

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 5, 2015– 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, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Jonathon Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Ada Chappel came before Council again to complain about the Big T. She is concerned about the safety of her husband and herself. Gun shots and loud music occur regularly. She has to clean up the trash around the area. She told Council that something has to be done about it. She doesn't know where else to go and her next step would be to go to the television station. She was coming to Council to ask what they could do or what she could do. Mayor Lemon informed Mrs. Chappel that the City is currently working on the problem and must follow proper procedures. Mrs. Chappel was adamant that something has to be done now. She said that bullets do not have a name on them and they could hit anybody.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2014 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1 2014 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2014 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-1 CONSENTING TO THE
INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
BUSINESS PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-1 “CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and was unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON CITY OF BARNWELL EDC BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Lemon informed Council that his son has expressed an interest in doing something civically oriented and was interested in being on the EDC Board. Mayor Lemon said he would recuse himself from the meeting so Council could discuss this. Mayor Lemon turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Williams and left Council chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to nominate Will Lemon to represent the City on the EDC Board. He also asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. Discussion followed. Councilman Black seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lemon returned to Council chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Williams turned the meeting back over to Mayor Lemon and informed him that Will Lemon was the new member of the EDC Board representing the City of Barnwell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LEGAL OPINION

Councilman Black made a motion that Council go into Executive Session for a legal opinion. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Walling made a motion to designate the Clerk & Treasurer as the License Official for business license purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The Hagood water project is 85% completed.
- Work has begun on the water line improvement project for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th St.
- Updated Council on the progress of the RIA and EDA grant applications for Project Flower.
- We are still receiving requests for water and sewer capacity and costs for Project Ripple Water.
- Informed Council that W&S Supervisor Mike Ridgeway has turned in his resignation to go to another job. The WWTP department will take over responsibility for the potable water system until the position can be filled.
- We are still working with the engineers and DHEC to determine the reason for high copper sampling results.
- Sections of the Main St water tank will be repainted under warranty.
- The audit for FYE 9-30-14 has begun and we anticipate that it should be completed by the end of February.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker informed Council that basketball games will start on Saturday. The numbers are the same as last year, about 138 participants. The Daddy Daughter Annual Ball will be February 6th. The YMCA grand opening will be January 31st.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black told Council that on February 4th the police department will be sponsoring Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's. This is an opportunity for the public to get to know the police.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that his department lost an employee this month but the open position has already been filled.

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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) – No Report

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
February 2, 2015– 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, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Michael Young of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVOCATION HEARING FOR BUSINESS LICENSE #15-251 BIG T CLUB

The Mayor called to order the hearing by the City Council on the revocation of the business license of Herman Hallingquest doing business as the Big T Club. Mayor Lemon explained that Business License Official Kim Vargo issued the request for revocation based on Section 16 Article E of Business License Ordinance 2005-5 because the business was a nuisance. A written notice was served on the licensee informing the licensee that the business license was suspended pending this hearing before City Council. Mayor Lemon explained the purpose of the hearing was to determine whether the business license should be revoked. Mayor Lemon explained the procedure for the hearing. City Attorney Thomas Boulware called the following witnesses for the City of Barnwell: Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Reuben Black, City of Barnwell resident Ada Chapel, and Police Officer Sergeant Calvin Coach. All witnesses gave testimony that they felt the continued operation of the business endangered the citizens of

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Barnwell and constituted a nuisance. The licensee, Mr. Herman Hallingquest, was not present and did not have any representation at the hearing. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to revoke the business license of Herman Hallingquest dba the Big T Club. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. Attorney Boulware explained that he would have to prepare a written order that would have to be voted on at another meeting of City Council and then served on Mr. Hallingquest. Mayor Lemon called for a special council meeting on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 to vote on the written order. Mayor Lemon concluded the hearing and called for a five minute recess.

POLICE OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the oath of office to new police officers David Greene and John Ott.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Will Lemon thanked Council for having confidence in him and appointing him to the EDC Board. He updated Council on the new EDC Board activities.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED 504 PLAN AND MEMBERS OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Administrator Zawacki explained that the City is required under the Community Development Block Grant to have a Section 504 grievance procedure and coordinator. The City's current plan needs to be updated due to personnel changes. Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo is the designated coordinator. Also, one member of the grievance committee needs to be replaced. Councilman Duncan is already on the committee. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the amended Section 504 grievance procedures and appoint Councilman Dozier to the grievance committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. The new grievance committee will consist of Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Councilman Duncan and Councilman Dozier.

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REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SURPLUS CITY VEHICLES FOR SALE THROUGH SEALED BID

Administrator Zawacki asked for Council's permission to go out and advertise for sale the surplus city vehicles as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the request by the City Administrator to sell the surplus vehicles through sealed bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Commerce has scheduled a review of the CDBG Hagood grant for February 26th. The contractor has placed the new system in the ground and has been given permission to hook up to the houses to the new line.
- RIA grant water line improvements to the 2nd St area are about 30% complete.
- The RIA grant application for Project Flower has been submitted. The EDA grant for Project Flower has been completed but we are waiting on the federal government for a date that it can be submitted.
- There was a power surge at well #10 on January 9th that burned out the well motor, starting coils and cabinet. The total cost of repairs is around \$20,771.00. A claim has been filed with our insurance company.
- We received DHEC approval to place well #6 on line. It is now online and part of our water system as a permanent water source. This gives the City a total water flow capacity of 2,500 gallons a minute.
- DHEC did a sanitary survey of our public water system on December 10th. We received a satisfactory rating which is DHEC's highest rating.
- The one year inspection of the Main St water tank revealed a band of paint on the upper bowl was not mixed properly. The tank will be repainted from the catwalk over by the contractor at his cost.
- We are in the middle of the 2014 financial audit and expect McGregor & Co to make a presentation at the next meeting.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on recreational activities. He also informed Council that recreation department employees Willie Brown and Randy Hayes were highlighted in an article in the SC Recreation & Parks Association magazine and were also on the cover.

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Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black informed Council that all of the new vehicles were on the road. He reminded Council that Coffee with a Cop would be held February 4th at McDonalds. He would also go to General Session court for the hearing on the Big T on February 4th. He submitted a grant application in January to the Justice Department requested replacement of 5 vehicles, tasers and hand guns. His department assisted the Sheriff's department with drug related arrests.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Mayor Pro Tem Williams informed Council that Administrator John Zawacki, Public Works Director Jimmy Faircloth, and Human Resource Director Lynn Cox met with the salary and finance committee to request salary adjustments for general increases in both the water & sewer department and the wastewater department in order to retain current good employees and hire new employees. The increases are necessary to stay competitive in the market for good employees with the skills needed in these areas. The estimated \$32,675.60 increase in the budget would be funded through the expected revenue increase from Project Flower. The proposed changes in salary were presented. Public Works Director Jimmy Faircloth told Council that he feels that he has the best employees since he has worked with the City. Applicants for vacancies do not have the proper skills. It is a hard, dirty job and most of the time they are called in to work on holidays. Some of the positions also require state licenses. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said the with the loss of the water supervisor position and the potential loss of two other valued employees, the committee is recommending the salary increase to stay competitive and to keep the two employees from leaving. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion from the finance and salary committee to amend the current salary budget in both the water & sewer department and the wastewater department in order for the City of Barnwell to stay competitive in today's market. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. Mayor Lemon asked for a point of order since this item was not listed on the agenda except as a committee report. Attorney Boulware said in his opinion it should be a specific agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to table and put it on the agenda for the special called meeting next Monday. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Councilman Dozier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
February 9, 2015 – 6:00 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, William Dozier, Ben Duncan, and Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas
Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Reuben
Black, and Community Development and Tourism Director Lynn
Cox

Mr. Michael Young of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lemon said he didn't think the City thanked Mrs. Ada Chapel enough for coming forward and speaking at the revocation hearing at the last meeting. He said too many times people do not want to get involved. Mayor Pro Tem Williams suggested that the City write her a letter. Mayor Lemon said that he would do so.

Mayor Lemon said that Williston and Blackville were changing their elections to November and asked Council to think about changing the date for Barnwell's elections. Attorney Boulware stated that this would have to be done by ordinance and he would look into it for the next meeting.

Councilman Pattillo stated that he received information that the legislature is trying to cap business license fees. Administrator Zawacki explained that there have been three different bills submitted on business licenses fees and all would be detrimental to City finances. He asked Council to call Representative Hosey and explain how these would negatively impact the budget.

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APPROVAL OF ORDER REVOKING BUSINESS LICENSE #15-251 BIG T CLUB

Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the status of the order in the Court of Common Pleas. On Wednesday, February 4th an agreement was reached between all parties that operation of the Big T Club would cease immediately and the operation of any type of entertainment or social venue would be prohibited at that location. Other types of businesses may be allowed but only after the approval of the court.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the City had been fighting this battle for a few years and commended Chief Black for pursuing the issue and getting the problem solved.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the order revoking the business license of the Big T Club. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Attorney Boulware informed Council a certified copy of the original order would be served personally to Mr. Hallingquest and Mr. Hallingquest would then have ten days to appeal.

APPROVAL TO AMEND CURRENT SALARY BUDGET IN BOTH THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Lemon stated that he had mixed feelings about this. He said although the City hasn't given a raise in the past few years, the City has covered increasing insurance costs without passing it on to the employees. He was also concerned about employee morale with increasing salaries only in these departments. Administrator Zawacki explained that in the past few years, salaries in both the fire and police department were already realigned to accommodate turnover. Comparison of salaries with other municipalities of the City's size show salaries in the water department are below average while police and fire salaries are in line. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance and Salary Committee and pass the proposed change in the salary budget of the water and sewer department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that we stand to lose valued employees that we could not afford to lose and like Mayor Lemon he agrees that if we had to hire replacements, we would have to hire them at a higher salary anyway. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 2, 2015– 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, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Michael Young 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. Michael Benjamin, representing Chem Nuclear Systems, discussed a Bill that is being drafted that will change the way Chem Nuclear does business. Mr. Benjamin discussed the day to day operations of Chem Nuclear.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-2 CHANGING THE ELECTION MONTH
FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-2 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SEC. 12-24(a) SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER AND TO FURTHER AMEND SEC. 12-30 TO CHANGE THE DATE OF ASSUMING OFFICE FROM THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER TO THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if we can still not have an election if there is no opposition. It was stated that we would still be able to not have an election if there is no opposition. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-3 CHANGING THE COMMENCEMENT OF
TERMS FROM OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR THEY ARE ELECTED TO JANUARY 1
OF THE ENSUING YEAR IN WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance 2015-3 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 1. SEC.2.2(b) COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL, TERMS TO CHANGE THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS FROM OCTOBER 1 OF YEAR IN WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED TO JANUARY 1 OF THE ENSUING YEAR AFTER WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS
POLICY**

Administrator Zawacki stated that on February 26, 2015 we had a review by the State Commerce Department on our 504 ADA Procedures and Policies. One of the things that they found lacking was a Reasonable Accommodations Policy, which basically says that we will provide reasonable accommodations for disabled individuals. Discussion followed. Councilman Duncan made a

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motion to approve the Reasonable Accommodations Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-The financial audit is behind schedule. The presentation from McGregor and Company will be at the April 6th meeting. We will have to send a copy of the audit to the state no later than March 31st.

-Both lift station pumps at the Woodcrest lift station had to be removed and rebuilt. One pump has been repaired and was installed back into the lift station. The total cost for rebuilding both pumps was \$4,200.

-Well #10 is now back on line and working fine. We still have not heard from the insurance company on our claim.

-On the Hagood water upgrade, all work is complete and the residents are on the new system. The old AC line has been capped off. The City no longer has any asbestos water lines in service.

-On the 2nd St area water improvements, all water lines have been installed and we are awaiting permission from DHEC to connect the residents to the new line. We anticipate that both grant projects will be closed out by the end of April.

-On February 24th, we received notice our request to RIA for a \$500,000 grant had been approved. This will be the City's match for the EDA grant of \$750,000. We will submit our grant application to EDA on March 12th and hope to hear back on it in 4 or 5 weeks. These grants will provide funding for our infrastructure to support Project Flower.

-Last week on Wednesday night, we experienced a major rain event which upset our WWTP operation. For a short time we saw inflow to the plant of 4,160 GPM. Our normal inflow is 280 GPM. This indicates that we have inflow from street run off or we have a failure in the sewer line system. We are working on a plan with URS to smoke test our sewer system to identify any areas where storm drains or down spouts are connected to the sewer. We should have the plan and estimated cost in two weeks.

-I put in front of you a letter I received from Representative Rick Quinn on business licenses. He sent these letters to all municipalities who collect business licenses. We greatly oppose this bill because it will reduce revenues and cripple the cities. He says his bill is a fairer proposal when in fact it is not. Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo discussed how business licenses affect the City's budget.

-I received a request from County Councilman Jerry Creech to see if we could put street lights on Joey Zorn Blvd by the YMCA. I met with SCE&G and it would only take four lights for a total

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increase to our lighting of \$80.00 per month. Mayor Lemon stated that it is within the city limits so we should go ahead and do it.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on recreational activities and upcoming opening ceremonies for the Barnwell Baseball Association. Director Shumaker also informed Council about a request from United Way to sponsor a trail at Fuller Park. The cost to the City would be labor costs only and it would draw more people to the park. This was given as information only. Discussion followed. A special called meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 5:30 pm to discuss this project.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black thanked Council for promoting him to Chief of Police one year ago.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the ISO inspection and new air packs purchased through the AFG Grant.

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) – No Report

Councilman Black made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 2015– 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, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Michael Young 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 new police officer Emily Anne Jennings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Lemon informed Council that the Blackville Music & Art Festival extended an invitation to Council to be part of the 4th Annual Music & Art Festival on May 15th and 16th. Mayor Lemon read a letter from SC Senator Brad Hutto congratulating the City for receiving a \$500,000 economic infrastructure grant from the Rural Infrastructure Authority.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT, MCGREGOR & COMPANY

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 financial statements. He stated that the audit format was very similar to what it has been the last few years. He referred to the independent auditor's report and informed Council that there were no findings and in their opinion the financial statements were presently

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fairly in all material respects. He explained the Management’s Discussion and Analysis section and recommended that Council read this section for a summary of the financial activities for the year. He then reviewed the various sections of the statements with Council. He stated that the General Fund had a fairly good fund balance but cash reserves in the Water & Sewer Fund decreased due to upgrading assets. Mayor Lemon thanked him for his presentation.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2014 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the 2014 City of Barnwell audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-2 CHANGING THE ELECTION MONTH FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR

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SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-3 CHANGING THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS FROM OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR THEY ARE ELECTED TO JANUARY 1 OF THE ENSUING YEAR IN WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the Ordinance 2015-3 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 1. SEC.2.2(b) COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL, TERMS TO CHANGE THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS FROM OCTOBER 1 OF YEAR IN WHICH THEY

ARE ELECTED TO JANUARY 1 OF THE ENSUING YEAR AFTER WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED” 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 the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-1 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2015 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Mayor Lemon read Resolution 2015-1 recognizing April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION MAYORS NATIONAL DAY OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation proclaiming April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day. The proclamation encouraged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service to the City and thanked those who serve and find ways to give back to the community.

APPROVAL OF PRESCRIPTION SAFETY GLASS POLICY

Administrator Zawacki told Council he had a request from an employee for prescription safety glasses. Employees are provided with goggles that go over the top of their glasses but this employee could not wear the goggles. The presented policy was developed to help employees with the cost of prescription safety glasses. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the Policy on Safety Eyewear for Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO GO OUT FOR BIDS TO REPLACE 400 FEET OF EXISTING 8 INCH SEWER LINE

Administrator Zawacki had the engineers do a bid package to replace 400 feet of 8 inch sewer line that goes from the laundry at the hospital down to the Jackson St sewer line. The line is completely filled with roots and will no longer function. The estimate of the improvements is less than \$10,000 but we want to officially go out for bids. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Received a request from a citizen for the City to condemn property at 256 Cherry St. Upon inspection, the property is not at the point of condemnation. A letter will be sent to the owners of the property informing them of the necessity of closing up the property.

-The Hagood water upgrade is complete and should be closed out within the next month.

-The 2nd St area water improvements are complete but there are several punch list items that need to be done.

-Received notice of the \$500,000 RIA grant for Project Flower. This along with the \$100,000 from the County gives us a total of \$600,000 budgeted for this project. We are still waiting to hear from EDA on our request for \$900,000.

-The repainting of the upper bowl of the Main St water tank will be done this month.

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) – Administrator Zawacki updated Council on recreation programs since Recreation Director Mike Shumaker was at Lemon Park for opening day of the baseball season. The Spring Fling will be held on the circle, Thursday, April 16th, from 5 – 7 pm.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that he would be in Washington this week as a representative of the National Volunteer Fire Council. The state association will pay all expenses for the trip.

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) – No Report

Administrator Zawacki said County Councilman Jerry Creech would like to know Council's thoughts on two issues. The County Council is moving forward to have Virginia Ave reconnected to Joey Zorn Blvd. This was disconnected several years ago at the request of residents due to speeding traffic. Mayor Lemon recommended that the County talk to the residents of that neighborhood. Councilman Pattillo lives in that neighborhood and expressed his

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concerns about traffic and speeding. The County is also working to get the Shuron building demolished. Council expressed no objections to this.

ADJOURN

Councilman Dozier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
May 4, 2015– 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, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL FOR 12 INCH WATER LINE FOR PROJECT FLOWER

Administrator John Zawacki said that the City had planned to install a 12 inch water line for Project Flower in 2016. Orchids Paper Products has asked the City to put in the 12 inch water line at the same time the sewer line is installed. The 12 inch water line is not covered by a grant and the City has to pay the entire expense. The engineers estimate the total cost will be between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The 12 inch water line will run from the top of Midfield Road down to the cul-de-sac and is necessary to supply water to the mill. Income from the project is not expected until the second quarter of 2017. Administrator Zawacki asked for Council's permission to do a preliminary engineering report and bid package. The cost will be around \$20,000. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the Administrator's request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

CITY OF BARNWELL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL

Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo informed Council that the July 1st increase for medical insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield was 9.5%. This was down from the preliminary estimate of a 17.5% increase. Drug card copays and maximum out of pocket amounts will be increased. The additional yearly increase to the City for employee coverage will be \$29,200. The City has always covered 100% of employee coverage. The additional yearly increase to the employees for dependent coverage will be between \$580 and \$1,100 depending on the type of dependent coverage selected. Zawacki and Vargo had met with the Finance and Salary Committee and recommended that the City pay the increased cost in employee coverage and pass the increased cost in dependent coverage to the employees. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield and that the City pay the increased cost in employee coverage in full and the employees pay the increase cost in dependent coverage. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation directing that all flags on City buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2015, in recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

PROCLAMATION TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation declaring May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

DISCUSSION ON APP 'YIK YAK'

Mayor Lemon informed Council that he had received a call from some distraught parents. They said that the app Yik Yak was being used to bully their daughters. It is a local social media app that is downloaded to a cell phone. The parents complained to Yik Yak and had the app blanketed so it could not be used in the schools. They also wanted the app blanketed so it could

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not be used in the City. They would need the City's permission to do this. Mayor Lemon explained that he had downloaded the app and has been monitoring it. He has seen very little bullying. He was bringing this to Council as information only. He will continue to monitor the app and bring it to Council if he sees a problem.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Work on both water upgrade projects has been completed. The final payment for the RIA water line upgrade has been sent and we are now waiting for the final review and grant closure. We are waiting on final approval for a change order for the CDBG Hagood upgrade before the issuance of the final check and close out of this grant. SCE&G has a problem with the placement of the water line on Hagood near Elberta Circle. They say it is too close to their gas line and wants it moved. The right a way in this area was so full of utilities that the contractor had to hand dig a 6 foot ditch to lay the line. I met with the contractor and engineers and they said that they had done everything according to their permits with SCDHEC and SCDOT. They also said that there was an industry standard of keeping pipes one foot apart if possible. It was not possible in this area. The City is negotiating with SCE&G.

-Orchids Paper Products has all of their permits and ground work should start at any time. Construction on the first conversion plant should start as soon as the ground work is completed. The contractor estimates the completion time for the facility at 6 months.

-Received a letter from EDA notifying the City that the grant application has been deemed competitive and additional information is necessary in order for them to complete the award of \$914,910.

-The Planning Commission had their first meeting to review the proposed new sign ordinance and made several changes to it. LSCOG has updated the ordinance with the proposed changes and it will be reviewed at the next meeting scheduled for May 26th.

-Signed the approval for the Mayor on the County's fee in lieu of taxes for the Orchids project.

-Two of the drivers for the influent pumps at the WWTP went out and had to be replaced at a cost of \$7,000 each.

-The WWTP is still getting inflow of water after a heavy rain. Flow meters have been installed in four manholes to monitor the flow from each of the major sewer lines to try to determine the location of the problem.

-Bids for the hospital sewer line were opened on May 29th. All four bids were double the engineer's estimate. The bids ranged from \$24,800 to \$37,440. The estimate was not to exceed \$10,000. I recommend Council reject all bids and look for an alternate solution to the problem. Council agreed.

-Set budget workshop for Monday, June 22th, at 5:15 pm.

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

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker reported that the YMCA sponsored Born Learning Trail at Fuller Park has been completed. The 2nd Annual Blacktop Battle will be held May 9th from 6 to 10 pm. The Farmers Market will open Tuesday, May 26th. He updated Council on some new programs. The Regional District 4 Dixie Softball Tournament will be held at Lemon Park June 20th thru June 27th. They expect 18 to 24 teams.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black informed Council that he had attended training sessions at the SC Police Academy and the Department of Justice in Columbia. He updated Council on the topic of body cameras. The use of body cameras, the funding for body cameras, and the funding for storage of the data are big issues. The next Coffee with a Cop will be held at Hardees on June 25th from 8 to 10 am. The Hagood Ave Baptist Church will have their Fun Run on May 16th from 8 am to noon. Main St will be closed from Westfield to Park St during this time. A discussion of the route ensued but Administrator Zawacki said SCDOT approved the route. Chief Black also updated Council on incidents that happened over the weekend.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

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

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn Cox informed Council that she took two bus tours with 20 to 25 people each on a community tour of Barnwell. The Spring Fling was cancelled due to rain. There were only 9 volunteers for the spring cleanup on Saturday but 760 pounds of trash were picked up. The Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd at Veteran’s Park.

ADJOURN

Councilman Black made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 2015– 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, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Michael Young of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Marian Hutchinson asked Council for support for an Anti-Violence Rally for Barnwell County. Mayor Lemon commended her and asked her what the City could do to help. She asked that someone from the City come and speak at the rally. Ms. Hutchinson stated that she would also accept donations to help cover the cost of the rally.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BARNWELL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Administrator John Zawacki stated that City Council approval was needed for him to submit an application to the Barnwell Economic Development Fund requesting \$100,000 for installation of the 12 inch water line for Orchids Paper Products. If City Council approves sending the application, it is then taken to County Council and if approved by County Council, it is sent to the Budget and Control Board. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve submitting the application to the Barnwell Economic Development Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON NAME CHANGE FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER

The Animal Shelter Board made a request to the County Administrator to ask for City approval to change the name of the animal shelter to BJ Funderburk Animal Shelter. Councilman Black explained that the LaFavors gave the City \$20,000, half of the budget, to build the animal shelter. Mrs. Funderburk was also instrumental in the building of the shelter. He suggested that we leave the name Funderburk-LaFavor Animal Shelter. Discussion followed. Councilman Black made a motion to leave the name as it is. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and was unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD DUERINCKX TO THE BOARD OF ZONING
APPEALS**

Councilman Black made a motion to appoint Richard Duerinckx to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and was unanimously approved.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED SIGN
ORDINANCE**

The planning commission asked Administrator Zawacki to present their recommendation for changes to the zoning ordinance pertaining to sign regulations. The planning commission and LSCOG put in a great deal of time on the proposed changes. He requested Council approval to give the recommended changes to the City attorney to write up an ordinance to amend the current ordinance so that first reading could be done at the Council meeting in July. Discussion followed. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and was unanimously approved. Council requested a copy of the current ordinance for comparison before the next meeting.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Both water improvement grants are complete. Review of the paperwork and financial activity has also been completed. Two items need to be addressed. We need to amend our purchasing policy to add a 10 day period for protest to a sealed bid award and a line item to include priority to be given to woman owned businesses. Both of these grants should be totally closed out within the next two months.

-The EDA grant application for Orchids Paper lift station is in its final stages for approval. Money has been set aside for the grant from EDA and we expect an award letter at any time. We are proceeding in setting up a ground breaking ceremony for Orchids Paper on June 23rd. Discussion on the ground breaking ceremony followed.

-We have received a permit request to hold a Get Well Barnwell Anti- Violence Rally at Fuller Park on Friday June 19th from 4:30 to 7:30. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve Ms. Hutchinson's permit application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

-Requested that we move the budget workshop from June to July. The new date was set for July 21, 2015 at 5:15 pm.

-Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo updated Council on the State Election Commission's plan for standardization of election dates and filing periods. The City has already passed an ordinance to move their election date to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. The plan also requests that the filing period be the same for all municipalities that have the same kind of elections. This means that for the City of Barnwell the filing period would be from noon August 1st thru noon August 15th. There is no requirement for us to do this at this time. There is nothing in our ordinance that sets the filing period. Naomi Defrenn, Barnwell County Registration & Elections Director, has asked that we set that filing period and allow her office to accept the candidate filings rather than candidates filing at City Hall. After discussion, Council had no objections to Ms. Defrenn's request.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on upcoming summer programs, Farmer's Market, Black Top Battle, District Youth Softball Regional Tournament at Lemon Park, Movies in the Park at Fuller Park and Soccer Camp.

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Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on recent criminal activities in the City. He reminded them that the next Coffee with a Cop would be held June 25th at Hardees.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that they will be taking their antique fire truck Bertha to Myrtle Beach so it can be put on display in the exhibit hall at the SC State Firefighters Association Conference.

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 the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration which will be held on July 2nd at Veteran’s Park. She informed Council that a group insurance update meeting will be held on Thursday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL MATTERS

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

Councilman Black made a motion to accept the finance committee’s recommendation for employee A and employee B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Councilman Black made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 6, 2015– 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, W.C. Black, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

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

Mr. Jonathan Vickery 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 was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-4 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE
SECTION 5-500 SIGN REGULATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-4 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL ARTICLE V. SEC 5-500 SIGN REGULATIONS BY DELETING SAME IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IN LIEU THEREOF INSERTING NEW SECTIONS 5-500.1 THROUGH 5-501.7” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2015-4. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-5 AMENDING SECTION 2-267 BY ADDING
(7) AND SECTION 2-272 BY ADDING (11)**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-5 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX. PURCHASING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL BY ADDING SECTION 2-267(7) TO ENCOURAGE MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPAE IN PROCUREMENT AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-272(11) TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME TO FILE PROTEST” 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 the first reading of Ordinance 2015-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATION AIKEN BARNWELL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER 50 YEARS OF
PREVENTION**

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation designating July 15, 2015 as Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center 50 years of Treatment Prevention and Recovery Day.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- Gave Council a copy of an invitation to Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center 50th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, July 15th.
- Gave Council copy of new requirements signed into law by Governor Haley for changing agendas. The City policy is more stringent than the new law.
- The Hagood CDBG grant and the RIA 2nd, 3rd and 4th St grant are still in the close out process. Documents for the RIA grant close out are due July 27th. A close out public meeting will be held at City Hall on July 8th for the CDBG grant. This meeting is a grant requirement.
- The EDA grant application for Orchids Paper lift station is still in review.
- SCE&G will start work during the week of July 13th to run power to the Orchids facility.
- The City’s request for \$100,000 from the Chem Nuclear Economic Development Fund has been approved by the County and forwarded to the SC Budget and Control Board for the release of

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funds. The SC Budget & Control Board has changed to another entity as of July 1st, so we do not know how long this will take.

-Radio Station WAFJ will be broadcasting from the Circle on July 23rd. They asked the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to make a comment.

-The WWTP has taken several lightning strikes over the past weeks and we are looking into some type of lightning protection for critical components of the plant.

-We received an official letter from ISO that the City's fire rating has dropped from a rating of 5 to a rating of 3. This should provide our residents with a drop in insurance costs.

-Reminded Council of the Budget Workshop on July 21st at 5:15

Mayor Lemon commended John Zawacki, Lynn Cox, and everyone instrumental in putting together the ground breaking ceremony for Orchids Paper Products. He said he was extremely proud to be representing Barnwell that day. Administrator Zawacki said it was a group effort with all of the departments working together. Mayor Lemon said he appreciated everyone's help.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker introduced his three summer employees through the summer youth work experience program with the LSCOG. He updated Council on summer programs. The District VI Regional Dixie Youth Girls Softball Tournament held at the LPSC in June had 22 teams participate and had 600 to 700 people in attendance. Administrator Zawacki informed Council that he had received several emails from people commenting on the great job that Mike and his department did at the tournament. He also received a request from the Dixie District Director for pictures of Lemon Park for use in getting more tournaments scheduled at the LPSC.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black informed Council that Coffee with a Cop held June 25th at Hardees was successful. He informed Council that two police officers had resigned.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the change in the City's ISO fire rating from a 5 to a 3. He said it has taken 15 years to get the better rating.

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 the Fourth of July Celebration. All of the festivities except for the fireworks were cancelled due to the rain.

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ADJOURN

Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the BUDGET WORKSHOP of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 21, 2015 – 5:15 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, and Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Billy Dozier and Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Marie Vargo

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 Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 with Council. Anticipated revenues from new industry are not expected until 2017. There were no proposed rate increases for water and sewer but reauthorization of the public works fee was included in the proposed budget. The proposed budget also included a tax increase of 1.9 mills for operations but a 3.0 mill decrease for debt service. This would decrease the total millage rate from 73.4 mills to 72.3 mills, a 1.1 mill decrease. Even with expenditures kept as low as possible, cash reserves needed to balance the budget will be more than last year. Any salary increases or capital expenditures will have to come out of reserves. Cash reserve balances were discussed. The first reading of ordinances for the budget and any fee increases will be at the August council meeting.

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 3, 2015– 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, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Reuben Black, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Recreation Specialist Willie Brown

Mr. Jonathan Vickery 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 new police officers Shawn Kaiser and Diane Tarter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-4 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 5-500 SIGN REGULATION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-4 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL ARTICLE V. SEC 5-500 SIGN REGULATIONS BY DELETING SAME IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IN LIEU THEREOF INSERTING NEW SECTIONS 5-500.1 THROUGH 5-501.7” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-5 AMENDING SECTION 2-267 BY ADDING (7) AND SECTION 2-272 BY ADDING (11)

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-5 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX. PURCHASING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL BY ADDING SECTION 2-267(7) TO ENCOURAGE MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCUREMENT AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-272(11) TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME TO FILE PROTEST” 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 the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-2 REAUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS FEE

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to pass the resolution reauthorizing the public works fee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. This will extend the public works fee thru fiscal year end 2017.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-6 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-6 “TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2015-6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-7 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 5 BY ADDING SECTION 5-700

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-7 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL, CHAPTER 5 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-700 THROUGH 5-702 SOLAR USE” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2015-7. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- Updated Council on the close out of the RIA grant and the CDBG grant
- Application to install the 12 inch water line for Orchids Paper will be submitted to DHEC this week
- Updated Council on the construction activity for Orchids Paper
- EDA requested additional information for the grant application. The information was submitted today.
- Received a request from several people on Myrick St asking the City to cut the grass one time at a house on Myrick St that is in foreclosure. The City has contacted the owner twice about the property and although they have done some work, the grass is about two feet high. It was decided that the City would cut the grass and send a bill for the service to the owner.
- Mayor Lemon met with a representative of the Governor’s Original Six Foundation. They would like the City to appoint a committee that would determine how the foundation can help the City help the public. This was given as information only and would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Updated Council on this year’s election. Filing opened on August 1st at noon and closes on August 14th at noon. Filing will be taken at Barnwell County Voter Registration & Election Office at 367 Fuldner Rd. for the Mayor and Council Districts 2, 4, and 6. There is a filing fee of twenty five dollars. The election will be held November 3rd.
- Requested a special called Council meeting for the public hearing and second reading of the budget ordinance. This normally would be done at the regular meeting on September 14th.

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County Auditor, Gwen Kinard, needs the millage information by the end of August in order to get the tax bills out on time. A special called meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 31st, at 5:15 pm.

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) – Recreation Specialist Willie Brown updated Council on activities in the recreation department.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black informed Council that he had sold all confiscated and recovered weapons for \$3,250. He updated Council on arrest activities. Chief Black made a request to allow officers to take their police vehicles home. Every other law enforcement agency in the county allows their officers to drive their vehicles home. It would help the City to recruit and retain officers. He had met with the police committee and they agreed with him. Discussion followed. It was decided that Chief Black would write up a policy for review.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

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

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

ADJOURN

Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 31, 2015 – 5:15PM**

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., Steve Walling, William Dozier, Ben Duncan, and Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: W C Black

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

There was no news media present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING 2015/2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Lemon announced the public hearing on the 2015-2016 proposed budget. There was no public in attendance.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-6 TO RAISE REVENUE AND
ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-6 “TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. During discussion Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the computer server, data backup system, and battery backup for City Hall needed to be replaced as soon as possible.

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The total cost of the upgrade will be \$27,428. The equipment costs will come out of this year's budget but the installation and networking fees will probably not be incurred until October. Administrator Zawacki asked for an increase of \$15,000 for these administrative expenditures in the 2015-2016 budget. The expenditures will be offset with a \$15,000 increase in budgeted revenue for business licenses. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-6 with the additional \$15,000 added to the General Fund revenue and expenditure budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-8 READOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2015-4
SIGN REGULATIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-8 "AN ORDINANCE READOPTING ORDINANCE 2015-4 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL ARTICLE V. SEC 5-500 SIGN REGULATIONS BY DELETING SAME IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IN LIEU THEREOF INSERTING NEW SECTIONS 5-500.1 THROUGH 5-501.7" by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2015-8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki explained that this ordinance was necessary because there should have been a public hearing before the adoption of Ordinance 2015-4. The public hearing is scheduled for the next Council meeting.

ADJOURN

Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 2015– 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.

Council Members Absent: Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. He stated that there was not a quorum present so the meeting was cancelled and the public hearing scheduled for tonight would be held at the next Council meeting scheduled for October 5th.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 5, 2015– 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, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Jonathan Vickery of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON READOPTING ORDINANCE 2015-4 SIGN REGULATIONS
AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-7 SOLAR FARMS**

Mayor Lemon opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on the public hearing. No one spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. James Richardson asked if anyone had any questions about solar farms. There were no questions.

CITIZEN REQUEST FOR A SMOKING BAN

Mr. Bob Dixon had contacted the City Administrator and cancelled his request to be on the agenda.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACTUAL

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE DRUG AND GANG TASK FORCE

Councilman Black prefaced his motion by saying that this was a tough call because of financial considerations. Councilman Black then made a motion that the City not continue participation in task force. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan. During discussion, Councilman Dozier asked if we could participate at a reduced rate. Councilman Black stated that he was under the impression that it was and either/or deal. He said he thought the Sheriff did a good job but there were financial constraints. He said that we would have to decide what the reduced level would be. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked City Administrator Zawacki if there was any way that with a reduced rate of participation that there would be additional money for the police department's needs. Administrator Zawacki explained that the new budget included a \$183,630 transfer from savings. The police department budget included \$47,500 for the task force so any amount not used for the task force could stay in the police budget for their needs. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said that he would hate for the City to get out of the task force all together but he understood the police department's needs. Financial discussion followed. Councilman Black stated that he thought the City's first obligation should be the police department's needs and the motion and second to not continue participation in the task force came from the police committee. Mayor Lemon stated that he wished we could do both. Upon vote, the motion was not approved. Councilman Black voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilmen Duncan, Dozier, Pattillo and Walling voted in opposition to the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Williams then made a motion to participate in the task force at a reduced rate to be negotiated with the Sheriff for a one year basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier. Upon vote, the motion was approved. Mayor Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilmen Duncan, Dozier, Pattillo and Walling voted to approve the motion. Councilman Black voted in opposition to the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2015 SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2015 special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lemon and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-8 READOPTING ORDINANCE 2015-4 SIGN REGULATIONS

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-8 “AN ORDINANCE READOPTING ORDINANCE 2015-4 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL ARTICLE V. SEC 5-500 SIGN REGULATIONS BY DELETING SAME IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IN LIEU THEREOF INSERTING NEW SECTIONS 5-500.1 THROUGH 5-501.7” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-7 SOLAR FARMS

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-7 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL, CHAPTER 5 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-700 THROUGH 5-702 SOLAR USE” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-7. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARNWELL AND THE BARNWELL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

Attorney Boulware explained to Council that the State legislature has imposed an obligation on municipalities to pay for indigent representation for cases made by the cities. If a person is certified as indigent then the City will have to pay for their defense. The public defender has agreed to do this at a rate of \$400 per case. It is estimated that there will be about 10 cases per year. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR A PERMIT TO HOLD A CIRCUS ON DUNBARTON BLVD ACROSS FROM WALMART

Administrator Zawacki explained that he brought this before Council because although we have had approvals for carnivals, the City has never had a request for a circus. It would be held at the vacant lot on Dunbarton Blvd across from Walmart on Sunday, October 18th. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to disapprove the permit unless they do it on any day other than Sunday. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON DONATION OF 10 ACRES OF PROPERTY TO CITY

Mayor Lemon recused himself from the discussion and vote because of his family relationship to the owners of the property. He left the room and left Mayor Pro Tem Williams in charge of the discussion. Administrator Zawacki told Council that the property was on Camelia Street across from the old Shuron plant and next to well #11 on Clinton Street. An aerial photograph was included in the Council packets. The timber on the property has been clear cut and it would cost the City approximately \$25,000 just to clear the property. At this time the City does not have a use for the property. Councilman Dozier made a motion not to accept the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and was unanimously approved. Mayor Lemon returned to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Updated Council on the inflow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant over the weekend due to the heavy rainfall and the measures taken by the City to alleviate the heavy flow. He commended the employees for their hard work. City wells were never in danger.
- City issued invitation to bid letters to eight construction companies for the installation of the 12 inch water line at Orchids Paper. The bids will be opened on October 20th. Orchids Paper has requested that the City expedite the installation of the line so that they can meet fire flow requirements for their conversion facility. They would like the water line to be operational by the end of the year.

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-Updated Council on the EDA and RIA grant activity for the lift station and force main project for Orchids Paper. The City is expecting to go out for bids on this project in late January 2016 with an estimated completion date in the second quarter of 2017.

-Informed Council that the franchise agreement with SCE&G will expire in 2016. A new draft franchise agreement was given to Council for their review. The Mayor called for a special Council meeting on October 19th at 5:15 p.m., so a representative from SCE&G can meet with Council to answer any question about the agreement.

-Informed Council that we lost the pecan tree at Darnell Park.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the condition of the parks. The improvements to Fuller Park funded by the Palmetto Pride grant should be completed in the next few weeks. The Farmer’s Market is closed for the season. Participation in the football program is about the same as last year. Recreation brochures were given to Council and they told about upcoming events. Shumaker informed Council that the high school will be using the 300 foot field at LPSC through October because they are having some issues with the lighting at their field.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the flooding and accidents due to the heavy rain. He said the fire department, police department, and DOT did an outstanding job working together to help alleviate the flooding. Chief Black asked for Council approval on the take home vehicle policy. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that his department would be having programs during the week for Fire Prevention Week. His department is also working with the water department testing fire hydrants for the upcoming DHEC inspection in November.

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) – Lynn Cox updated Council about the following activities: Barnwell High School Homecoming Parade on October 9th, Fall Fest on October 15th, Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3rd, and the Christmas Parade on December 5th.

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ADJOURN

Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 2015 – 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, Steve Walling, Billy Dozier, and Bob Pattillo

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Tom Boulware, Human Resources Director Lynn McEwen

SCE&G Representative Scott Neely was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTRACTUAL

Councilman Black made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the contractual SCE&G Franchise Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-9 SCE&G FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-9, **“ORDINANCE (“FRANCHISE ORDINANCE” OR “AGREEMENT”) TO GRANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ERECT AND TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN,**

AND OPERATE ON, ALONG, ACROSS, IN, OVER, ABOVE, UPON AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY: (1) ELECTRIC LINES, POLES, WIRES, GUYS, PUSH BRACES, TRANSFORMERS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; (2) GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES AND OTHER APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND (3) COMMUNICATION LINES AND FACILITIES FOR ANY PURPOSE AND ANY USE BY THE COMPANY OR ANY DESIGNEE, TOGETHER WITH ANY NECESSARY RIGHT OF ACCESS THERETO, FOR SUCH PERIOD AS THE SAME IS NEEDED BY THE COMPANY TO RENDER SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FROM THOSE FACILITIES; TO SET THE AMOUNT OF FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID BY SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY TO THE CITY; IF SO REQUIRED, TO LEVY FRANCHISE FEES ON THIRD PARTIES SELLING ELECTRICITY OR GAS USING SCE&G'S ELECTRIC OR GAS SYSTEMS; TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND AND UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS FOR ELECTRIC NON-STANDARD SERVICE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BARNWELL IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-9. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

There was no further business. Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dozier seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn S. McEwen, Human Resources

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
November 2, 2015– 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, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

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

Mr. Jonathan Vickery 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 FOR OFFICERS JONATHAN WALLACE,
RICK LEWIS, AND STEVEN PIZZINO**

Mayor Lemon administered the oath of office to Police Officers Wallace, Lewis, and Pizzino.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2015 SPECIAL CALLED
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR THE ORCHIDS WATER LINE

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the City sent out eight invitations to bid to eight contractors. Five of those eight contractors bought plans and specifications. However, we only received two bids due to the flooding in Columbia and emergency work done by the other contractors. The two bids received were \$101,710 and \$62,391. The recommendation from our engineers is to award the contract for the Water Main Extension to serve Orchids Paper to the lowest qualified bidder, Gene Ray Fulmer Construction Co. Inc., in the amount of \$62,391. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the low bid for the Orchid water line. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Councilman Dozier asked if this was the project that the City received a \$100,000 grant for. Administrator Zawacki informed him that it was but this award was only for construction cost. There would still be engineering and contingent expenses.

**APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF A POLICE CAR FROM BUDGETED GANG TASK
FORCE FUNDS**

Administrator Zawacki explained to Council that this was on the agenda because at last month's meeting there was a lot of discussion about purchasing a new police car from these funds but it was never voted on. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of a police car from the budgeted gang task force funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if we had a final figure on the task force. Administrator Zawacki said that we had not received an official letter yet but he had talked to the Sheriff and it would be \$6.50 a head for a total of a little less than \$31,000. Administrator Zawacki asked if there should be a dollar amount included in the motion. His

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estimate is that \$28,000 of these funds would be available. Mayor Pro Tem Williams amended the motion to approve the purchase of a police car up to \$28,000 from budgeted gang task force funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THREE POLICE CARS

Administrator Zawacki explained that at the special called meeting during a discussion on the electric franchise funds, Councilman Williams said that he would like to use some of those funds to purchase three additional police cars. In order to do that, the budget would have to be amended. Zawacki was asking that tonight Council appropriate the \$90,000 to purchase the cars. A budget amendment ordinance would then be presented to Council for their approval. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the \$90,000 for the purchase of three police cars and we leave the \$7.00 per month public works fee until June 30, 2016 at which time it will come off. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

SECOND & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-9 SCE&G FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2015-9, **“ORDINANCE (“FRANCHISE ORDINANCE” OR “AGREEMENT”) TO GRANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ERECT AND TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE ON, ALONG, ACROSS, IN, OVER, ABOVE, UPON AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY: (1) ELECTRIC LINES, POLES, WIRES, GUYS, PUSH BRACES, TRANSFORMERS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; (2) GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES AND OTHER APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND (3) COMMUNICATION LINES AND FACILITIES FOR ANY PURPOSE AND ANY USE BY THE COMPANY OR ANY DESIGNEE, TOGETHER WITH ANY NECESSARY RIGHT OF ACCESS THERETO, FOR SUCH PERIOD AS THE SAME IS NEEDED BY THE COMPANY TO RENDER SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FROM THOSE FACILITIES; TO SET THE AMOUNT OF FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID BY SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY TO THE CITY; IF SO REQUIRED, TO LEVY FRANCHISE FEES ON THIRD PARTIES SELLING ELECTRICITY OR GAS USING SCE&G'S ELECTRIC OR GAS SYSTEMS; TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND AND UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS FOR ELECTRIC NON-STANDARD SERVICE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BARNWELL IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED”** 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 the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-9. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Last Tuesday morning our welcome sign on Highway 278 was hit by a vehicle. The sign sustained significant damage. It has been taken to the street shop for repair.
- We have reached an agreement with the property owners for our force main easement from Joey Zorn Blvd to Barwick Rd. We are waiting for the appraisal of the property to move forward with the easement purchase.
- Within the next several weeks we will be smoke testing the sewer system to try and identify our water intrusion areas. Prior to testing, letters will be sent to property owners in the test area informing them of the test. The testing will take several weeks.
- We have received a site access letter from Petra-Tech Environmental to sample ground water at Fuller Park for SCDHEC to see if there is any ground water contamination from Jim Bo's underground gasoline storage tanks. The Mayor will need to sign the site access agreement.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker informed Council that the youth football program has ended for the season. The mite football team was undefeated. The Fire Safety Fun Day and Touch a Truck event was rained out. Youth basketball registration is underway. The annual Turkey Trot will be held Saturday, November 14th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black thanked Council for their support of the police department. His department is currently at full staff. Police officers participated at the dunk tank during Fall Fest to help the museum raise funds for repairs to the gazebo that was used as the old police station. The homecoming event held at Fuller Park created a huge problem with people crossing the road. If the event is held in the future, it will need to be held at a different location for safety reasons. Traffic Halloween night was the worse he has ever seen. The next Coffee with a Cop will be held December 8th at the police administration building from 6pm to 8pm.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on recent fire calls. He invited Council to dinner at the fire department on Saturday, December 5th, at 7pm.

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

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

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Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn Cox informed Council that on October 15th, she gave a presentation on how municipal government and services work to the High School Youth Leadership of Barnwell County. Fall Fest had a great turnout. The beautification of the entryways to Fuller Park was funded by the Palmetto Pride grant. She put in a Palmetto Pride grant request for next year requesting funds to replace the benches on the circle and additional trash receptacles for Fuller Park. The following Christmas activities have been scheduled: Christmas Tree Lighting, Love Light Dedication, and Christmas by Candlelight on December 3rd beginning at 5:30pm, and the Christmas Parade on December 5th at 4pm.

ADJOURN

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 7, 2015– 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, W.C. Black, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

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

Ms. Laura McKenzie 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 was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2015 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the 2016 holiday schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF 2016 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the 2016 regular scheduled City Council meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FIREMAN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

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

RESOLUTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION

Administrator Zawacki explained that this was required for the EDA grant. He read Resolution 2015-3 that established just compensation in the amount of \$410 for the identified parcel. Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EASEMENT OFFER AND OFFER LETTER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the easement offer of \$2,000 and the offer letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki explained that this was for the line for Orchids.

CANCELLATION OF ELECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

The Certification of Candidates – Cancellation of Election from the Barnwell County Election Commission was presented. The certification stated that the Barnwell County Election Commission voted unanimously to cancel the November 3, 2015 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:

Mayor – Edward Lemon
City Council District 2 – W.C. Black
City Council District 4 – Steve Walling
City Council District 6 – Pickens Williams, Sr.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the certification of candidates and cancellation of election from the Barnwell County Election Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The winners will take the oath of office in January when their new terms begin.

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2015 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo gave Council a financial overview of the preliminary FYE 9-30-15 figures. In the General Fund, revenues were at 102% of budget and expenditures were at 97% of budget. In the W&S Fund, revenues were at 101% of budget and expenses were at 100% of budget. She explained that additional adjustments would be necessary for the final figures for the financial statements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Installation of the 12 inch water line for Orchids will begin this Tuesday morning and is expected to take 1 ½ weeks to complete.
- Updated Council on the possibility of Orchid's effluent water levels being above the approved wastewater industrial pretreatment limits and the additional costs to the City if Orchids did not pretreat.
- Updated Council on the timeline for the construction of the lift station and force main for Orchids.
- During the month repairs were made to two manholes on Wren St. and one manhole on Calhoun St.
- The two new employees at the WWTP had obtained the required licenses to operate the WWTP.
- SCE&G has informed the City that in 2016 they will be trimming trees along their right of way within the city limits. They do this every 5 years.
- The WWTP will have their yearly SCDHEC inspection next week.

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) – Recreation Director Mike Shumaker updated Council on the Turkey Trot, basketball registration, and Breakfast with Santa. Upcoming events include the candy cane hunt and lighted boat parade.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black reminded Council that Coffee with a Cop will be held December 8th at the police administration building from 6pm to 8pm.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks showed Council a graph of the types of calls his department made during the year. He gave a summary of the accomplishments of the fire department during the past year including lowering the ISO rating from a 5 to a 3 and the purchase of 22 SCBA with grant funds.

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

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Administrator Zawacki informed Council of the certificate winners from the Christmas parade. He invited Council to the employee Christmas luncheon on December 17th.

ADJOURN

Councilman Black made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer