting including a letter to churches and organizations with existing signs, a policy for city council to possibly adopt, and placements of the future signs. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 24 at 1:00 pm.

Christmas Event: Letters will go out into the community by the end of August regarding the Christmas Events. Name that Park Contest: The city has received several entries already for the parking naming. There will also be several signs up in front of the park promoting this contest.

Councilman Duncan asked Chief Gantt about the Dodge Chargers. Chief Gantt reported that they were working very well, better than the older cars and getting better gas mileage. He also hoped that he would hear from the COPS grant in August.

Councilman Pattillo stated that since he had not been at the last meeting that he wanted to state that he had received a number of comments from citizens regarding the pawn shop across from the school. It was noted by the Mayor that several others had opposed the issue but no one has come before council during a meeting to make a statement. Since it was not on the agenda, there was no further discussion.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion that Council move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Council moved into Executive Session. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion that Administrator Zawacki continue negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

August 17, 2010

The following are the minutes of a Budget Workshop of the Barnwell City Council held at Barnwell City Hall on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 5:30 pm. Minutes on disk.

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

Councilmembers W.C. Black and Steve Walling were absent.

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

There were no representatives from the news media present.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to review proposed salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Executive Session adjourned. There was no action taken during Executive Session.

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo reviewed the preliminary budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011 with Council. A Public Hearing on the proposed budget in the amount of \$4,335,540 was set for Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:15 pm.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

September 13, 2010

The following are the minutes of the Public Hearing on the proposed City of Barnwell 2010-2011 operating budget held at the Barnwell City Hall on Monday, Sept. 13, 2010 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, Robert Pattillo 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 Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

Ms Susan Delk of the People Sentinel was also present.

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

Administrator Zawacki highlighted the budget changes from the budget workshop.

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

September 13, 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, September 13, 2010 at 6:30 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, Robert Pattillo 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 Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

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 stated that the City will receive 25% of a bond estreatment collected in August because a city police officer was the arresting officer. Ms. McElveen informed Council that Family Court will be next week and General Sessions will be the first week in October. Ms. McElveen stated that Register of Deeds should be online within the next couple of months.

Will Kearse – Mr. Kearse was representing the Barnwell Baseball Association. Mr. Kearse stated that the Barnwell Baseball Association had requested \$5,000.00 back that they had given to the City. Mr. Kearse presented Council with the Baseball Budget. Mr. Kearse stated that they had 23 children that could not afford to pay the fees for playing baseball. The BBA Bi-Laws state that no child will be denied the opportunity to play baseball. Mr. Kearse stated that this cost the BBA \$1,500.00 to allow those children to play. Mr. Kearse requested that Council pay \$1,913.25 to the BBA to make up the shortage in the budget. Mr. Kearse stated that the BBA has an agreement with Director Emily Randall to help her next season in the park to offset some of the City's cost to run the park in exchange for this money. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to give the BBA the \$1,913.25 in exchange for 200 man hours from the BBA. The money would come from the general fund from unused funds for temporary help in the Recreation Department budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Mayor Lemon requested to amend the agenda to include 4A Surplus Funds Motion. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve amending the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 City of Barnwell budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to allow the City Treasurer to move all surplus funds over the bond account requirement from the Water & Sewer Department to the General Fund. The transfer will be authorized and based on the final amount of the year end audited figures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-3 to Amend Article III Flood Damage Prevention, Sections 6-431, 6-433, 6-439(a) (2), 6-439 (a) (3), and 6-445. Councilman Pattillo 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2010-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-4 to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year for the City of Barnwell. Councilman Walling made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title Only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title Only. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2010-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Councilman Black made a motion to adopt the Budget as amended and presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo informed Council that the tax levy for the new budget remained at 69.2 mills, 59.2 mills for operating and 10 mills for debt payment. She explained that although reassessment increased the assessed value for real property, this increase was offset by decreases in assessed values for vehicles, personal property, and manufacturing personal property.

Review of submissions for Name That Park Contest – The committee narrowed the entries down to six. Council discussed the entries. Mayor Lemon stated that Council will decide on the name next month.

Resolution for a Community Development Block Grant – Administrator Zawacki stated that the city is working with LSCOG to get a grant to do a study for low income neighborhoods. The city tried to get a grant from them last year but it was rejected due to lack of participation. We are trying to get a grant to do a planning study of the area to discover what is available through the Renaissance Program to rehabilitate the area of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 9th streets. There are approximately 60 families in the area. Mayor Lemon read the resolution. The resolution commits the city to the required 10% matching funds of \$2,500.00. Administrator Zawacki stated that funds were in the budget. Councilman Duncan made a motion to adopt the Resolution. During discussion Administrator Zawacki stated that the area needed a lot work. Chief Tony Dicks stated that the objective was to revitalize the area and create a better tax base. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

InfantSEE Week Resolution – Mayor Lemon read the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams made a motion to pass the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Administrator's Update – Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- SCDOT has agreed to put in crosswalks across Dunbarton Blvd. near Sport's and one at the top of the hill at Five Points. They will start work immediately and will be complete by year's end.
- City will receive the final payment of grant money for the Circle Upgrade work before the end of this fiscal year.
- We have had one Public Hearing on the Community Block Grant with very little participation. Reverend Bennie Wiggins has agreed to try to get the community more involved.
- Main St/Galilee Rd. Force Main Project is complete and both force mains are in full operation.
- WWTP had another lightning strike, but the strike only blew the controller out for the gate. This only cost \$1,000.00 to repair.
- Work at the park on the lake is progressing slowly. Hopefully within the next 4-8 weeks you should be able to see the progress.
- Received the final approval letter on Recreational Trails Grant for Fuller Park. Administrator Zawacki and Director Randall will be attending a mandatory financial meeting on September 30, 2010.

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- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: Mayor Lemon read a letter commending Police Officers Woodruff and Polk from Carol Padgett for their help given to her husband. Administrator Zawacki stated that there will be an Oath of Office for the newest Police Officer at the next Council meeting.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Dicks stated that he will be going to Minnesota to represent the State Firefighters Association. Chief Dicks informed Council that there will be an open house at the Fire Station on the first Tuesday in October. Chief Dicks stated that there will be a promotional ceremony at the next Council meeting. Councilman Atkinson stated that he had several good comments about the Fire Truck with the flag on it for September 11th remembrance.

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 reminded Council about Third Thursday. Director Cox stated that the Way Finding Committee will be meeting with DOT Sept. 14, 2010 and with local churches and organizations who may be interested in the Way Finding Program on Sept. 21, 2010. The Way Finding Committee will meet again on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 1:00pm.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion that Council move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Council moved into Executive Session. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

September 20, 2010

The following are the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Barnwell City Council held at Barnwell City Hall on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 5:30 pm.
Minutes on cd.

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

Also present were City Attorney Thomas Boulware and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo.

Marty Martin Jr. with the Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation was also present. The news media was not present.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter of intent subject to conditions recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

October 4, 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, October 4, 2010 at 6:30 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, Robert Pattillo 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 Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

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.

Police Officer Oath of Office – Mayor Lemon read the oath and Officer Reuben Black took the oath.

Public Comments:

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen updated Council on County Court Sessions

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010 Special Called City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Review of submissions for Name That Park Contest – Councilman Atkinson explained about the Kilkenny name. Councilman Atkinson stated that the land was part of Kilkenny Plantation and was originally owned by the Tobin family. Director Lynn Cox stated that Kilkenny was not a person's name. Councilman Atkinson recommended naming the park Kilkenny Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams asked if we could get historical information written up. Councilman Atkinson stated that Jennings Owens could tell Council everything about Kilkenny Plantation. Councilman Atkinson stated that there is plenty of information available on the history of Kilkenny Plantation. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to name the park Kilkenny Park. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Administrator's Update-Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- SCDOT has started work on the cross walks across Dunbarton Blvd. They are planning on having these crosswalks completed by the end of the year.
- We have received approval to operate the new force mains from DHEC. This was the last action needed to complete this project.
- He and Emily Randell attended a mandatory fiscal briefing meeting with the Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism for the Fuller Park Trails Grant. We have 18 months to complete the trail.
- We received the resignation of Officer Woodruff on September 27th. We are now advertizing this opening.
- The Planning Commission will be holding a public meeting on October 25th for the election of Chairman and Vice Chair and discussions on a request from the Barnwell County EDC to rezone an area from Airport Rd. to Joey Zorn Blvd from Industrial to Highway Commercial. The EDC wants to sell these lots in 1 acre plots but the setbacks for Industrial would severely limit the size of the structure that could be built on a 1 acre lot.

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- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: No Report

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Dicks stated that Fire Prevention Week is this week and they will be holding an Open House at the Fire Department on October 5th at 7:00

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

Building and Planning-Councilmen Atkinson and Black: Councilman Atkinson stated that the commitment letter for the sewer line has been received by the Department of Commerce and an approval to proceed with the Preliminary Engineering Report was needed tonight. The report would be done by BP Barber at a cost of \$10,000.00. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to proceed with the Preliminary Engineering Report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. City Attorney Boulware asked Council where the money would come from. Administrator Zawacki stated that the money could come out of savings or the Contingent Fund.

Councilman Atkinson stated that preliminary work on the Fuller Park Trail has begun. The grant states that the trail has to be ADA approved. Councilman Atkinson stated that a portion of the ball field will have to be utilized for the trail and they would like to take down the ball field. Director Emily Randell stated that use of the field as a ball field has been limited and she feels that the field would be better used as a multi-purpose field. Director Randell stated that we would take down the fencing and leave the lights so that more people could use the field. Councilman Black made a motion to convert Fuller Park Field to a multi-purpose field. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Cox updated Council on Facebook participation and upcoming October events.

Firemen Promotional Ceremony – The City of Barnwell Fire Department held a Promotional Ceremony. Phillip Delk took the Oath of Deputy Fire Chief. Mark Cato took the Oath of Fire Captain. Scotty Sturkie, Jerry Hodge, Ryan Delk, Adam Bolen, and Scotty Hankins took the Oath of Fire Lieutenant. Councilmen Walling and Pattillo presented Officers with pins and certificates. The Officers' family members then pinned the badges on the Officers' uniforms. Mayor Lemon thanked the Officers for all that they do for the City of Barnwell.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
November 1, 2010 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: J.T. Atkinson, W.C. Black, Ben Duncan, and Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Mayor Edward Lemon 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, and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

POLICE OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Pro Tem Williams read the oath and Officer Stephanie Adams took the oath.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Riley - Mr. Riley wanted to thank Council and Chief Gantt for their support of the Meadowbrook Neighborhood Crime Watch by helping them with their sign and street light requests. Mr. Riley invited Council to attend their next meeting at the Courthouse on November 9th at 7:00PM.

Rhonda McElveen – Ms. McElveen updated Council on County Court Sessions.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2010

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CITY OF BARNWELL WAY FINDING POLICY

Director Lynn Cox stated that she wanted to let Council know that the policy was created in order to be in compliance with SC Department of Transportation's request. Director Cox also stated that the policy had already been approved by Regional SC DOT. Councilman Atkinson asked if the policy only applied to signs on SC DOT's Right of Way. Administrator Zawacki answered yes. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the City of Barnwell Way Finding Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CITY OF BARNWELL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR REZONING FULDER RD

Administrator Zawacki stated that there was only one person in attendance at the City of Barnwell Planning Commission public meeting held October 25, 2010. Administrator Zawacki stated that the rezoning was needed because the Barnwell Economic Development Commission wanted to sell one acre lots for professional offices but the set back requirements made that impossible. Administrator Zawacki stated that the Planning Commission made a recommendation to change the zoning from Industrial to Highway Commercial and requests Council to hold a Public Hearing on the matter. Councilman Atkinson asked about the zoning on the opposite side of the road. Administrator Zawacki stated the opposite side of the road was already zoned Highway Commercial. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the recommendation for rezoning Fuldner Rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki stated that Council needs to set a public hearing on the matter. The public hearing was set for Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE COLLECTION OF LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS & HOP

Administrator Zawacki stated that City Attorney Thomas Boulware requests Council to postpone acting on this matter until the next scheduled Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the matter would be postponed until the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE
John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

Work has started on the Fuller Park walking trail. A significant amount of the clearing has been done. When we finish with the trail lay out, we will go out for bid on the asphalt, boardwalk and trail head shelter. We hope to have the bids awarded by year's end.

We are waiting on approval from Barnwell County Economic Development Commission to request a PER on the sewer proposed for the SCAT Park.

WWTP received a call from DHEC that we had failed our CT toxicity sample. DHEC called back two days later and said we did not fail the test, that there was a problem with their analysis and to send a second sample. We did and DHEC said that we passed with 23.9%. The failing number is 25%. In researching our past samples we never went above 18%. We feel DHEC is still having lab problems. We will be taking another round of samples in December. At that time we will take two samples and send one to DHEC and one to an independent lab.

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 read Director Randell's report on football, cheerleading and the upcoming All Star Football hosted by the Barnwell Parks & Recreation Department. The games will be held at Barnwell High School. Also, the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot will be held on November 13th at 10:00 AM.

Police- Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Duncan: Councilman Duncan asked Chief Gantt for an update on the Police cars. Chief Gantt stated that although they are in need of some repairs, they are serviceable.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Dicks reminded Council about the Fire Dept.'s Annual Christmas Supper will be on December 10th at 7:00pm. Councilman Duncan stated that he enjoyed the Fire Dept.'s Open House and that he learned a great deal.

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 upcoming activities. Director Cox stated that the Wayfinding Task Force will be working toward areas that Wayfinding can be placed and they will be working with DOT to designate those areas. They are also working on an idea for a sign display for local churches and organizational signs. Director Cox updated Council on Facebook and website activity. Administrator Zawacki updated Council on Boy Scouts' camp out on the Circle.

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
December 6, 2010 – 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellis McCoy – Mr. McCoy commented on fire and police procedures

Sam McKay – Mr. McKay was representing the Barnwell County Career Center. He was asking for assistance with the school's water bill due to the fact that the school had a fire which caused a broken water line that ran for nearly 24 hours before being detected. They also had a broken water line underground that they were not aware of. Therefore, the water bill was extremely high. The school is requesting a 50% reduction of their water bill. Mayor Lemon stated that he did not see any way possible for the City to reduce the bill due to loan covenants. However, the City can allow the school to pay the bill over a period of six months or so.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010

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

FIRST 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 Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title Only. Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2010-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

SCDOT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT AGREEMENT

Administrator Zawacki explained to Council that the agreement was for a project on Clinton St and Dunbarton Blvd. Basically the project will round off Clinton St to make it easier for semi-trucks to make the turn onto Clinton St. There will also be some repaving. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve SCDOT’s request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF A POTENTIAL SKATEBOARD PARK AT FULLER PARK

Mayor Lemon stated that he had a request to put up a skate park. Mayor Lemon and Council discussed the possible liabilities and costs of a skate park. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if we could look into possible grants that may be available to cover the cost. Director Cox stated that there may be some grants available to build a certified skate park. Mayor Lemon gave the request to the Recreation Committee to look into.

APPROVAL OF 2011 DATES FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the dates for the 2011 Regular Scheduled Barnwell City Council monthly meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2011 HOLIDAYS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the 2011 Holidays for Administrative and Emergency Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUSES

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

APPROVAL OF FIREMEN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the Firemen Christmas bonuses. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

John Zawacki, City Administrator

Administrator Zawacki updated Council on the following:

- The request for BP Barber to do the PER for project tissue has been issued and completion is expected before the Christmas holidays.
- The SC Supreme Court has issued a decision that requires all City Ordinance summons to be issued in person. That means that we will not be able to cite out of town property owners on ordinance violations. I am obtaining a copy of the Supreme Court decision for City Attorney Boulware to review and provide us with an opinion on our current ordinance and see if an update is needed.
- We have received notice that the City will get a \$15,000 grant from the Village Renaissance Grant program to develop a revitalization plan for the Bantam Forks neighborhood. Lynn Cox will be the City contact person.
- Currently the Water and Sewer Department is significantly shorthanded. We have two individuals out on workers compensation and one WWTP operator has resigned. We are currently looking for two part time workers for W&S and a new operator for the WWTP.
- The Police Department also is understaffed with one resignation, one officer out on leave and one officer going to the Academy. We are interviewing for the open position and are covering the other slots with overtime.
- We received a Downtown Market Opportunities Report from the Department of Commerce. This report was generated as part of a proposed Community Enterprise Program. Only three SC cities were asked to participate-Bishopville, Union and Barnwell. Lynn Cox led our team of Marty Martin, Lynn, and Administrator Zawacki. We had two great projects set up and Lynn pushed Commerce to the max to get the program going. However, she was not able to make

contact before the two possible properties were sold and now we have none available. Therefore, we have backed out of the program.

-Mayor Lemon asked Administrator Zawacki to ask SCDOT to bring Franklin St. all the way to Main with a right turn only onto Main.

Mayor Lemon expressed his condolences to Administrator Zawacki on the loss of his brother.

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 following: They have started taking down the fence at Fuller Park. Recreational Basketball will be starting next week. Seven tournament dates with a new organization have been set at the Lemon Park Sports Complex.

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: Administrator Zawacki is still working on the bid package for the Boardwalk at Fuller Park.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Cox updated Council on the Christmas events, Christmas Parade winners, upcoming Third Thursday and Facebook. Director Cox stated that Rovella Phillips donated the wreaths and garland that is on the upstairs windows of City Hall.

Councilman Pattillo asked about the Approval of the Resolution Opposing State Collection of Local Accommodation & Hospitality Tax that was postponed at the last meeting. Administrator Zawacki stated that this would be postponed until after the Legislative Breakfast Meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING
December 6, 2010 – 6:15PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

PUBLIC HEARING

Barnwell City Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Map Amendment Recommendation for property located on Fuldner Rd 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, and Benjamin Duncan.

Council Members Absent: 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 Public Hearing to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Lemon explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input on the recommendation to change the zoning of property located on Fuldner Rd. from Industrial to Highway Commercial. He asked for public comment. There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Marie Vargo, City Clerk & Treasurer