

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
January 7, 2013 – 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., Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, W.C. Black, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: J.T. Atkinson

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**POLICE OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Officer Mike Wilson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Herman Williams stated that he lives on Marlboro Ave next to the Big T. Mr. Williams stated that he is concerned about the loud noise and the safety of the neighborhood. Police have been called to the Big T several times. Mayor Lemon told Mr. Williams that the City will look over the ordinances and see what the City can do about the situation.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2012 REGULAR  
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-1 AMENDING CHAPTER 4  
“ANIMALS” OF THE BARNWELL CITY CODE**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title Only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title Only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-1 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-2 AMENDING CHAPTER 4  
“NUISANCES” OF THE BARNWELL CITY CODE**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title Only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by Title Only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-2 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Mayor Pro Tem Williams questioned why barking was not listed as a nuisance. City Attorney Thomas Boulware stated that there is a separate ordinance that addresses barking dogs. The motion was unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-3 APPROVAL OF THE CITY  
OF BARNWELL’S REDISTRICTING PLAN 1**

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 approve Ordinance 2013-3 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL FOIA POLICY**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City has been getting a good many requests for Freedom of Information disclosures and the City does not have a standard policy on how to handle these requests. Administrator Zawacki stated that this would put into place an actual policy for handling FOIA requests. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adopt the City of Barnwell Freedom of Information Act Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE REQUEST**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City has been asked for a business license for internet sweepstakes machines. Administrator Zawacki stated that these machines are border line. The South Carolina Department of Revenue licenses the machines but doesn't say if they are legal or illegal. Several municipalities are putting in moratoriums until the legislature look into these machines. Other municipalities are issuing licenses but have the business owner sign an affidavit stating that the machines are not for gambling purposes. The suggestion of the Administrator and Clerk & Treasurer would be to issue a license with a signed affidavit from the owner that states the machines are licensed by the SC Department of Revenue and are not being used for gambling. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he feels we should wait until legislature defines the machines. Administrator Zawacki explained that we would have to have an amendment to the zoning ordinance for a moratorium. Discussion followed. Mayor Lemon tabled the issue until City Attorney Thomas Boulware could look into the matter.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on upcoming recreation programs. Dates have been finalized for the UKISC Soccer Camp, Baseball Camp, and WFC girls softball. The annual candy cane hunt had 40 participants. The basketball program started last week. The winter program guide has been completed. This year the recreation department will be working with DNR on the Fishing Rodeo with the date to be announced.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Dicks updated Council on the results of the bids for the new fire truck which were opened on January 3, 2013. Four bids and one letter of no bid were received. He outlined his review process to Council. After preliminary review of the bids, Chief Dicks determined that only 2 bids remain acceptable, Bidder #1 Safe Industries \$358,720 and Bidder #4 Spartan Fire & Emergency Apparatus \$359,210. The fire department is recommending the bid be awarded to Bidder #4 even though the bid from Bidder #1 was \$490 lower because Bidder #1 indicated three exceptions to the bid specifications. The truck from Bidder #1 also has a longer wheelbase and will not be functional with the station door. Attorney Boulware stated that awarding this bid would have to be an agenda item. It was determined to have the City Administrator continue with the process and look at leasing options and have a special called meeting to award the bid.

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: Administrator Zawacki informed Council that it was time to file their 2013 Statement of Economic Interest forms. He also asked the Finance committee to get with him so he could set up a meeting with the auditors.

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Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: Administrator Zawacki informed Council that we had gone out for request for proposal and bids to repair the leaking roof at the fire department. These will be opened Thursday and presented at the next Council meeting.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: No Report

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
January 16, 2013 – 4:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**REVIEW AND AWARD FIRE TRUCK BID**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion, upon recommendation of the fire committee, to award the bid to bidder #4 Spartan Fire & Emergency Apparatus (Pierce) for a Pierce fire truck for \$359,210. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the City had asked for financing proposals from each of the bidders and also from Branch Banking and Trust Company, BB&T. Discussion followed. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to enter into a lease purchase agreement with BB&T for the purchase of the fire truck for a term of 7 years with an interest rate of 1.76%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved

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## **RESOLUTION FOR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion, upon recommendation from the City Administrator, to pass the resolution approving financing terms with Branch Banking and Trust Company for an equipment lease purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed \$359,210, the annual interest rate not to exceed 1.76% and the financing term not to exceed 7 years from closing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the agreement with Pierce offers an optional prepayment discount of \$9,872 if the City pays 100% within 30 days from the signing of the contract. The prepayment option would need to include a performance bond from Pierce covering both the City and BB&T. Attorney Boulware also stated that he felt that an opinion about the tax exempt status of the financing, if needed, should come from a bond attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to allow the City Administrator to negotiate with BB&T about the financing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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MEETING LOCATION:  
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**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn Cox and Recreation Director Mike Shumaker.

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jimmy Hallingquest, owner of Big T, told Council he wanted to dispute the complaints Herman Williams said at last month's City Council meeting about his club. Mr. Hallingquest said that he ran a tight club and that Council could verify this with the police department. He stated that Mr. Williams was trying to start his own club. Mayor Lemon stated that Council would take his comments into consideration.

Ms. Rhonda McElveen updated City Council on County Court schedule.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2013 SPECIAL CALLED  
MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 special called meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**REVIEW AND BID AWARD FOR REPAIR OF FIRE STATION ROOF**

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that three bids were received for the repair of the fire station roof. Bidder #1 Reliable Roofing & Repairs bid \$4,500 with a five year warranty. Bidder #2 Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling bid \$7,680 with a twenty year warranty and a five year workmanship warranty. Bidder #3 R.W. Nunnery Roofing bid \$9,875 with a 12 year warranty and a three year labor warranty. All three companies had good insurance in place and good references. Administrator Zawacki recommended that they go with bidder #2 Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling due to the excellent warranty period provided. Discussion followed. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the recommendation to use bidder #2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE REQUEST**

The business license request for internet sweepstakes machines was withdrawn.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Attended a CDBG grant workshop at Lower Savannah Council of Governments. We may be eligible for a 90% grant to increase the water infrastructure for certain areas of the City. The water and sewer committee will have more on this.
- The Main St water tank was inspected last week. The inspection results are in your package. The water & sewer committee will have more information on this.
- I was informed last week that SG Tissue has purchased a tissue plant in Florida in November. They are now saying that the proposed Barnwell plant will be an expansion of the Florida plant. We have no information on a time frame for the Barnwell project.

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- Our newest police car was in an accident. It is being repaired by the Chrysler dealer in Aiken to protect the warranty.
- Attended Governor Haley's meeting at the Edisto Research and Education Center for her Original Six Foundation. The meeting was a discussion of what are the biggest challenges for Barnwell County. The County Council was present as well as Mayors and Administrators of all the cities in the county and the school district superintendents. Governor Haley has proclaimed March 16th as Barnwell County Day and will be setting up an event that will bring healthcare, industry and other providers to the county. The time will be between 10 and 2, at a yet to be determined location.
- Updated Council on the progress of the redevelopment of the old Reid's Shopping Center.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson:

Councilman Atkinson stated that the water & sewer committee recommends the City proceed with the Main St. Water Tank project. He asked Administrator Zawacki to explain the project to Council. Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the Main St water tank was inspected last week by the engineers and the tank company. Their report contains three options. Option 1 is to take care of rust and peeling paint on the outside of the tank and overcoat the paint for approximately \$250,000. This would last about 15 years. No interior work at this time but it would have to be looked at again in 6 to 8 years. Option 2 is to sandblast the outside of the tank and put on a new finish for approximately \$300,000. This would last about 20 years. No interior work would be done. Option 3 is to sandblast and recoat outside and interior of tank for approximately \$350,000. The costs were very conservative. Administrator Zawacki asked Council for permission to do the bid packages and send them off so that we can get a good idea of the actual cost of the project. Discussion followed. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to allow Administrator Zawacki to start the bid package process. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Councilman Atkinson stated that the second item for discussion was the water lines in the Hagood Ave area. Administrator Zawacki stated that we have major problems from Carolina Ave down Hagood Ave and Colonial Ave back to Hagood Ave. The line was put there in the 1950's and is asbestos concrete and we have had five major breaks to that line in the last year. We also have an insufficient amount of fire hydrants in the Colonial Ave and Oak St area and in Peachtree Gdns and Elberta Circle. The grant request would be to replace all of the asbestos line and to add additional fire hydrants in order to meet the state code. This is a 90% grant so we would only have to match 10%. In order to do a CDBG grant you have to do a Preliminary Engineering Report to go with it. That report would cost \$20,000. If we get the grant, the engineering is included in the grant. If we don't get the grant we will be responsible for the \$20,000. This is a \$500,000 project. A survey will have to go out to all residents of the areas discussed because the group served has to be at least low to medium income for us to get the grant. Councilman Atkinson asked Administrator Zawacki what he thinks our chances are of getting the grant. Administrator Zawacki stated that it would all hinge on whether or not the area is 51% low to medium income. Administrator Zawacki stated that the money for the Preliminary Engineering Report would come out of contingency bank account in the water & sewer fund. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to give Administrator Zawacki permission to proceed with

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the grant application and survey for the Hagood Ave water lines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the Farmer's Market, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Dixie Youth Baseball and the current job opening in the Recreation Department. Discussion followed concerning the Farmer's Market.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Lynn Cox informed Council that we received a Palmetto Pride Grant for \$4,000 to replace trash cans along levy and lake and that Third Thursdays will start back in March

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
February 19, 2013 – 5:15 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-4 AUTHORIZING THE  
FINANCING AND PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-4, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE TRANSACTION (FIRE TRUCK) IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 (\$359,210.00) DOLLARS TO BE PAID OVER SEVEN YEARS AT 1.76 PERCENT AND TO BE FINANCED BY BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY (BB&T) TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT FINANCING; AND DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the

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Ordinance 2013-4 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the closing would take place on February 25, 2013.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
February 11, 2013 – 5:15 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

Council Members Absent: J.T. Atkinson and Robert Pattillo

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-4 AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING AND  
PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK**

City Attorney Thomas Boulware informed Council that while the City had adopted a resolution initially for the financing of the fire truck, state statute requires an ordinance to be adopted for the City to borrow money. This ordinance will be substituted for the resolution adopted at the last meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-4, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE TRANSACTION (FIRE TRUCK) IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 (\$359,210.00) DOLLARS TO BE PAID OVER SEVEN YEARS AT 1.76 PERCENT AND TO BE FINANCED BY BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY (BB&T) TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT FINANCING; AND DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO THE CITY

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ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Mr. Boulware read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
March 4, 2013 – 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., Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, W.C. Black, and J.T. Atkinson

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel and Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT, MCGREGOR & COMPANY**

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 financial statements. He stated that the audit format was very similar to what it has been the last few years. He referred to the auditor's report and informed Council that there were no findings and in their opinion the financial statements were presently fairly in all material respects. He explained the Management's Discussion and Analysis section and recommended

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that Council read this section for a summary of the financial activities for the year. He then reviewed the various sections of the statements with Council. Mayor Lemon thanked him for his presentation.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2012 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the 2012 City of Barnwell audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 special called meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 special called meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

-Surveys for the CDBG grant are being conducted. Presently, we have 52 of the 81 surveys returned. LSCOG will be here Wednesday to pick up the ones we have. Water department personnel will be going house to house for the second time tomorrow to see if we can get the rest of the surveys. The first of two public meetings on the project will be held at 4:30 on March 19<sup>th</sup> in City Hall. Posters have been placed around the City to notify the residents. We will also send notifications to the 81 families in the project area. The application deadline to have the application to Commerce is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

-Police Officer Derek Jones has resigned his position for personal reasons. His last day will be tomorrow. We have placed a job notice on the web site and in the paper.

-The remaining grant money from Project Tissue has been returned to SCE&G.

-A power pole supplying power to the Woodcrest lift station fell on the surrounding fence in February. Emergency repairs to the meter base, fuse box and support structure were made at a cost of \$2,500. The lift station never lost power and continued to pump sewage to the WWTP.

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-The bid package for the refurbishment of the Main St water tower will be reviewed this week with our engineers. We will then put them out for bid. The bid date is going to be Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm.

-Mr. Williams had asked me to find out if there were any additional charges if we painted the water tower in our City colors. The paint manufacturer has matched our colors and indicates that there will be no added cost. I am currently waiting on an artist representation of the tower in our colors- golden straw and cinnamon. I will get this to all City Councilmen and the Mayor for their approval or changes.

-Finally, we have received a copy of the notice and application for settlement and compromise between Barnwell County Hospital and S.C. Regional Health System.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the two new trees put in Kilkenny Park, farmers market, Daddy/Daughter Ball, Basketball, Dixie Youth Baseball, World Fast Pitch Tournaments, and upcoming events.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the new fire truck, his upcoming trip to the State House for lunch with the Firefighters Association, and acquiring rescue tool equipment at a discounted price through the Savannah River Site Reuse Organization.

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Lynn Cox updated Council on Third Thursday, Golden Broom Award, Geocaching, and Healthy Communities Initiatives.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Retail Revitalization Credit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. No action was taken in executive session. Council returned to regular session.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL**

**April 1, 2013 – 6:30PM**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Edward Lemon, Steve Walling and Robert Pattillo

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Chapel stated that she and her husband reside on Marlboro Ave and they would like to complain about the gun shots every weekend coming from the Big T. Council discussed the situation with Mrs. Chapel. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked Chief Gantt if the police had responded, and Chief Gantt stated that they did respond and made arrests. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that they had discussed the situation with the Big T previously. Administrator Zawacki stated that he has requested that Chief Gantt contact the owners of the Big T and tell them how serious this situation is getting and Administrator Zawacki will follow up with a letter stating that if it continues we will have to revoke their business license. Mayor Pro Tem Williams assured Mrs. Chapel that Council is addressing the situation and will follow up on it.

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**MR. DALE BRADY PLANNER'S RESOLUTION TO PROTECT CITIZEN'S  
PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Mr. Dale Brady asked if Council had read the resolution he had previously given them and if Council would be willing to adopt the resolution. Administrator Zawacki explained that the City currently has a Comprehensive Plan and a Zoning Ordinance that the City feels covers citizens property rights. He explained that the resolution proposed by Mr. Brady was more restrictive and that would require an amendment to the current ordinances. Administrator Zawacki stated that there are steps that have to be followed for the potential adoption of any resolution by Council and he gave Mr. Brady a copy of steps.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**CDBG RESOLUTION**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The resolution committed the required 10% matching funds for applying for the Community Development Block Grant to make improvements to the water system along Peachtree Gardens, Elberta Circle, Hagood Ave, Colonial Dr and Oak Lane.

**RESOLUTION OF SITE ELIGIBILITY**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that this was concerning the renovation of the old Reid's shopping center. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the resolution in title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the resolution by title only "A RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) THE ELIGIBILITY OF A SITE AND A PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT OF A CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX CREDIT TO HUTTON GROWTH OFP, LLC PURUSANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976,, AS AMENDED, AND (2) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO". Councilman Duncan made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-5**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only "AN ORDINANCE (1) APPROVING THE ELIGIBLILITY OF A SITE AND A PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT OF A CERTAIN PROPERTY

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TAX CREDIT TO HUTTON GROWTH OFF, LLC PURSUANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, (2) GRANTING SUCH PROPERTY TAX CREDIT TO HUTTON GROWTH OFF, LLC; AND (3) APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO". Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- The redevelopment of the old Reid's Plaza is on track for a June 1st opening of O'Reilly's Auto Parts and Family Dollar. These stores are planned to open even though the rest of the plaza will still be under construction. There will be a chain link fence between the construction area and the open stores.
- Request for bids for the water tower refurbishments has gone out and the bid opening has been set for April 23rd at 2:00 pm. It is expected that at least seven companies will bid the project.
- The final public hearing on the Hagood waterline CDBG grant application will be held tomorrow at 4:30 pm. The preliminary engineering report is complete and we expect to submit the application to Commerce no later than April 14th.
- We received a notice from Senator Hutto of grant funds available for the trails program for an extension of the Fuller Park boardwalk. However at this time funds are not available for the 20% match, so we decided to pass on this round.
- The City received a request for a donation of \$200 for the proposed James Brown Birthday Celebration which will be held off of highway 278 in the county. I have not received the date as of this meeting. Any donation would have to be approved by council, as we do not have this budgeted in any budget line item.
- Milliken will start demolition of their plant this week and the land will be planted in pines after demolition.
- I was told today that there is a potential sale of SASCO. The new company does the same type of work as SASCO and they are planning a three shift five day operation.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the hiring of Brad Cochran, Dixie Youth Season, Easter programs, upcoming events, Summer Program and Farmer's Market.

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams: Chief Gantt updated Council on the problems with shots being fired at Big T and throughout the City. Chief Gantt also updated Council on the increasing crime rate and stated that overtime will be increasing due to these issues. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked Chief Gantt if the shootings in town are drug related.

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Chief Gantt stated that he feels that they are but he has nothing to back that up. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked Chief Gantt if we could get help from SLED or some other agency. Chief Gantt stated that the Sheriff's office has helped. Chief Gantt and Council discussed options to address the rising crime problems in the City.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Lynn Cox updated Council on Bike/Pedestrian Trail, Third Thursday and Great American Clean Up.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
May 6, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

Council Members Absent: J.T. Atkinson

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE OFFICER DOYLE BURDETTE**

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Doyle Burdette.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Wayne Hallingquest, the owner of Big T, addressed Council's concerns about gunshots in the vicinity of the club. He informed Council that he has met with Chief Gantt. Mr. Hallingquest has hired additional security for the club and the police are patrolling more in that area.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan. The motion passed with Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilman Black, Councilman Duncan and Councilman

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Pattillo voting in favor. Mayor Lemon and Councilman Walling abstained from voting because they were absent from that meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM URS ON REFURBISHMENT OF THE MAIN STREET WATER TANK AND APPROVAL OF LOW BID**

Administrator Zawacki reviewed the three bids received for the repair and repainting of the Main Street elevated water tank. Base Proposal #1 includes the total sandblasting of the entire tank in full containment then total priming and painting of the tank. This proposal will add 30 to 35 years of service. Alternate #1 includes the replacement of the safety door at the bottom of the steps and a new hatch on top. URS, the City engineers, recommend the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Utility Service Co., in the amount of \$272,300 which includes \$271,100 for Base Proposal #1 and \$1,200 for Alternate #1. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to award the contract to Utility Service Co. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**PETITION REQUEST FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET NEIGHBORHOOD FOR UPGRADES TO THEIR POTABLE WATER LINES**

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the City has received a petition signed by citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> St. neighborhood for upgrade to their potable water lines. The water lines in this area are in continuous need of repair. They are requesting that Council allow administrative staff to make application to the Rural Infrastructure Authority for possible grant funds to replace the potable water line. Administrator Zawacki stated that the third round of awards would be in July. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to instruct the City Administrator to proceed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT BLUE CHOICE PLAN OR BLUE CHOICE ALTERNATE PLAN FOR 2013 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Administrator Zawacki explained to Council that the information on final premium figures was just received and asked that this be postponed until the May 20<sup>th</sup> special called meeting so the numbers could be evaluated and discussed with the finance committee. Councilman Black made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**MIDYEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW**

City Clerk and Treasurer, Kim Vargo, presented Council with a mid-year financial review. The General Fund has collected 47% of its budgeted revenue and spent 49% of its budgeted expenses. The Water and Sewer Fund has collected 48% of its budgeted revenues and spent 52%

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of its budgeted expenses. If the current trend continues both funds are anticipated to stay within budget.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- The redevelopment of the old Reid's Plaza is still on track for a June 1<sup>st</sup> grand opening of the three anchor stores. A public hearing on the property tax credit offered in the Retail Revitalization Act will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm immediately followed by a special called meeting for the second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-5 granting the property tax credit.
- The Sasco plant has been sold to a new company. They are currently planning a three shift five day operation.
- Milliken is moving forward with asbestos abatement at their old plant and expects to start demolition around the first of June.
- We will be renting a street sweeper for the month of May to clean up the City streets from the leaves and winter debris.
- We have started budget planning for next fiscal year and should be ready for a budget workshop in July.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on recreational activities. He invited Council to the Farmers Market grand opening on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Dicks updated Council on the progress of the new fire truck. He informed Council that the fire department has received a donation from a local company for the purchase of a new automatic external defibrillator.

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: 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 was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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May 20, 2013

The following are the minutes of a Public Hearing conducted by the Barnwell City Council on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm. at Barnwell City Hall. The topic of the hearing was the Ordinance 2013-5 an ordinance approving the eligibility of a Site and Project in connection with the grant of a certain property tax credit to Hutton Growth OFP, LLC. Minutes on disk.

Present were Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams, Sr. and Council Members W.C. Black, and J T Atkinson.

Also present were City Attorney Thomas Boulware, City Administrator John Zawacki and Human Resource Director Lynn Cox.

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lemon asked for public comment on the Ordinance 2013-5. There was no public comment.

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

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Lynn S. Cox, Human Resource Director

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
May 20, 2013 – 6:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

Council Members Absent: Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Human Resource Director Lynn Cox

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Due to waiting on Adam Levitt of the Hutton Company to make it to the meeting, the Mayor began with the Insurance Proposal first and then moved on to the Ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF AN EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR 2013/2014**

City Administrator Zawacki explained the differences in the current medical plan and the proposed medical plans. After brief discussion, Councilman Black made a motion to change the employee medical plan to the proposed United Health Care plan for the coverage year July 2013-June 2014 as well as the city covering the extra costs to the employees in the withholdings for family/spouse/child coverage. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2013-5**

City Attorney Boulware explained the changes that needed to be made from the first reading to the second reading on the Ordinance 2013-5. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the amendment to the proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

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**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-5 “(1) APPROVING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A SITE AND A PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT OF A CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX CREDIT TO HUTTON GROWTH OFP, LLC PURSUANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; (2) GRANTING SUCH PROPERTY TAX CREDIT TO HUTTON GROWTH OFP, LLC; AND (3) APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that Ordinance 2013-5 be read in 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 second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Lynn S. Cox, Human Resource Director

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
June 3, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2013 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 Special Called Meeting of the Barnwell City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**REQUEST FROM BARNWELL COUNTY FOR THE CITY TO CONSIDER  
ADOPTING A NOISE CODE ORDINANCE SIMILAR TO THE COUNTY'S  
ORDINANCE**

Mayor Lemon turned this matter over to the Police Committee, the Administrator, the Chief of Police and the City Attorney, for their recommendation.

**REQUEST FOR LAND PURCHASE AT THE CITY PARKING LOT**

Mayor Lemon stated that Dan Williams wants to purchase a strip of land in the City parking lot that runs behind his office. The City had not received the required information from Mr. Williams yet. Mayor Lemon made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo updated Council on the upcoming elections. The election date will be September 10, 2013. The districts up for election will be District #1-Mr. Atkinson, District #3-Mr. Duncan, and District #5-Mr. Pattillo. The filing period will be open from Monday, June 24, 2013 thru Friday, July 5, 2013. The filing fee is \$25.00. The election advertisement will run in the paper the weeks of June 19, 2013 and July 3, 2013. Naomi Defrenn, Director of Barnwell County Registration & Elections, is in the process of finalizing the district changes. She can print new voter registration cards for everyone that has changed districts but she doesn't have the money in her budget to cover the postage. She wanted to know if the City would be willing to cover the cost of the postage. The postage estimate is around \$230.00. Council agreed to pay the postage.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Received a letter from the Budget and Control Board stating that our millage cap for the next fiscal year is 2.07%, about 1.2 mills. Any increases will be looked at during the budget process.
- Gave as information to Council an article about an ordinance adopted by Charleston that disperses the crowd at a bar or other type business once the business closes. It gives the owners a limited time to get the people out once they close.

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-A budget meeting for department heads is set for Thursday at 10:00 am.  
-Asked Council for approval to get rid of scrap metal. The money would go into the general fund. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to give Administrator Zawacki approval to sell the scrap metal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the ribbon cutting for the Farmer's Market, canceling summer day camp due to low registration, Dixie Youth All Star Tournament, Pony League, and the UK Soccer Camp. Mayor Lemon thanked Mike for building the tables for the Farmer's Market.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: No Report

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Lynn Cox updated Council on upcoming Third Thursday, Fourth of July Celebration, and Geocache Tour.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
July 1, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo and J.T. Atkinson

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Recreation Director Mike Shumaker, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks.

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL POLICE COMMITTEE ON  
ADOPTING A NOISE CODE ORDINANCE SIMILAR TO THE BARNWELL  
COUNTY'S ORDINANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams stated that it is the opinion of the Police Committee that the county ordinance is unenforceable with the manpower that the City has. They feel that the City does not have a big noise problem and the current City ordinance is enough to handle any problems. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion not to pass the county noise ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL POLICE COMMITTEE TO  
APPROVE THE UPDATED CITY OF BARNWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VEHICLE PURSUIT POLICY**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that it is the recommendation of the Police Committee to pass the updated vehicle pursuit policy as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adopt the updated vehicle pursuit policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Updated Council on the progress on the Main St water tank. Work began June 21<sup>st</sup> and will take about 8 to 9 weeks to complete. Presented planned color scheme and asked Council to inform him if any changes need to be made.
- He will attend a funding workshop in Columbia on July 30<sup>th</sup> with the Rural Infrastructure Authority to help apply for the grant for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> St. for which a petition was brought to City Council. Senator Tim Scott has told us that he is favor of this and would write a letter to Rural Infrastructure stating that he is behind this project and would like to see it funded.
- Demolition at the Milliken plant will begin after the asbestos abatement. City easements on the property and City deeds for the water tank and well property have been provided to Milliken.
- County councilman Keith Sloan called a meeting of all the county mayors' police chiefs and administrator's to express the need for a county wide gang and drug task force. The taskforce would be funded by the county and each municipality through a per capita fee of \$10 per person. If the City plans to be part of the taskforce, our obligation would be \$47,500 per year. There was no mention at the meeting of what the next step would be. Mayor Lemon stated that he would like for the City to participate where we can. Councilman Sloan also gave out information on the steps necessary for the county to possibly implement a 1% Capital Projects Sales Tax.
- Need to have a City Council Budget Workshop for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Council set the date for the workshop for Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the Farmer's Market, Major Dixie Youth All Star Tournament, UK Soccer Camp, and Touch a Truck.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Chief Tony Dicks expressed his appreciation to Shaw Areva Mox Facility for sponsoring the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator. Chief Dicks informed Council that the City was awarded Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$13,880.00 for fire hose. He updated Council on the progress of the new fire truck that should be ready by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: 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 was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the BUDGET WORKSHOP of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
July 22, 2013 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met for a Budget Workshop with Mayor Edward Lemon presiding.

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

Council Members Absent: J.T. Atkinson

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present

Mayor Lemon called the workshop to order and stated that salaries needed to be reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to review salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 with Council. The only proposed fee increase discussed was a millage increase of 1.2 mills. A change in the termination of services for delinquent accounts was also discussed. The first reading of ordinances for the budget and any fee increases will be at the August council meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 30, 2013 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel, Ms. Naomi DeFrenn-Director of Barnwell County Voter Registration and Elections, and Mr. Bob Hundley-Chairman Barnwell County Election Commission, were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON HOLDING THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Mayor Lemon stated that for the last ten years there has been a state statute that says municipalities are not supposed to hold an election when there is no opposition and no declared write in candidate. During this time the City had decided to continue to hold elections. This year the Barnwell County Election Commission does not want to hold an election. Since the City turned over the authority to conduct its elections over to the Barnwell County Election Commission, it is their decision whether to hold an election or not. The Mayor stated that the only way for the City to hold an election would be to take back the authority to conduct City elections from the Barnwell County Election Commission and the City would then become responsible. Naomi DeFrenn, Director of Barnwell County Voter Registration and Elections, read state statute 7-13-190 (e) (3) that states their position for not holding an election. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to not hold the September 10, 2013 election. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
August 5, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wilma Brady- Ms. Brady, member of Barnwell County Tea Party Patriots, informed Council about the programs for their meetings and issued an invitation to Council to attend their meetings on the second Thursday of every month.

Melissa Owens- Ms. Owens asked for Council's help with the mosquito problem in the City. Ms. Owens presented Council with information on counties in South Carolina that spray for mosquitoes and wanted to know if the City could spray. Mayor Lemon stated that the budget would be a problem and he would look into it but could not make any promises.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 30, 2013 SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2013 Special Called City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-6  
RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-6 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read Ordinance 2013-6 by title only. Councilman Duncan made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-6. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-7  
AMENDING ARTICLE VI SECTION 32-435 FOR DATE OF DISCONTINUED  
SERVICE**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-7 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read Ordinance 2013-7 by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-7. The motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-8  
AMENDING CHAPTER 32 UTILITIES ARTICLES I, II, III AND IV IN THEIR  
ENTIRETY**

Councilman Black made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-8 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read Ordinance 2013-8 by title only. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-8. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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## **CDBG RESOLUTION 2013-4 COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS**

Mayor Lemon read Resolution 2013-4 committing \$64,750 in matching funds for the Community Development Block Grant for the Hagood Ave area waterline upgrades. Councilman Atkinson made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

## **PROCLAMATION FOR CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH**

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation proclaiming August 2013 as Children's Vision and Learning Month.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Received a letter on July 10<sup>th</sup> from Governor Haley announcing that the City has been awarded the Community Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$484,907 for the Hagood Ave potable water line project. The grant agreement has been signed and Lower Savannah Council of Governments has started on the environmental review of the project and other start up items. This will take approximately two months to complete. The project schedule has been determined and survey, design, permitting, advertising, bid and award will take us to the end of December. Actual construction will start in February 2014.
- Received notice of award from the State Justice Department for police vehicles. However, this grant is federal money and the date of funding and the amount of funding is not known at this time.
- Received a letter from the County Transportation Committee on our request to have Edwards Ave. paved. They are requiring the City to obtain a drainage easement prior to them making funds available. I am moving forward to obtain this easement.
- Updated Council on the refurbishment of the Main St. water tank. The contractor is now 33% complete on the project.
- Demolition has started on the Milliken plant. Fire Chief Dicks has looked over the project area and we have a meeting with Milliken tomorrow to review the parcels of land and assets of the City located on the property.
- Received a request from South Carolina Department of Agriculture for a Mayoral Proclamation that the City of Barnwell declares August 4, 2013 thru August 10, 2013 as Farmer's Market Week in the City of Barnwell. Mayor Lemon read the Proclamation.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Administrator Zawacki read a report for Director Mike Shumaker. The Farmer's Market will no longer be open on Saturday. It will only be open on Tuesday and will now accept handcrafted items. Touch a Truck program at Fuller Park had 60 participants and there were 13 participants for Tennis Camp. Football registration ended last week with 170 football registrations and 65 cheerleading registrations.

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

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Fire Chief Dicks informed Council that he will be leaving on August 19<sup>th</sup> to pick up the new fire truck.

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: No Report

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: Director Lynn Cox informed Council that there will not be a Third Thursday event in August. Third Thursday in September will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> and include entertainment and a health fair. The fall Palmetto Pride community clean up will be held Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with area churches service project weekend.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of a PUBLIC HEARING conducted by BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
September 9, 2013 – 6:15PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Barnwell City Council met in a Public Hearing with Mayor Lemon presiding.

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

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

Susan Delk of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 CITY OF BARNWELL  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mayor Lemon asked if there were any public comments or input on the 2013/2014 proposed budget. There were no public comments.

**DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
September 9, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

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

Susan Delk of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**DISCUSSION ON COUNTY WIDE GANG TASK FORCE**

Barnwell County Sheriff Ed Carroll informed Council that evidence of gang activity in the County has escalated to a point that a county wide gang task force is necessary. He gave Council a packet of information and showed a graphic video that an area gang made for themselves and posted on the internet. County Councilman Keith Sloan stated that an intergovernmental agreement and \$10 per capita is needed from each city in the county to help fund the task force. Mayor Lemon stated that this item would be placed on next month's agenda for discussion and decision on the City's participation.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**RECREATION REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE**

Recreation Director Mike Shumaker requested an additional employee for his department. He gave Council information on park maintenance schedules and explained that Collins Park and Lemon Park were very labor intensive. The recreation department currently has two employees and they are pushed to the limit with park maintenance. The new staff position would spend half their time with park maintenance and half of their time assisting him with providing programs and services. He believes that recreation programs help prevent youths from being involved with gangs. Mayor Lemon asked if revenues could be raised from new programs or existing programs to help cover the cost. Mr. Shumaker said that because of the high unemployment in the area, people are looking for subsidized programming. If the cost is too high, youth would not be able to participate and that could lead to deviant behavior. Funding for this position would have to come from savings. Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the new position. The motion was seconded by Council Duncan. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-6  
RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-6 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read Ordinance 2013-6 by title only. The budget includes an increase in the tax millage of 1.2 mills, increasing the millage from 72.2 mills to 73.4 mills. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-6 with the addition of \$35,000 for approved changes in the recreation department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-7  
AMENDING ARTICLE VI SECTION 32-435 FOR DATE OF DISCONTINUED  
SERVICE**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-7 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read Ordinance 2013-7 by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the second

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and final reading of Ordinance 2013-7. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2013-8**  
**AMENDING CHAPTER 32 UTILITIES ARTICLES I, II, III AND IV IN THEIR**  
**ENTIRETY**

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to read Ordinance 2013-8 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read Ordinance 2013-8 by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Work on the Main St water tank is 95% complete and the tank should be on line by the end of the month.
- Will meet with Lower Savannah Council of Governments, our grant administrator, and URS to finalize the start up paperwork and to refine the schedule for the Hagood Ave Water Line Project. Permitting will start in October and we plan to put the project out for bid in December. Last week we had two water line failures on Hagood Ave.
- The application and preliminary engineering report for the Second, Third and Fourth Sts potable water line grant will be submitted to the Rural Infrastructure Authority by the end of October. We are requesting \$270,000 in grant funds and should know by March if the grant has been awarded.
- Demolition continues at Milliken. Two companies have shown an interest in purchasing the City water tank at this site and dismantling it. I will present their proposals to council when I receive them.
- The 2010 Charger involved in the police vehicle accident has been totaled and we purchased a new Ford police interceptor from B&B Ford. The 2012 Charger has been repaired and is back in service. We have still not heard anything from our grant award for new police vehicles.
- The County has requested that we do a new ordinance for the hospital for a fee in lieu of taxes. The McNair firm is looking at this for us and seeing what it means to the City in revenue loss. We will also have to repeal Ordinance 2012-1 placing the hospital in an industrial park with Bamberg and allowing tax incentive.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water and Sewer- Councilmen Black and Atkinson: No Report

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

Recreation and Parks- Councilmen Duncan and Walling: Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the current recreation programs. He gave Council a copy of the fall brochure.

Police- Councilmen Duncan and Mayor Pro Tem Williams: Police Chief Todd Gantt told Council he was glad that they got to see the video presented by Sheriff Carroll. He said that was a small glimpse of what the police deal with everyday. The guns and the attitudes in the video are very real. In his opinion, in order to stay on top of the situation, the city either needs to join the county wide gang task force or fund two new police officer positions with the necessary vehicles and equipment.

Fire- Councilmen Walling and Pattillo: Fire Chief Tony Dicks told Council that he inspected, accepted and took delivery of the new fire truck and is currently installing new hardware on the truck. He informed Council that his department was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the local Walmart that will be used for rescue equipment. Chief Dicks also attended an ISO update that explained the new changes in scoring for ISO ratings. He is not worried that the City will lose its 5 rating but he will look into the updates and identify any concerns he has.

Finance and Salary- Councilman Black & Pattillo: No Report

Building and Planning- Councilmen Atkinson and Black: Councilman W.C. Black thanked Councilman J.T. Atkinson for his tenure on this committee and on Council. He said that the City of Barnwell owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Councilman Atkinson for his service to the City. Councilman Atkinson was instrumental in the remodeling of the new city hall, the Lemon Park Sports Complex, Kilkenny Park improvements and the Fuller Park walking trail and building. He also worked on many other projects including the entrance signs and downtown circle improvements. Mayor Lemon said the average citizen was not aware of the time and effort Councilman Atkinson put in and he wanted Councilman Atkinson to know how much he appreciates it on behalf of the citizens of Barnwell. Council wholeheartedly agreed and gave Councilman Atkinson a round of applause. Councilman Atkinson said it was his pleasure.

Community Development & Tourism- Director Lynn Cox: No Report

### **RESOLUTION 2013-5 DEDICATION OF THE CITY'S NEW FIRE TRUCK**

Mayor Lemon read and signed Resolution 2013-5 dedicating the new fire truck to the City. Everyone was invited to meet outside to view the new fire truck.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
October 7, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

Others Present: Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn Cox, Police Chief Todd Gantt, Recreation Director Mike Shumaker and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES AND OATH OF OFFICE, DISTRICT 1  
COUNCILMAN DOZIER, DISTRICT 3, COUNCILMAN DUNCAN, AND DISTRICT 5,  
COUNCILMAN PATTILLO**

Mayor Lemon read the Certification of Candidates – Cancellation of Election from the Barnwell County Election Commission. The certification stated that the Barnwell County Election Commission voted unanimously to cancel the September 10, 2013 scheduled election pursuant to South Carolina Code, Sec. 7-13-190 (E) since only one candidate filed for each of the offices and no write-in candidate filed a declaration to be a write-in candidate for these offices. The following winners were declared:

City Council District 1 – Billy Dozier  
City Council District 3 – Ben Duncan  
City Council District 5 – Robert S. Pattillo, Jr.

Mayor Lemon administered the oaths of office to Councilmen Dozier, Duncan and Pattillo.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rhonda McElveen, Barnwell County Clerk of Court, updated Council on county court activities and schedules.

Angie Boyles, Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce Director, updated Council on chamber activities and fundraiser.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

## **ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilman Black nominated Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Duncan. Councilman Pattillo made a motion that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Mayor Lemon congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Williams.

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mayor Lemon appointed the new committee assignments:

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

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Milliken demolition is moving forward with over 50% of the building down. We had two contractors inspect the Milliken water tank for possible purchase and removal. Lead was found in the paint which makes the tank potential hazardous waste after demolition. The contractors now say that removal of the tank following EPA guidelines and regulations will cost between \$18,000 and \$20,000. The City does not have to do anything with the tank at the moment but will have to address it in the future. The current building demolition contractor may be able to remove the tank at a better price since he is already on site.

-The Main St. water tank is now completely renovated and we are waiting on the disinfecting of the tank and water sample results prior to placing it back on line.

-The Hagood Ave water upgrade startup is moving forward. Applications for construction have been submitted to DHEC and the environmental assessment is approximately 50% complete. We are still planning to put the project out for bid in December with a February start.

-The 2010 Charger involved in the police vehicle accident has been totaled. We purchased a 2013 Ford police interceptor from B&B Ford. The 2012 Charger involved in the accident has been repaired and is back in service. The grant to purchase a new police car was placed on hold due to the government shutdown October 1st.

-The Edwards St. paving is waiting on formalizing of the storm water drainage ditch easement. The survey is complete and the City attorney is working on the paperwork. Once the easement is done we will then send a letter to the County Transportation Committee to request funding for the paving.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer- No Report

Sanitation and Streets - No Report

Recreation and Parks - Director Mike Shumaker informed Council that the Farmer's Market was closed for the year. He updated Council on the youth football program, basketball registration, and the Turkey Trot.

Police - No Report

Fire - Fire Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on upcoming Fire Prevention Week activities. He informed Council the new fire hose purchased with grant funds has been loaded on the new fire truck and the truck is now in service.

Finance and Salary - No Report

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Building and Planning - No Report

Community Development & Tourism - Director Lynn Cox updated Council on the Homecoming Parade on October 11th, Third Thursday on October 17th, Love Lights, Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Parade on December 7th.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION; CONTRACTURAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
ON GANG TASK FORCE**

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

Council returned to open session.

**OPEN DISCUSSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND VOTE**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement on the Gang Task Force with the County for one year at a time contingent upon developing an accountability plan that is suitable to the City and if all municipalities in the County agree to come on board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer



**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
December 18, 2013 – 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

Ms. Laura McKenzie of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL OPINION-DONATED PROPERTIES**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan. Ms. McKenzie asked for the purpose of the executive session. Mayor Lemon stated that it was for a legal opinion on donated properties. Upon vote the motion was unanimously approved. There was no action taken during executive session.

Council returned to open session.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
December 2, 2013 – 6:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

Council Members Absent: Billy Dozier

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF 2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the 2014 holiday schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved

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## **APPROVAL OF 2014 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the 2014 Regular Scheduled City Council meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF FIREMAN CHRISTMAS BONUSES**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the Fireman Christmas Bonuses as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Well #3 at the Milliken site, which was under artesian pressure, has now been capped. We are waiting for a quote on the possible capping of well #5 which is also under artesian pressure. This would place all the Milliken wells in a stable condition. Wells #1 and #4 are being held in a standby condition for our potable water system. These wells are in excellent condition. Iseler Demolition will be at the Milliken site to drop the water tower and dismantle it on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

-I have received a quote of \$6,551 from Utility Service Company Inc for the installation of a new float system for the Rose St tank. The existing float system has failed and cannot be repaired. The inside of the tank will also be cleaned and disinfected prior to being placed back in service. The work on the tank should not take more than three days. We still have not received a bill for the Main St water tank refurbishment.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if we could transfer the usage from the Rose St tank to one of the Milliken wells. Administrator Zawacki explained that that could not be done.

-We are still waiting on LSCOG to complete the environmental report for Commerce for the Hagood water line project. The City has everything ready to go out for bid and we are still hoping to do this in December and award the bid in January.

-The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Street water line replacement grant application to RIA has been submitted. We expect to hear on it in February.

-I received a call again from Mrs. Betty Mann. She owns the property on Main St next to the City water tower. She would like to sell it to the City for \$4,000, but she may not be the only heir. This would be a great asset for Lemon Park. However there are several other heirs for this property. Mrs. Mann claims she owns the property outright. I would like Council to let me and City Attorney, Boulware know how Council wishes to proceed on this issue. City Attorney Boulware stated that the cost of clearing the title would exceed the value of the property, but if we are not going to make any improvements on the property, it would probably be worth taking a chance. Mr. Boulware stated that we could never build on the property. Discussion followed. Councilman Black made a motion to allow the City Administrator and City Attorney to enter into negotiations to purchase the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked where the money would come from. Administrator Zawacki said it would come from the administration contingent budget. Upon vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - No Report

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) - Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the Turkey Trot, Mighty Mite Bowl, upcoming state football tournament at Barnwell High School, Breakfast with Santa and the Candy Cane Hunt.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) - No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) - Fire Chief Tony Dicks invited Council to the Fireman's Christmas Dinner Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Chief Dicks also updated Council on the \$5000.00 grant that the City was awarded through the Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade.

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

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) - Director Lynn Cox updated Council on Love Lights, Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Parade, employee Christmas lunch, and the new City of Barnwell website.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
November 4, 2013 – 6:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

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

Mr. David Purtell of the People Sentinel was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**POLICE OFFICERS OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Lemon administered the oath of office to new police officers Brittany Williams and Dustin Beasley.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

City attorney Thomas Boulware wanted to clarify last month's election of Mayor Pro Tem Williams. A vote was taken on Councilman Black's nomination of Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem which was seconded by Councilman Duncan. The vote was unanimous in favor of nominating and electing Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2013 REGULAR SCHEDULED  
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**DEMOLITION OF MILLIKEN WATER TANK**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the water tank at Milliken has been found to have been painted with lead paint. This poses a significant liability for the City as the demolition of the tank parts would make those parts hazardous waste under EPA rules. The City is not currently required to do anything because the tank is standing and being used. Due to the fact that Milliken had a contractor on sight, I asked our engineers, URS, to get quotes to take the tank down. We received four quotes. The quotes range from \$15,650 to \$25,000 that the City would have to pay to have the tank demolished. On Friday, we received a quote from Iseler Demolition and their quote was to pay the City \$165 to take the tank down and they would take all of the metal as scrap. My recommendation is that we go with Iseler Demolition. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept Administrator Zawacki's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- The City has all of its connections for potable water and sewer capped to the Milliken site. We are still providing raw water through our water tower and well four for their dust control.
- On the Hagood grant we have submitted all required documentation to DHEC and have received our construction permit from them. The LSCOG is still working to get all required environmental data for Commerce prior to them releasing our funding. We are still planning to go out for bid in December.
- The application for a grant for new water lines on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets was submitted last Friday to the Rural Infrastructure Authority. We expect to hear back in February on our request for \$344,000.
- We have been given permission to order our police car under the justice grant.
- The Main St water tower is now complete and back on line, but we still have not received a request for payment from the contractor.
- We have sent letters to all landscape companies doing business in the City indicating that the City will start enforcing Section 24-34 of Chapter 24 which prohibits blowing or sweeping grass clippings or leaves into the street.
- I have sent a letter to Barnwell County Administrator Pickens Williams Jr. indicating that council has voted to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County on the County Wide Gang Task Force with the contingencies noted at last month's meeting. A copy of the letter is in your package.
- We have an opening at the WWTP for a Class B Operator. A notice will be placed in this week's paper. We hope to fill this vacancy quickly.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lemon stated that he was making a change on the committees. Sanitation and Streets will be Councilman Walling and Mayor Pro Tem Williams. Police will be Councilman Black and Councilman Duncan.

Water and Sewer- No Report

Sanitation and Streets - No Report

Recreation and Parks - Director Mike Shumaker informed Council that he has filled the Parks and Rec Attendant vacancy. The World Fast Pitch Softball Tournament held at the Lemon Park Sports Complex last weekend was a success with 16 teams. The youth football program has ended and the Mites team will play in the regional All Star Tournament. Director Shumaker asked for Council approval to look into new signs for Lemon Park. Mayor Lemon told him to get a proposal together and take it to the Recreation Committee. Upcoming events include the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mighty Mites Bowl, the Turkey Trot 5K run, and basketball registration.

Police - No Report

Fire - Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that the fire department has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Georgia Pacific for fire equipment. Chief Dicks will get with Administrator Zawacki about utilizing Gov-Deals online auction for disposal of the 1974 Fire Truck that has been taken out of service. Chief Dicks will submit an application for the new round of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grants that has opened up.

Finance and Salary - No Report

Building and Planning – Administrator Zawacki stated that we have received notification from our insurance company that since the old Sheriff’s Building is unoccupied, our annual premium will increase from \$699 to \$1,600. The building and planning committee needs to start looking at what we are going to do with the building down the road.

Community Development & Tourism – City Administrator Zawacki read Director Lynn Cox’s report updating Council on Love Lights, Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Parade, employee Christmas lunch, and the new City of Barnwell website.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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