

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2017– 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, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Shawn Anthony Howze Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2016 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF BARNWELL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
BARNWELL COUNTY EDC**

Will Lemon is the current City representative for the Barnwell County EDC. Mayor Lemon explained that Will felt he could no longer fulfill this obligation because of his job duties. Mr. Joe Smith has expressed an interest in the position. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Joe Smith as the City representative to the EDC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$5,000 FROM BARNWELL COUNTY FOR A RETAIL
STUDY OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting pending more information.

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

Mayor Lemon read the memorandum of understanding with the Barnwell County Public Defender's Office to provide representation of indigents charged with municipal violations. The new agreement will be at the same rate of \$400 per case and be for a period of one year until January 1, 2018. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

INTEREST IN APPLYING FOR A MOSQUITO CONTROL GRANT

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that DHEC has sent out a notice that they have \$540,000 in available funds to award to municipalities who want to start a mosquito control program. If Council would like to start a mosquito control program, the City would apply for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to \$40,000 to get the necessary equipment and to train three employees to operate the equipment. Discussion followed. Councilman Black made a motion to apply for the mosquito control grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING CITY OF BARNWELL SCHOOL CHOICE
WEEK**

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation recognizing January 22-28, 2017 as School Choice Week.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Gave Council an update on the progress of the lift station for Orchids. AT&T will remove their fiber cable from the City's easement.
- DHEC still has not issued a construction permit for Orchids pretreatment facility so this may push them back a few weeks from starting to discharge to the WWTP.
- The fountain on the Circle has a crack forming on the pond wall allowing water to flood the Circle. It will be repaired as soon as the weather cooperates.
- Gave Council the first draft drawing of how the new public safety building could be built on City property on Burr St. and Washington St. The draft proposal utilizes a three phase building design. Phase 1A would be the construction of the new police department building. Phase 1B would demolish the existing police administration building and build the fire truck bays. The fire station would be constructed last during Phase 2 and would require some demolition of the existing building. We need to acquire the vacant lot that adjoins our Burr St. property. Chief Black and Chief Dicks have given the architect their comments on this first phase and we will meet with Tilden next week to go over the Chiefs' comments. Tilden will then put together a cost estimate for each phase of the project and provide an artist conception of what the building might look like. This will be given to the building committee for their comments prior to placing it on the agenda for approval to proceed to do the bid documents.
- Gave Council a quote from Collins Controls to install 6 sewer lift stations onto the existing SCADA system that is used to operate the wells. DHEC is getting very strict on municipalities who have sewage overflows. This system would be the City's insurance that we will always meet DHEC guidelines. This is for information only at this time and I would think that we would request funding for this system in August. I am also working with FEMA to try to get funding for generators at each of the lift stations in case of a power outage.
- Updated Council on an eight inch water main break on 278 in front of Joey Zorn. Williston came down with their leak detector and found the leak for us. Also, at the WWTP, the lower section of the basement in the old processing system was flooded to the roof. There was a broken pipe under the concrete pad. When we turned on the new system, the switch gear caught on fire. We have an electrician coming in to give us an estimate on the cost for repairs. We have filed a claim with the insurance company.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked about SCE&G not running power to the Orchids Plant. Administrator Zawacki stated that if the City will build the pad for the transformer, SCE&G had agreed to run the power lines. We are in the process of getting bids to build a pad.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Director Pamela Davis updated Council on the candy cane hunt, the upcoming program guide, and new events. One of the new

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events she has been working on with SC DNR and SCA Promotion is a tagged fishing derby. Fifteen tagged fish would be placed in Lake Edgar Brown with a chance to win a grand prize of \$10,000. The City would purchase an insurance policy for \$1,525 to pay this if the grand prize fish is caught. There would be three other prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place through sponsors that the City would have to obtain. She asked Council if they had any objections to the fishing derby. There were no objections.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Reuben Black updated Council on the activities in his department for the month of December. Officer Gantt was the Officer of the Month.

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 McEwen informed Council that the \$7,300 Palmetto Pride Grant will be used to redo the landscaping on the islands around the Circle. Council discussed the options for placing a Christmas tree on the Circle permanently. No decision was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for legal opinion on a proposed county ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session. Councilman Black made a motion to have the City Attorney proceed to seek the Attorney General's legal opinion on the proposed county ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved

ADJOURN

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 6, 2017– 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, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Captain Brian Johnson, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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.

Mayor Lemon stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add item 3A Executive Session-Personnel. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to add item 3A Executive Session-Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. It was stated that possible action could be taken after the executive session.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Timothy Gilbert.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ron Shuler, President of the Barnwell Baseball Association, came before Council to ask if the City could reduce the fee that the Association pays for the use of the Lemon Park Sports Complex for baseball season. He explained to Council that BBA was a nonprofit organization that oversees Dixie Youth Baseball. He presented Council with their 2016 financial report. He

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stated that 95% of the money they collect is used for the program and 5% is used to pay franchise fees. They have had a hard year and wanted to know if Council could reduce the fee to use the park by 25% to 50%. The Mayor thanked BBA for their hard work and turned the request over to the Recreation Committee to get their recommendation for the next Council meeting.

Before going into executive session, on behalf of Police Chief Reuben Black, Captain Brian Johnson presented Officer John Ott with the Officer of the Year Award for 2016. He was presented with this award for going above and beyond his duties as a police officer for the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council returned to regular session. The Mayor stated that disciplinary action has been taken as to employee A in the police department.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO PLACE ON SALE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BY SEALED BID

Administrator Zawacki requested permission to sell by sealed bids the presented list of surplus equipment. Councilman Dozier made a motion to give the Administrator permission to sell the surplus equipment by sealed bid. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Gave Council an update on the progress of the force main and lift station for Orchids. The force main from the Sara Lee lift station to Orchids is complete. The three major pumps in the lift station are mounted on the pad and the suction and discharge line have been installed. The pad for the SCE&G transformer is also complete and ready for SCE&G to install the transformer. Orchids is still working with DHEC to get their construction permit. We are still expecting the

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testing of the paper plant to start in March and to see process water in April. We have expended \$499,520 of the RIA grant funds to date. We will begin using the EDA grant funds after the remaining \$480 RIA grant is used.

-The motors at the WWTP that were flooded when a pipe burst were sent out for repair. They were dried out and the company does not see any problems. They will be put back together and reinstalled.

-The motor for Well 6 that was installed two years ago went out. It is being rebuilt but it is under warranty.

-There are 6 to 8 trees that have grown over a section of the main water line on Jackson St near Kilkenny Park that need to be removed. Several service lines have already broken due to tree roots. I will be talking to the land owners prior to taking any action.

-The mosquito control grant has been submitted with the help of Martha Thompson and Lynn McEwen. The grant request was for \$36,000.

-Reminded Council to file their Statement of Economic Interest Forms with the State Ethics Commission by March 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Director Pamela Davis updated Council on recreation events including basketball, Daddy Daughter Dance, crochet classes, LeBon Joye Baseball Camp, and the Bunny Brunch. She is using the school system text messaging system to get out information on programs and events. Mayor said that maybe we could put exercising stations around the walking trail at Fuller Park including a chin up bar and dip bar. Some of this could be done by the Boy Scouts for an Eagle Project. The Mayor said he was told that there were a number of lights out on the walking trail by the lake. Ms. Davis said she would report them to SCE&G.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that his department has received a \$4,500 donation for Georgia Pacific to be used for protective clothing for the volunteer firefighters.

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

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ADJOURN

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

March 6, 2017– 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, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Captain Brian Johnson, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer John Zorn III.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Crystal Williams with Carolina United Programs spoke with Council. The organization is a temporary federal grant agency trying to reach survivors of Hurricane Matthew about available resources to help with any damage from the hurricane. They have an office at the Polly Best Center with office hours from 8:30-5:00.

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PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT, MEGREGOR & COMPANY

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 financial statements. 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 fairly in all material respects. This is what is referred to as a clean audit. He explained the Management's Discussion and Analysis section and recommended that Council read this section for an overview of the financial activities for the year. He then reviewed the various sections of the statements with Council. The General Fund had a decrease in fund balance of \$11,057 which was less than the budgeted decrease of \$89,205. The Water & Sewer Fund had a decrease in net position of \$185,795 including depreciation expense of \$646,971. Mayor Lemon thanked him for his presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Walling made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and the EDC. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON NAMING A STREET IN HONOR OF JAMES BROWN

Mayor Lemon stated that he received a letter requesting that a street in Barnwell be named after James Brown since Mr. Brown, one of the music industry's greatest artists, was born in Barnwell. He said that Mr. Brown did a lot for Barnwell and he was one of the most famous people to come from Barnwell. The Mayor suggested changing Ellenton St. from Dunbarton Blvd to Joey Zorn Blvd to James Brown Way. A public hearing on the possible change was scheduled for April 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

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DISCUSSION ON CUMBEE CENTER REQUEST FOR A \$10,000 DONATION FROM THE CITY

City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo updated Council on a request from the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons for a \$10,000 donation from the Victim Assistance Funds. The money would be used to help fund an additional part-time counselor for services to victims whose lives are traumatized by the violence they have suffered. Ms. Vargo stated that the money in this account comes from court assessments and surcharges from fines and can only be used for crime victim services. The account currently has a balance of \$72,000. SOVA, the State Office of Victim Assistance, oversees the use of these funds. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the request from the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons for a \$10,000 donation from the Victim's Assistance Fund subject to the provision that the funding request meets SOVA guidelines. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. The motion passed 6-1 with Councilman Black voting against the motion.

DISCUSSION ON BOY SCOUTS REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE YAMASEE DISTRICT FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

Mayor Lemon stated that the City did not have an account for this kind of donation. It was taken as information only.

RECREATION AND PARKS RECOMMENDATION TO THE BBA REQUEST FOR A LOWER BASEBALL PARK FEE

Councilman Walling stated that the recreation committee met and discussed reducing the fee charged to the Baseball Association for the Lemon Park Sports Complex from \$5,000 to \$3,000. Councilman Walling made a motion to reduce the fee to \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo. The motion passed 6-1 with Councilman Black voting against the motion.

DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A COUNTY WIDE CHRISTMAS PARADE

A meeting on the subject was held by Ms. Ann Pernell from Blackville and Ms. Lisa Still from Snellings on February 20th to discuss the pros and cons of a county wide Christmas parade. Ms. Lynn McEwen stated that she was not able to attend. Another meeting will be scheduled. This was presented to Council as information only.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Administrator Zawacki showed Council a slide presentation of the new lift station for Orchids. The force main is 100% complete. The lift station is about 85% complete. The entire project will be completed by March 27th.
- We expect to have a response on our mosquito grant application by the middle of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley updated Council on activities at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for the month of February.

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Director Pamela Davis updated Council on Basketball All Stars, Daddy Daughter Dance, Crochet Class, Labon Joye Baseball Camp and other upcoming events.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Captain Brian Johnson introduced Council to new police officer Juilo Hernandez.

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 McEwen invited Council to the annual meeting for the Development Association to be held at Common Grounds on March 7th from 8:00 to 9:00.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and 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
March 13, 2017– 5:00 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, Robert Pattillo, and
Steve Walling

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council returned to regular session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

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 and PUBLIC HEARING
April 3, 2017– 6:15 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

PUBLIC HEARING ON RENAMING ELLENTON ST TO JAMES BROWN WAY

There was no public in attendance. Mayor Lemon stated that there was a way to designate a special name for a portion of a roadway without changing the name of the street. Mayor Lemon closed the public hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

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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, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Captain Brian Johnson, WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Julio Santos-Hernandez.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON NAMING A STREET IN HONOR OF JAMES BROWN

Mayor Lemon stated that he has changed his suggestion for renaming Ellenton St because the reason for the name has come to his attention and he didn't want to dishonor the people it was named for. Mayor Lemon stated that a section of Ellenton St could be designated as James Brown Way by putting up a sign only and not changing the street name of Ellenton. Another option would be to rename the street across the lake. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that he was against changing anything on Ellenton St because it was named for the people of Ellenton and it is already the Veteran's Memorial Highway. Council discussed the options for naming a street in honor of James Brown. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to decide if Council wants to pursue any acknowledgement of James Brown in the City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lemon. Upon vote, Mayor Lemon, Councilman Duncan, and Councilman Walling voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Williams voted against the motion. Councilman Black and Councilman Dozier abstained. Since there was not a majority vote, the matter was tabled. Mayor Lemon stated that he would bring it to the County since Mr. Brown was not born in the City but in the County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

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- The lift station for Orchids Paper is 100% complete. We will do the startup of the lift station this month. Orchids will do their system start up at the end of this month and into May. Paper production should start in June. We had budgeted revenue for the startup to begin in April.
- The Barnwell Solar LLC is moving right along. The site prep is complete and they are currently installing the solar panel supports. Solar panels should start being installed this month. The second solar farm Edison Solar is moving forward but no site prep work has started.
- The mosquito grants have been awarded but we are waiting on notification to see if ours was approved.
- We have applied for a recovery grant for Hurricane Matthew from the SC Hazard Mitigation Group to install five emergency generators and to place our lift stations on the SCADA system. The grant request is for \$250,000 and is 75% reimbursable.
- We have received a reimbursement check of \$34,362 from FEMA for 75% of the costs the City incurred during Hurricane Matthew.

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) –Councilman Walling updated Council on opening day of baseball.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Mayor Lemon asked if we could set aside money to restore the old police station when the budget is done for the new year.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen gave Council flyers for the Spring Fling scheduled for Thursday, April 27th and the Pick Up with Pride scheduled for Saturday, April 29th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Councilman Dozier made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and for a legal opinion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and 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
April 24, 2017 – 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., Benjamin Duncan, Robert Pattillo, William Dozier, Steve Walling and W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen, several audience members including Jonathan Vickery of The People Sentinel

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. This meeting was called for the purpose of Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue and possible disciplinary action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION; PERSONNEL ISSUE

Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Pattillo and unanimously approved. Council moved into executive session.

Council returned to open session.

Legal Counsel Tom Boulware read a motion to terminate Reuben Black as Chief of Police for the City of Barnwell effective April 24, 2017. City Administrator is to immediately notify Reuben Black of City's decision. Councilman Dozier so moved. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. The audience was then requested by the Mayor to give Administrator Zawacki a few minutes to call Mr. Black before posting to the internet.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn S. McEwen, Human Resource Director

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL and PUBLIC HEARING
May 1, 2017– 6:30 PM**

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 Robert Pattillo

Council Members Absent: Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Captain Brian Johnson, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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

Mr. Roger Riley came before Council as the captain of his neighborhood crime watch in the Meadowbrook area. Speeding is a big problem and they wanted to place speed bumps in the neighborhood. He went to Interim Police Chief Brian Johnson. Chief Johnson checked with the local SCDOT and was told this could not be done. Mr. Riley did some research because there are speed bumps on state maintained roads in other municipalities. He found out that the municipality must make the request. On behalf of his neighborhood, he asked Council to do the steps necessary to get speed bumps placed in the neighborhood.

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Mr. Riley also spoke as head of Emergency Management. He wanted to thank Council for allowing Fire Chief Tony Dicks to help in the EOC during the severe weather on April 5th. He said Chief Dicks is always willing to help and does an excellent job.

Ms. Mary Jo Dawson spoke on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees. They wanted to thank Council for considering the issue of young people on the Circle on Friday afternoons. The library has been having issues with it since they have moved to the Circle and it has become progressively worse. They realize that it is not an easy issue to solve and they are grateful the City is looking for a solution. They would like to be involved and help in anyway so that people will return to the library on Fridays.

Mr. Al Jenkins is the new Regional Director for Senator Tim Scott. He just wanted to introduce himself and make himself available to Council. He gave Council his contact information.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION ON COMPLAINTS OF CHILDREN IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

The City had asked the downtown businesses to fill out a survey to address the on-going complaints on children in the downtown area during the afternoon. Administrator Zawacki had given Council a copy of the completed surveys for their review. Community Development Director Lynn McEwen stated that the City had sent a letter to the schools at the beginning of the

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school year to make an announcement to the students about proper behavior expected on the Circle. The behavior is getting worse as the school year is coming to an end. The surveys show that the children have an overwhelmingly negative affect on the businesses. Some of them are even closing on Friday afternoons. Discussion followed on workable solutions. Mayor Lemon suggested hiring a teacher after school to stay on the Circle to deter the unruly behavior. Administrator Zawacki said that the City has been having two off duty police officers on the Circle on Friday afternoons between 3:00 and 5:00. He also stated that one of the churches has started coming out on Friday with drinks and food to try to keep the children in check. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said he was told that the children run back and forth across the street and he is worried that someone will get hit. Councilman Walling asked if they could be given a jaywalking warning if they are not using the crosswalks. Administrator Zawacki said we do not have any jaywalking ordinances. Mayor Lemon suggested a public disturbance warning. Administrator Zawacki said he would talk with Interim Police Chief Johnson to see what is in the ordinance. Mayor Lemon said that in the meantime, since school is almost out, the City would continue with having off duty police officers on Friday and consider the possibility of hiring an off-duty school teacher.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Administrator Zawacki, Councilman Black, Councilman Dozier, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Interim Police Chief Johnson have been researching the location and the design for the building. The number one consideration is that the building should last a minimum of forty years and have room for expansion. Another consideration is that the fire department should have adequate egress to the rest of the City and respond to 90% of their calls within five minutes 20 seconds to maintain their current ISO rating. Five potential locations were discussed. Administrator Zawacki said that they were asking Council to give them the ability to negotiate and move forward to determine which of these options to bring to Council for approval and try to get a budget. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to allow the building committee and the others to proceed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Orchids lift station has been tested and is completely operational. We are still waiting on reimbursement from the EDA grant. The contractor has submitted a change request for additional work due to AT&T intruding on our certified easement. The total cost of the change order is \$27,000 and we have made a request to AT&T for reimbursement.
- The SC Hazard Mitigation Group will review our recovery grant for Hurricane Matthew to install five emergency generators and to place our lift stations on the SCADA system
- Still no information from DHEC on the mosquito grant awards.
- Construction of the Barnwell Solar LLC solar farm is almost finished and they are hoping for a June startup.
- An air handling unit on the 2nd floor of City Hall lost freon and froze up. When it thawed out, all of the water went under the floor tiles. Repairs will cost \$2,680.

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-There are two buildings in the core business area that need repair or need to be taken down. We will be sending letters to the owners.

-I will be having a meeting with the Orchids plant manager about the Rural Development Partnership donation. They have given approval to give the City \$75,000 for fire equipment. Orchids wants to give the rest of the money to Denmark Tech to train electricians but I am going to request another \$15,000 for additional fire equipment needed for the Orchids plant.

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 Pamela Davis updated Council on the recreation programs from the last month including crochet class, Bunny Brunch, and the Easter Egg Hunt. The basketball courts are being resurfaced with PARD grant funds. The installation of the LPSC scoreboard purchased with PARD grant funds is completed. Received a \$500 grant from Ag South for advertising for the Farmers Market which will open May 30th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 2pm. Updated Council on the final plans for the \$10,000 Fishing Derby scheduled for May 13th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Interim Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that the police department is fully staffed with the hiring of Officer Bozard this month.

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 McEwen updated Council on the Spring Fling and the Pick Up with Pride held in April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and for a legal opinion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

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Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the City Administrator's recommendation to not pay vacation pay for employee A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

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 and PUBLIC HEARING
June 5, 2017– 6:30 PM**

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., Billy Dozier, Benjamin Duncan, W.C. Black, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Interim Police Chief Brian Johnson, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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

Mr. Roger Riley wanted to check on the status of getting the speed bumps placed in his neighborhood. Administrator Zawacki stated that he had sent a request to SCDOT and was waiting on a response.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN COST OF CITY PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Sam Plexico with Southeastern Insurance Consultants explained the new medical insurance rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Council. After much negotiations, the July 1st premium increases for the current plans will be 8% for medical, 5% for dental, and no increase for life insurance. He said that due to the Affordable Care Act maximum out of pocket will automatically increase from \$6,850/\$13,700 to \$7,150/\$14,300. The increase in the medical premiums would drop from 8% to 2% if the City chooses to increase the deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,000. A \$2,000 deductible is normal for employers in the area. Mayor Pro Tem Williams informed Council that the finance and salary committee had met with Administrator Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Vargo, and Human Resource Director McEwen to discuss the costs for the available options. The committee's recommendation is that the City opt for the medical plan that increases the deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the individual (from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for the family) to decrease the cost of the premiums for both the City and the employees. The committee also recommends that the City not add the medical increase to those employees with dependent coverage. The increase in dental cost will be added to the premiums for employees with dependent coverage. Due to the increasing of the deductible, the committee recommends the City update its assistance policy on insurance deductibles to the following: If an employee meets the first \$1,000 and turns in the necessary explanation of benefits, they may receive the first \$500 reimbursement during the calendar year. If the employee meets above the \$1,500 threshold up to \$2,000, then they may receive up to the additional \$500. In other words, the employee can receive up to \$1,000 if the full \$2,000 has been met, but can be split into two requests to assist the employee with deductible costs during the year. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the finance and salary committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

DETERMINING A DATE FOR THE 2017/2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP

A budget workshop was scheduled for 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

INTEREST IN SIGNING SCE&G COMMUNITY SOLAR RESERVATION FORM

Administrator Zawacki stated that SCE&G has teamed with Community Solar to provide a solar complex which would benefit the City of Barnwell. Council was provided with a copy of the Community Solar Savings Proposal. They want the City to fill out a reservation form which will allow them to get the City's actual electrical usage from SCE&G so they can get an exact cost for the City to subscribe to rent solar panels to cover that usage. The rental contract would be for twenty years. There is no commitment for filling out the reservation form. Zawacki spoke with Scott Neely from SCE&G who said the program is legitimate. Mr. Neely is willing to come and

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explain the program to Council. Councilman Dozier made a motion to fill out the reservation form. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

MODIFICATION TO DRUG/GANG TASK FORCE FUNDS

There was a major modification to the task force. Personnel costs have been taken out. The cost will decrease to \$1.00 per person for each individual in the City. The funds will be used to maintain equipment used by the Sheriff's Office Investigators for drug and gang detection. The cost will be \$4,750 per year instead of \$30,875. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to pay the annual amount of \$4,750. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ORCHIDS RIBBON CUTTING JUNE 14, 2017 AT 11:00 AM

Invitations for the ribbon cutting were given to Council.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Updated Council on the progress of finding a location for the new public safety building. Seven properties were looked at but only the 4.86 acres on Marlboro Ave matched the criteria developed by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and architect. A drawing was provided showing how the building would be set on the property along with appraisals for the property. Wanted Council approval to have an executive session at the budget workshop to discuss offers on the property. Councilman Dozier discussed another possible location on Jackson St that would keep both the fire department and police department close to the Circle. This location would only be used for a new fire building and the new police building would have to remain at the same location. Mayor Lemon said this could be discussed at the workshop to give everyone time to think about it.

-Received the mosquito grant from DHEC in the amount of \$24,671. We are working with Clemson to prepare a mosquito control plan. The plan and training must be completed prior to initiating the program. We must identify any bee keepers in the city limits and notify them of our fogging plans.

-Gave Council information from MASC on the new legislative changes to the Freedom of Information Act.

-The City has received approval from DHEC to operate the lift station for Orchids and Orchids has received DHEC approval to operate their pretreatment facility. Operation startup is anticipated for this month.

-Sixteen applications have been received for the Police Chief position. Five applications have been recommended for the police committee to review. The committee will meet this week.

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-Barnwell Solar LLC is working on getting their final inspection. They hope to begin operations this month.

-Asked Council if there would be a quorum for the scheduled July 3rd council meeting. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to move the scheduled July 3rd council meeting to July 10th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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 Pamela Davis was working at the LPSC. Administrator Zawacki read her report. Highlights included the Fishing Derby which was a tremendous success. There were 109 participants including many visitors from out of town. Four tagged fish were caught but none were the \$10,000 fish. The farmer’s market opened May 25th. LPSC will host the Dixie Youth Major Boys Tournament June 17th-22nd. LPSC may hold a World Fast Pitch Softball Tournament on September 16, 2017.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Interim Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that the police department is fully staffed with the hiring of Officer Bozard this month. Mayor Lemon administered the oath of office to Officer Bozard before the Council meeting.

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 McEwen invited Council to the Independence Day Celebration to be held July 1st at Veteran’s Park from 5:00 to 9:30 pm.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the BUDGET WORKSHOP of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 27, 2017 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

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

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Marie Vargo, Interim Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, WWTP Operator Philip Stanley, and Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen

Mayor Lemon called the workshop to order and asked for a motion to go into executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to review proposed salaries and to review appraisals for property on Wellington St and Marlboro Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black 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, 2018 with Council. A detailed discussion on revenues and each department expenditures followed. Most of the increase in expenditures was for personnel costs. A 3% salary increase was included in the proposed budget. Employer contributions for state retirement increased by 2%. The state will help fund 1% of this increase by giving a credit but this credit will be taken in the current fiscal year.

The proposed General Fund budget included a tax increase of 2.4 mills - .9 mills for operations and 1.5 mills for debt service. This will increase the total millage rate from 72.3 mills to 74.7 mills. Additional expenditures for the General Fund included the purchase of a used service truck for the fire department, new mosquito control program and new mower for streets and sanitation, and a new Toro for the LPSC. There was a discussion on three additional requests from the police department that were not included in the proposed budget. The first was for a position for a victim's advocate/police clerk. It was estimated that 75% of the time would be for victim's advocate and 25% of the time would be spent helping with police administration. Money from

the Victim's Services Fund could be used to pay for victim advocate expenditures but the General Fund would have to pay expenditures for police administration. The second item was for expenditures for a new K-9 drug program. Officer Santos-Hernandez has received a personal grant through the VA. The grant will cover the cost of the dog and training for the dog and handler. The dog will belong to Officer Santos-Hernandez and not the City. The training will be held in Texas in July 2017. The grant will not cover travel expenses. Interim Police Chief Johnson was asking for \$2,600 for travel expenses to be paid in this year's budget. Drug seizure money can be used for these expenses. A new line item for \$8,270 would be added to next year's budget for the program. Discussion about the program followed. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the K-9 program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The third request was for three new police vehicles at a cost of approximately \$100,000. The City could use capital lease proceeds to purchase the vehicles. This would have a net effect on the bottom line for next year's budget but would require capital lease payments for the following three years. It was decided to add these three items to the budget. A transfer from reserves will be used for the anticipated shortfall.

The proposed Water and Sewer Fund budget did not include any rate increases but did include a full year of anticipated revenue from new industry. Additional expenses for this fund include the purchase of a bobcat. Excess revenues will be used for capital projects including new diffusers for the wastewater treatment plant and the refurbishment of the Rose St water tank.

Proposed expenditures for the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Funds were increased for capital improvements for a new bathroom at the LPSC and a donation to the Barnwell County Museum for capital improvements to the old police station on the Circle. A transfer from reserves will be used to fund these expenditures.

Cash reserve balances were discussed. The first reading of ordinances for the budget and any fee increases will be at the next council meeting.

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
July 10, 2017– 6:30 PM**

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, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Captain Brian Johnson, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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

Jess Wilbanks – Ms. Wilbanks from United Way stated that she will be moving to Atlanta but before she moves she is scheduling a team from Americorps to be in Barnwell from October 15th – December 15th. The team will consist of 18 to 12 college age individuals who will work on needed projects. She said they must be provided with room and board. She asked Council to provide her with a list of projects, ideas on housing for the team, and to share their favorite place or story about Barnwell.

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Rick Williamson with Southern Realty – Mr. Williamson updated Council on the possibility of improving Peachtree Gardens. He stated that he has been in contact with LSCOG, and for any grant money to be provided for these improvements, it will have to go through the City. The City will have to make the application for a grant. Administrator Zawacki stated that it would be a Community Block Grant. This was provided to Council as information only.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2017-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DESIGN OF THE PS BUILDING AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON MARLBORO AVE AND WELLINGTON ST

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that three properties on Wellington are being appraised. Once the appraisals are received, he will put together a draft offer package for the purchase of the properties and a draft agreement with the engineer and designer on what it will take to put the package together with the drawings and getting it ready to go out on bid. He is requesting permission to get the draft letters and draft contract ready for Council's approval at the next meeting. Councilman Dozier made a motion to change the wording of the request to approval to move forward with the design of the public safety building **toward the** purchase of property on Marlboro Ave and Wellington St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Updated Council on the startup of Orchids Paper on June 15th.
- Lynn McEwen continues to work on the generator grant from the SC State Remediation Group. The grant application is due on August 1st. We are asking for \$100,000 for 3 generators for critical lift stations in the City. If the grant is awarded our match will be 25%.
- The State and Lower Savannah Council of Government have started meetings around the state to get ready for the 2020 census. Lynn McEwen and Tony Dicks will be attending for the City.
- Tomorrow we will be attending a meeting at the YMCA on possible fundraising for a public swimming pool.
- We received our mandatory mosquito traps for the mosquito grant and the Category 8 study material for the guys to get their pesticide licenses. We have received complaints this week for three problem areas in the City. These areas will be the first places that we will put the traps. DHEC will then tell us what we need to do to eradicate the mosquitos from those areas. This is not a blanket fogging of the whole City. We will identify problem areas and eradicating the mosquitos in those areas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Philip Stanley updated Council on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Administrator Zawacki said he still has not received a response on the request for speed bumps in Meadowbrook.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on recent and upcoming recreation activities. The Dixie Youth Major Boy's Tournament held at LPSC on June 17th-22nd went well. Davis is working with USSSA on tournaments for this fall and next spring. A World Fast Pitch Tournament for September 16, 2017 is still pending.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Brian Johnson informed Council that the K-9 training program was postponed for two weeks due to the heat.

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks stated that it is in the budget for next year to buy a used service truck. He has found a used service truck that could possibly save the City \$30,000 if it could be bought before October. He will look into it further and bring it before Council if it is feasible.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Mayor Lemon thanked everybody for their hard work on the budget.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen updated Council on the Independence Day celebration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Police Committee Recommendations and personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

APPROVAL OF POLICE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Black made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Police Committee to promote Brian Johnson to the position of Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 7, 2017– 6:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

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

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Parks & Recreation Director Pamela Davis and Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen.

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

PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 2017-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

The Mayor opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone would like to speak. There was no response. The public hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

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

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief Brian Johnson.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2017-1 “AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Administrator Zawacki asked Council to increase the budget expenditure line item for LPSC turf management from \$5,000 to \$14,000 to contract this service out. The additional \$9,000 would be funded from the Local Hospitality Tax Fund. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-1 with the increase recommended by the Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-2 CHANGE OF TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Black made a motion to read Ordinance 2017-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF COUNCIL SECTION 2-42 TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS, OPEN TO PUBLIC SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS FROM 6:30 TO 5:30” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2017-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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DISCUSSION ON CAPACITY COMMITMENT AGREEMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

City Attorney Boulware referred Council to his memorandum regarding the capacity commitment agreement and stated that there was a confidentiality paragraph. He stated that there was not much that he could add to the information in the memorandum other than the City may not get the full capacity that was illustrated. He recommended that the City continue to negotiate. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to continue to negotiate with CEC Development LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND TO NEGOTIATE PRICE WITH THE LAND OWNER

This item was tabled by the Mayor.

REVIEW OF DRAFT AIA AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ARCHITECT

This item was tabled by the Mayor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Gave an update on Orchids Paper Products and stated that the plant should be in full operation by September.
- Four employees are studying to take the licensing test for the mosquito control program. The written mosquito control plan will be on the September agenda for Council approval.
- The grant for new generators has been submitted.
- Our engineers have recommended that we look into the condition of the two wells and tank at the old Sara Lee plant. The new owner uses very little water and has no need for them.
- Filing period is currently open until August 15th at noon for the November election for Council Districts 1, 3, and 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

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Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Recreation Director Pamela Davis gave an update on football registration. The season will be from September 11th thru October 31st. Upcoming events include a movie in the park on August 11th to kick off football season, a baseball tournament at LPSC for MDA on August 12th, and a solar eclipse launch party in conjunction with the library at LPSC on August 21st. There is a group interested in starting a semi pro football league. They held a try out at the LPSC and want to make Lemon Park their home field. Details are still being worked out. Director Davis wanted to thank the police department for doing a wonderful job at keeping an eye on the parks.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that there has been some confusion with City ordinance 20-162 that pertains to fireworks. He would like to work with the City Administrator and the City Attorney to amend the ordinance to include consumer grade fireworks in the class level of fireworks to avoid confusion.

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) – Lynn McEwen informed Council that the new Census will begin in a couple of months. She asked Council to encourage residents in their districts to fill out and return any information they receive from the Census Bureau. The high school homecoming parade will be held September 15th.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and 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 14, 2017 – 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., Robert Pattillo, William Dozier, and W.C. Black

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. This meeting was called for the purpose of approving to enter into a capacity commitment agreement with CEC Development, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. made a motion to enter into a capacity commitment agreement with CEC Development, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company, in order to receive an allocation of facility solar output and to participate in the SCE&G Distributed Resources Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Pattillo and unanimously approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn S. McEwen, Human Resource Director

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 18, 2017– 6:30 PM**

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, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, and Community Development Director Lynn McEwen

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

Liana Orr – Ms. Orr, Chairman of the Barnwell County Museum and Historical Board, thanked Council for their support of the Barnwell County Museum including the \$7,000 the City has allocated to the museum for the repair of the old police station/guard shack. She presented Council with a letter requesting that any funds remaining after it is fully restored be reallocated for repairs to the C.G. Fuller House where the museum is located. This was taken as information only and will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2017-2 CHANGE OF TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2017-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF COUNCIL SECTION 2-42 TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS, OPEN TO PUBLIC SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS FROM 6:30 TO 5:30” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved. Councilman Williams asked the reason for the change. Mayor Lemon said he suggested it as a matter of convenience because the work day for most people ends at 5:00. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE A SALES PRICE FOR TWO HOMES LOCATED ON BURR ST FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MAKE A PURCHASE OFFER

The building planning committee decided to consider putting the public safety buildings on Burr St. This would require the purchase of two properties on Burr St. Councilman Black said he would like to amend the request to include a property on Jefferson St. Administrator Zawacki said that all three properties have been appraised. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to give approval for the City Administrator to negotiate for the purchase of two houses on Burr St

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and one house on Jefferson St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The offers will be presented to Council for final approval.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The City has received the funds for the mosquito grant. Arrangements are being made to get employees certified. A copy of the mosquito control plan was given to Council. The grant funds must be spent by April.
- Updated Council on Orchids Paper. We are still waiting on the final payment from EDA.
- Submitted a grant request to RIA for \$500,000 to build a new digester at the WWTP.
- The City received very little damage from Hurricane Irma. The Main St and Galilee Rd lift stations lost power but we had generators staged at those locations. Administrator Zawacki praised the City departments that helped during the hurricane.
- The planning committee has finalized the location of the two public safety buildings. They will be built on Burr St with fire at the current location and police across the street on the parking lot side of Burr St. The current locations have been inspected for asbestos and lead. We are waiting on the reports. The other three proposed properties will be inspected tomorrow. The reports will include the cost of abatement and demolition.
- Talked to the owner of the Sara Lee water tank and wells about the possible purchase. The initial inspection of the well houses show that the controls are in good shape. The tank will be inspected and the wells will be tested.

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 Pamela Davis updated Council on recent and upcoming recreation activities. Football games will be held at LPSC on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through October 31st. Regulation sized goal posts have been installed on the multi-purpose field at LPSC.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council returned to regular session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 2017– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

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

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

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 were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL FOR THE BARNWELL COUNTY MUSEUM TO UTILIZE ANY
REMAINING BALANCE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE CITY IN FY18 BUDGET
FOR REPAIRS TO THE GUARD SHACK TO GO TO REPAIRS TO THE FULLER
HOUSE**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the Barnwell County Museum's request to utilize any remaining funds allocated by the City in the FY18 budget for repairs to the guard shack to go to repairs to the Fuller House. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Gave Council two conceptual footprint drawings for the public safety complex for their review and comments. Gave update on the lead and asbestos inspections. Costs for abatement and demolition should be in next week.
- A pump test is scheduled next week for the two wells at the old Sara Lee plant. The water tower inspection showed that the inside of the tank was in good shape but the outside will need refurbishment.
- There was only one candidate for Council in each of the Districts up for election-Districts 1, 3 and 5 so the November 7th municipal election has been cancelled pursuant to South Carolina Code, Sec. 7-13-190(E).

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) – No Report

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

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) – Lynn McEwen reminded Council that Fall Fest will be held Thursday, October 19th.

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Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of on-going SLED investigation in the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 12, 2017 – 3:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Benjamin Duncan, William Dozier, Steve Walling and W.C. Black

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo and Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen, Police Chief Brian Johnson, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

There was no news media present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACTUAL

Councilman Walling made a motion to go into executive session for a discussion on final offers for homes on Burr St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Council moved into executive session.

Council returned to open session.

City Attorney Thomas Boulware read a motion to accept the negotiated price of the property that belongs to Scruggs on the east side of Burr St and to accept the negotiated price of the property owned by Majors on the west side of Burr St and that the fire department will be located on the east side of Burr St and the police department on the west side. Councilman Black so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. Mayor Lemon declared that a quorum was present.

City Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the SC Water Fowl Association wanted to get water turned on in a building for one of their events but the building was a nonconforming

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structure for this type of event so he denied the request. Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that the building in question had a certificate of occupancy for manufacturing and the Association wanted to use the building for a group assembly. Chief Dicks explained the building code and zoning constraints in the City Ordinances. He had some suggestions about the possible use of tents and limiting the number of people inside the building that might make the request feasible. Mayor Lemon, Chief Dicks, and Administrator Zawacki will contact the Association and let them know about the situation.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
November 6, 2017– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

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

Council members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo,
City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks,
Recreation Director Pamela Davis, WWTP Operator in Charge
Philip Stanley, and Community Development & Tourism Director
Lynn McEwen.

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

Mr. Roger Riley, Barnwell County Emergency Management Director, gave Council information on South Carolina Water/Wastewater Agencies Response Network. This is a network of utilities helping other utilities during natural or manmade emergencies.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION ON GIVING TUESDAY

Mayor Lemon read a proclamation proclaiming November 28, 2017 as Giving Tuesday in the City of Barnwell.

APPROVAL FOR MAYOR TO SIGN STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Administrator Zawacki explained that the City has been a signatory on this agreement for a long time, but the State has updated the agreement and is asking everyone to approve the updated agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the statewide mutual aid agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF AIA AGREEMENT WITH TILDEN HILDERBRAND AND
MCDONALD LAW**

Administrator Zawacki presented the agreement to Council. Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand explained to Council that the City is currently in the conceptual design phase so the square footage in the agreement will probably change. The phasing of the fire department could also reduce the square footage. He explained that his fee is based on a percentage of construction cost, so his fee will move with the budget. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-The City engineers talked to DHEC and DHEC has no records on the SLSC wells, so they will not permit the wells to go into the public domain. DHEC will also not permit the raw water Milliken wells. If Orchids goes into their third phase, the City will have to drop another well and build a new water tank. DHEC guidelines require that half of the amount of water utilized must be in holding.

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- We should be notified tomorrow about the RIA digester grant.
- Two employees have received their pesticide license for the mosquito control program. We will finalize our guidelines with DHEC and be ready for the next mosquito season.
- A meeting is scheduled for November 8th with a group from Senator Lindsay Graham's office and the acting director of USDA about a possible grant for the construction of the new fire station.
- The Christmas tree for this year's celebration will be donated by Mr. Shane Baxley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – WWTP Operator in Charge Philip Stanley informed Council that there was an upset at the WWTP over the weekend and the clarifier flipped. The problem should be corrected by the end of the week. They also started refurbishing the aeration system on the 3 mgd plant and the City should see a savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000 by doing it themselves.

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that the football season ended with a total of 184 participants. There are 121 participants signed up for basketball with games beginning in January. The LPSC will be an overflow park for the Top Gun Baseball Tournament in Aiken on November 11th and 12th. Ms. Davis is also working with Top Gun to try to get some spring baseball tournaments. The Turkey Trot will be held on November 18th. Breakfast with Santa and the Candy Cane Hunt will be held on December 2nd.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Duncan and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks will apply for a state V-Safe grant to help supplement the cost of the new service truck.

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 McEwen informed Council that the tree lighting will be held on November 30th. The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 2nd with Representative Lonnie Hosey as the Grand Marshall.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for discussion on potential offer to seller. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Black made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to move forward with negotiations for the purchase of property on Jefferson St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and 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 4, 2017– 5:30PM**

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 Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

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.

Mayor Lemon requested that the agenda be amended to move the Police Officer's Oath of Office to the police committee report section to allow time for one of the officers to get to the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Cody Carver with Americorps spoke to Council about the Americorps program. The group is in Barnwell funded by a grant through the United Way. They have helped with repairs to the roof at the First Baptist Church, helped clean the roadways for the Christmas parade and tree lighting programs, and are currently working with Axis 1. They will be in Barnwell until December 14th. The Mayor thanked the group for their service.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the 2018 holiday schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the 2018 regular scheduled City Council meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FIREMAN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

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

**APPROVAL OF THE ACES CONTRACT FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND
DEMOLITION**

Administrator Zawacki explained that the contract was all exclusive for the two buildings the City is purchasing plus the old police building and old fire building. The demolition will be done over a two-year period. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the contract with Alternative Construction & Environmental Solutions Inc for the abatement and demolition of four structures. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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CANCELLATION OF ELECTION 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 7, 2017 scheduled election pursuant to South Carolina Code, Sec. 7-13-190 (E) since only one candidate filed for each of the offices and no write-in candidate filed a declaration to be a write-in candidate for these offices. The following winners were declared:

City Council District 1 – Billy Dozier
City Council District 3 – Harris T Barker
City Council District 5 – Robert S Pattillo Jr

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the certification of candidates and cancellation of election as set forth by the Barnwell County Election Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. The winners will take the oath of office in January when their new term begins.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The City was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority to construct a new digester (sludge tank) at the WWTP. The project must be under construction within 6 months.
- Bid packages for the Rose St tank have been sent out. The bid opening is schedule for December 21st and work on the tank should start in late February.
- The aeration basins at the new WWTP are being cleaned by the WWTP employees saving the City approximately \$35,000.
- The City has been notified that the SCE&G transmission line right of ways that run through the City will be trimmed and cleared in 2018. The concern is that several communities are close to these lines. SCE&G contact information has been provided to the City for any questions or problems that may arise.
- The planning commission will meet after the holidays to consider a rezoning request for 3.5 acres on Reynolds Rd from R-12 to Neighborhood Commercial. The planning commission's recommendation will then be presented to Council for their consideration.
- Mr. Wallace is appealing the Zoning Board of Appeals decision in the SC Court of Common Pleas. The City has 30 days to answer the summons.
- The survey of the property for the public safety building should be completed and submitted to the architect after the holidays. Drawings and specifications should then be ready for Council review.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) –Administrator Zawacki read a report from Recreation Director Pamela Davis. Basketball and cheer practices are ongoing, and games will begin January 2nd. The Top Gun Baseball Tournament held in Aiken in November did not need to use the LPSC as an overflow park. The Turkey Trot, Breakfast with Santa, and Candy Cane Hunt were well attended.

Police (Councilmen Black and Duncan) – Police Chief Brian Johnson asked for Council approval on some issues that he had already discussed with Administrator Zawacki and Councilman Black. Chief Johnson presented a new organizational chart to Council that would restructure the police department. The Enforcement Captain position would be eliminated and the savings in salary would be used for promotions and pay adjustments. He would also like to reallocate the K-9 program line item in this year’s budget to uniform and training expenses. Lastly, Chief Johnson wanted to change the police badge image and the graphics on the police vehicles for a more modern look. These changes would be implemented with new purchases, so they will not impact the current budget. Mayor Lemon stated that he was in favor of restructuring the police department and reallocating the K-9 program funds, but the police vehicle graphics were part of the branding in the master plan. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated the he felt the master plan had to do with economics and he didn’t see how adopting Chief Johnson’s plan to change the police vehicle graphics had anything to do with economics. Discussion about the change in graphics followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to allow Police Chief Johnson to change the graphics on the police vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Councilman Black then made a motion to allow Police Chief Johnson to restructure the police department and reallocate the K-9 program funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Arielle Griffin and William Beard.

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 McEwen informed Council that a second meeting was being planned with USDA for rural development grants for the public safety building. She also announced the winners of the Christmas parade and invited Council to the City employee dinner on Wednesday, December 20th, from 11:30 to 1:30.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for discussion on personnel-Administrator position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

Mayor Lemon congratulated Councilman Duncan for his 22 years of service to the City and for being the first minority on Council. A picture of Councilman Duncan was hung in Council chambers. The Mayor invited everyone to a reception for Councilman Duncan immediately following the meeting.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer