

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, 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, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, 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 Councilman Barker led with a prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Billy Dozier District 1, Rev. Harris Barker District 3, and Robert Pattillo District 5.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Officer Andrew Milligan.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Councilman Black made a motion to nominate Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. The vote to elect Councilman Williams as Mayor Pro Tem was unanimous.

Mayor Lemon appointed the committees as follows:

Water and Sewer -Councilmen Black and Dozier

Sanitation and Streets -Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling

Recreation and Parks -Councilmen Pattillo and Walling

Police -Councilmen Black and Barker

Fire -Councilmen Barker and Walling

Finance and Salary -Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo

Building and Planning -Councilmen Black and Dozier

Community Development & Tourism -Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the appointment of Will Alexander to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Mayor Lemon recognized Representative Lonnie Hosey and thanked him for being at the meeting and all that he does for the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Niurka Donaldson informed Council that she has daughters who love to play basketball, but she does not allow them to play on the City court because it is all boys that play there. She would like the City to provide an indoor basketball court. Mayor Lemon told Ms. Donaldson that the City would look into it.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE SALES CONTRACT ON 135 JEFFERSON ST

Councilman Black made a motion to go ahead with the offer to purchase 135 Jefferson St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL AND AWARD OF LOW BID FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE
ROSE ST WATER TOWER**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City is obligated to bring the Rose St. water tower back to where it needs to be. We sent out eight bid invitations to companies that do that type of work and received three bids back. The high bid was from Mclean Tank Company for \$285,000. Next was Leary Construction for \$284,500 and finally Utility Service Company for \$227,000. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the low bid of \$227,000 from Utility Service Company. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The flower shop asbestos abatement has been completed and most of the windows have been removed. Demolition will start tomorrow. Asbestos removal will also begin tomorrow on the house across the street. We have received approval from the County landfill to dispose of our demolition debris there. The final survey on 135 Jefferson St will be done tomorrow.
- We are still waiting on the drawings of the new properties, so our architect can start his final design for Council's approval and to prepare bid packages.
- We have received our approval to proceed with the RIA Grant for the new digester at the WWTP. We should have bid packages ready to advertise by early February and have the bid in by early March and then hopefully start construction by the end of March.
- We have a request to rezone 3.5 acres on Reynolds Rd from R-12 to Neighborhood commercial. We have started the notification process. The Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 22, 2018 at 6:15. Their recommendation will be ready for the February Council meeting.
- There has been a lot of clean up at Elberta Circle. At least six of the homes have new roofs. Two of the homes are ready for a final inspection. A group came in and bought 18 homes and they are going to refurbish those homes.

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- Orchids water usage is now at their projected average amount. We have requested an annual report from Orchids on the number of jobs they have created for grant requirements.
- Hometown Legislative Action Day will be held on February 7th and the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government will be held on February 7th and 8th. Notify us if you want to register.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the Rose St. tank refurbishment would be tied into Orchids and Administrator Zawacki stated that it is tied into Orchids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley updated Council on the Aeration Diffuser project. They are about two thirds of the way done. Philip stated that they hired a new employee today that was a water treatment specialist in the Army.

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 Pamela Davis updating Council on recreation events and activities. She would like to meet with the Recreation Committee soon to go over the contract with the Baseball Association. We have two dates, April 7th and August 25th, that we are looking at to host softball tournaments for World Fast Pitch Connection.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Black made a motion that the City Administrator continue to be employed by the City after March 1, 2018 at the adjusted salary as recommended by the Building Committee as

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an at will employee. 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

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Others Present: Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, 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 Councilman Barker led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dean Hartzog spoke to Council about the proposed rezoning of the property on Reynolds Rd. He stated that over the years there have been parties at that location and he would have to call the police a couple of times a month. If the proposed new restaurant doesn't make it, he is concerned about what will go in that location. Rules regarding closing times are very loose. The proposed new zoning would allow many types of businesses to go there and he was not sure how it would be controlled.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW THOMPSON TO CITY OF BARNWELL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrew Thompson to the City of Barnwell Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
TO APPROVE REZONING FROM R-12 TO NC**

Mayor Lemon stated that we would need to amend the agenda to show that we must first have a public hearing on this matter. Therefore, it will be taken as information only and not addressed tonight.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We have closed on the house on Jefferson St. The owner now has the month of February to remove all his belongings and asbestos inspection abatement and demolition will be in March.
- The final TOPOS and surveys of the Phase 1 police building are complete, and we expect final review of the drawings by the building committee to be complete by the end of this month. We hope to present the Phase 1 conceptual drawings for Council review at the March Council meeting.
- Our pre-construction conference with the contractor for the Rose St. tank refurbishment will be here in Council Chambers on February 7th. Mobilization by the contractor should begin by March 1st. The contractor has 90 days to complete the contract. During the time that the Rose St. tank is out of service, all wells will be controlled by the Main St. water tank.
- All equipment has been purchased for the mosquito program. We have three employees with Category 8 pesticide licenses. The trapping of mosquitos will begin in April and spot spraying will begin in May in identified infested areas. All employees who will work the program will receive training this month by the equipment manufacturer's representative.
- The bid package for the new digester at the WWTP will be ready to be advertised by the end of May and construction should begin in June.
- We still need one Zoning Board of Appeals member and two Planning Commission members. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to fill these openings.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Director Pamela Davis provided Council with a report updating them on Basketball, Cheerleading, Daddy Daughter Dance, Baseball, World Fast Pitch Connection and other upcoming events.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that the decrease in fine collections was due to new officers and collections should increase as the officers are trained.

Fire (Councilmen Barker 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 work she will be doing updating the City’s information for the Census and asked that they speak with their constituents and ask them to please fill out their census information. She also updated Council on the mosquito grant and provided Council with a copy of the educational materials that will be provided to the public regarding the Mosquito Control Program.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 2018– 5:30PM**

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REGULAR SESSION

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE 2018-1 AMENDING THE ZONING OF LOTS ON 320 REYNOLDS ROAD
FROM R-12 TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL**

Mayor Lemon opened the Public Hearing and Councilman Barker led with a prayer.

Mr. Daniel Packer –Mr. Packer, Commander of American Legion Post 46 Richardson Walsh, spoke against the zoning change for the property at 320 Reynolds Rd. He stated that the American Legion Post 46 Richardson Walsh acquired that property in 1952 to provide a place for Veterans to gather in comradeship to be honored for their service to the Country and to provide a place for service to the community. Through the years the number of veterans decreased, and the post could no longer survive independently. The Barnwell Presbyterian Church offered to accept the property from American Legion Post 46 to operate a soup kitchen in July 2008. The building was remodeled and outfitted with equipment and supplies for the operation of the soup kitchen through charitable donations. The Post feels that it would be a shame to take that valuable resource that could be used as a service to the community for a commercial purpose.

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Mr. Dean Hartzog – Mr. Hartzog spoke against the zoning change. He said he was also speaking for Vickie Sorrell who could not make it to the meeting. Both of their properties are next to the property to be rezoned. He believes that the intent of the zoning ordinance is to keep residential districts together and not be busted up. He knows that the purpose of the rezoning is to put in a restaurant but once the property is rezoned other types of businesses could locate there if the restaurant didn't make it. The noise, lights, food smells, and traffic would be in his backyard. His property value will decrease. He wanted to know if Council would like that in their backyard. There are also a lot of empty lots on Reynolds Rd that are already zoned neighborhood commercial.

Delia McCormack - Ms. McCormack spoke in favor of the zoning change. She said she has been in the restaurant business for 18 years and knows what she is doing. Also, she believes that the zoning ordinance states that if the property isn't used for a restaurant, it would have to be brought back for zoning approval. Her restaurant is family oriented and there is no loud music. She plans to improve the property, so the property value goes up. If it sits there, it will deteriorate, and the value will go down. She wants to be part of the neighborhood, not destroy it. As far as the Legion Hut being used for charitable purposes, it was given to the Church and they are going to sell it. You can't regulate who they sell the building to. She needs a different building and it is a great location. She loves Barnwell and small towns are great, but you can't stop progress.

Ms. Elaine Hiers – Ms. Hiers spoke against the zoning change. The property joins her property. She has some of the same concerns as far as the noise, people wandering around, traffic, and decrease in property values.

REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ron Shuler – Mr. Shuler, President of the Barnwell Baseball Softball Association, came before Council concerning the fees the City charges the Association for use of the Lemon Park Sports Complex. The Council reduced the fees last year, but it was not clear on whether it was for that year only or a longer period of time. This year the fees went up and the Association would like to ask for the fees to remain as they were. If they had to go up, then they would like for the fees to gradually go up over a period of time. Mayor Lemon stated that he had hoped for this to be an agenda item. Council can only vote on agenda items. He informed Mr. Shuler that he needs to contact the recreation committee and get a proposal to them with hard figures and then the recreation committee will bring it to Council, if they agree, as an agenda item.

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Mr. Michael King – Mr. King stated that there is an issue with trash being dumped on Charles St. Mayor Lemon stated that he had gone down to Charles St. the last time Mr. King had notified the City of the problem and the street was clean at the time. Mayor Lemon suggested that Mr. King try to take a picture of the problem and stated that he will talk to the Chief of Police and see if there is anything that can be done. Mayor Lemon told Mr. King to get in touch with Administrator Zawacki to try to get the issue resolved.

PRESENTATION ON THE 2017 CITY OF BARNWELL AUDIT- MCGREGOR & COMPANY LLP

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented Council with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 financial statements. This year they performed a single audit because of the amount of federal funds received. He referred to the independent auditor's report and informed Council that there were no findings. The auditor's report presented a clean opinion-they found the financial statements were presently fairly in all material respects. 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 an increase in fund balance of \$140,562. The Water & Sewer Fund had an operating loss of \$398,689 including depreciation expense of \$678,360 but an increase of \$885,103 in net position due to grant proceeds. Mayor Lemon thanked him for his presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the audit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED POLICE BUILDING-TILDEN HILDERBRAND

Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand and his consultants Mr. McDonald Law and Mr. Michael Jordan presented Council with the schematic design and floor plan for the new police department building. The building will be located across the street from the current police department building. They must get approval from review agencies, primarily SCDOT, for the driveways. Mayor Lemon and the building committee thanked them for working diligently with city staff throughout this design phase.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**APPOINTMENT OF MRS. GARNETTE ALEXANDER AND MR. SHERIDAN BOLEN
TO CITY OF BARNWELL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Mrs. Garnette Alexander and Mr. Sheridan Bolen to the City of Barnwell Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

**REQUEST AND OFFER FROM THE ELKO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE CHIEF'S
OLD TRUCK**

Councilman Walling made a motion to sell the 2004 Ford F250 pickup used by Fire Chief Dicks to the Elko Fire Department for \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-1 AMENDING THE ZONING OF LOTS AT
320 REYNOLDS ROAD FROM R-12 TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL**

Mayor Lemon stated that situations like this are always tough because everyone will not go away happy. We just try to do the best we can. The planning commission's recommendation is to approve the request to change the zoning from R-12 to neighborhood commercial. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Barker made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. Discussion followed. Mayor Lemon said he felt that the City appointed a planning commission for a reason and they are expected to do their due diligence. He finds it hard to appoint them and then say they are wrong. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said that several years ago the corner where Collins Park is now had a request to change the zoning so a restaurant could be put there. Everybody on Main St was against it. This is pretty much the same thing. He wouldn't want a restaurant to be put in his backyard for the reasons that have been mentioned. The motion passed 5 to 2 with Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier voting against the motion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Work on refurbishing the Rose St. water tank started today and is expected to take 6 weeks if there are no weather-related issues.
- On April 5th SCDNR Flood Mitigation specialists will be at City Hall reviewing our Floodplain Management Ordinance and building permits that the City issued in the flood hazard areas for the past 5 years.
- The construction permit application for the new digester will be submitted to DHEC this week. It will take 4 to 6 weeks to receive the permit from DHEC. We will then be able to go out for

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bids. Bids need to be advertised for 30 days. It will most likely be 2 1/2 to 3 months before construction can begin.

-We will be meeting with the parks and recreation committee this week to review the drawings for the restrooms and concession stand for Lemon Park. Funding for this project is in hand, and we hope to order the building once we get approval from the parks and recreation committee and the building committee.

-Little Caesars Pizza construction is in progress at Tractor Supply Plaza.

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 provided Council with an update on upcoming events.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson thanked the building committee for their work on the new police building. He informed Council that the badges and vehicle decals with the new design have been ordered.

Fire (Councilmen Barker 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 City Clean Up that will be on April 7th and the upcoming Business After Hours meeting this Thursday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of status of litigation with Barnwell County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the City Attorney's recommendation on the status of litigation with the County based upon the resolution to remain confidential until signed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black 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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April 2, 2018– 5:30PM**

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REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, 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, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, 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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Duncan Holiday – Mr. Holiday stated that he was representing the Barnwell Presbyterian Church. Selling the property is necessary to help the Church's financial situation. Mr. Holiday requested that the zoning change be approved so that the property can be sold to Ms. McCormack to open a restaurant.

Ms. Elaine Hiers – Ms. Hiers expressed her concerns about rezoning the property and how it will affect the other property in the area. She wanted Council to consider the desires of the homeowners.

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Mr. Dean Hartzog – Mr. Hartzog stated that he was against the rezoning. He presented Council with a petition to stop the rezoning of the Legion Hut property. The petition was signed by area residents. Mr. Hartzog stated that he had spoken with the members of the Planning Commission and some of them told him that they would not want a restaurant in their back yard. Mr. Hartzog stated that he had experienced numerous issues with loud noises when the property had been rented out in the past. He does not want alcohol to be served next door and is concerned about the types of business that would be allowed in neighborhood commercial if Ms. McCormack ever sold the property. Mayor Lemon stated that alcohol would not be permitted to be sold because the property is too close the First Baptist Church.

Ms. Delia McCormack – Ms. McCormack stated that she does not want to be a bad neighbor and does not plan to sell alcohol or rent the building out for events. She stated that she wants to create new jobs for the community. She said she plans to landscape the property and provide any easements or walls needed to help the neighbors feel comfortable.

Mr. Leroy Williams – Mr. Williams, owner of the former Roger’s Trailer Park, requested the City run water to each of the mobile homes on his property. The request was given to the building and planning committee.

Mr. James Williams – Mr. Williams, on behalf of the Barnwell County Museum Board, asked Council to consider taking over the maintenance of the old police station that used to sit on the Circle.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 public hearing and regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-1 AMENDING THE ZONING OF LOTS AT 320 REYNOLDS RD FROM R-12 TO NC

Councilman Dozier made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Black made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-1 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker. The motion passed 4 to 2 with Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier voting against the motion.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-The repairs and modification of the Rose St water tank are complete. This month the inside and outside of the tanks will be sand blasted for the prime coat. This project should be completed by the end of May.

-Reviewed the schedule for the construction of the new police station with Council. Comments from SCDOT on the project parking and entrances will require one entrance near Washington street to be changed. Construction drawings should be completed for final review in May. Bids should go out in June with the contract being award in July. Construction should begin in August.

-The application for a construction permit for the new digester at the WWTP has been submitted to DHEC. Once we receive the permit it will be sent to RIA for their review and approval. We will then advertise and open bids in June.

-The process water currently being received at the WWTP does not have enough nutrients for the microorganisms to do their job. Philip Stanley is researching a nutrient addition system for the aeration basins.

- The SC Railroad Museum in Winnsboro would like to have the crossing signals by the police department put in their museum. We can put it on next month's agenda, if Council is interested in looking into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Director Philip Stanley stated that DHEC performed a sanitary survey on the water system in December. The results showed no issues and a satisfactory rating.

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 current activities. A softball tournament will be held this Saturday at the LPSC with another one scheduled for August 25th. The Farmer's Market will be open on Tuesday and Thursdays from May thru September. The Fishing Derby at Lake Edgar Brown is scheduled for May 5th. Construction has started for the new concession stand/restrooms at Lemon Park.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that the department is full staffed. Chief Johnson also stated that they had investigated Mr. King's complaint about his neighbor dumping trash and that the complaint was unfounded.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that he will be traveling to Plano, Texas to look at a used service truck for his department.

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

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen informed Council the Pick Up with Pride will be held on April 7th and the Spring Fling will be on April 19th. She is currently working on the local update for census information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

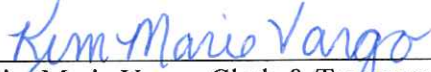
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ADJOURN

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Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, 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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Lemon administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Robert Seith Bryan and Noah Villalobos.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sam Plexico – Mr. Plexico, from J. Sam Plexico & Associates LLC, informed Council that there would be no rate increases to medical or dental insurance premiums for the City's July 1, 2018 renewal with BCBS of SC. The only change in the plan will be an increase in the Maximum Out of Pocket from \$7,150/\$13,700 to \$7,350/\$14,700. These amounts are indexed for inflation every year by the federal government per the Affordable Care Act.

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MCDONALD LAW UPDATE ON THE POLICE BUILDING

Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand and Mr. McDonald Law presented Council with the updated schematic design and floor plan for the new police department building. Access to the site was revised to obtain SCDOT approval. The evidence building, which was a separate building in the original layout, is now connected to the main building. There will be no mechanical units in the tower. The mechanical units will be on the roof and the roof style was changed to hide the units. The building committee commended them for the work they have done.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018-2 MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor Lemon read a resolution declaring May 6-12, 2018, as Municipal Clerks Week in South Carolina and recognizing Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo for the valuable contribution she makes to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mayor Lemon read and signed a proclamation proclaiming May 2018 as Mental Health Month that called upon everyone to recommit the community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON LEROY WILLIAMS REQUEST FOR A CITY WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Leroy Williams, owner of Marlboro Estates, asked the City to run individual water lines to each unit in the mobile home park. Currently there is one master meter at the entrance of the park that feed all the units. Leaks and wasteful water use are creating a high bill. The water and

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sewer committee met with Administrator Zawacki and Director of Public Works Philip Stanley to review the request. The estimated cost to run the lines on his property would be \$30,000. Their recommendation was to send Mr. Williams a letter denying the request but offering two options. The City could put in a meter bank at the entrance of the park for individual meters for each home provided Mr. Williams paid the cost of the project. Mr. Williams would then be responsible for running the individual lines to the homes. The other option would be for Mr. Williams to purchase and install meters by each home, so he could monitor the water usage and charge them accordingly. Administrator Zawacki informed Council that all the other mobile home parks have one master meter and have put in their own individual meters for their own use. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

JAMES WILLIAMS, MUSEUM BOARD

Mr. James Williams with the Barnwell County Museum updated Council on the progress of the renovation of the old police hut. There is extensive termite and water damage and it is not feasible to refurbish it. They have the original plans and it may be better to rebuild it with salvaged parts from the old structure. The museum board will be meeting on Tuesday night and Mr. Williams was going to recommend to the board that they give the hut back to the City and let the City decide what to do with it. If the City accepts the hut, the museum will not need the \$7,500 the City budgeted to give them for its refurbishment. Mr. Williams requested the \$5,000 the City budgeted for the operation of the museum. They will use the money to purchase two new dehumidifier, make other repairs, and help with a fundraiser.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-2 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance 2018-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III. FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION, SECTIONS 6-425 ET AL BY RELACING IT WITH LANGUAGE FROM THE UPDATED STATE MODEL ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We will be monitoring water pressure along Joey Zorn Blvd due to low water pressure complaints.
- Rose St tank project should be completed by the end of May.
- Our engineers updated the cost for the WWTP sludge tank project from \$500,000 to \$800,000. They have been asked to redesign the project to get the cost down. The RIA grant for this project is \$500,000.
- The Jefferson St house should be torn down by the end of the week.
- There will be a 3-hour training session on May 17th for the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Also, on May 17th, there will be a Board of Zoning Appeals public hearing to hear an appeal for a special exception to allow property on 320 Reynolds Road to be used for a restaurant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Director Philip Stanley informed Council that the new WWTP employee has already completed six out of the required eight licenses. The City has also reached an agreement with Orchids for them to run their dip process.

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. The April 7th tournament scheduled at LPSC was cancelled because not enough teams signed up. The August 25th tournament is still on the schedule. There were 84 participants at the \$10,000 Fishing Derby held on May 5th. No tagged fish were caught, but thanks to the overwhelming response from donors, every participant received a prize. There were no vendors for the opening day of the Farmer's Market. An all-inclusive playground will be install at LPSC with grants received from PARD and Axis 1.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that Amy Black has been hired for the new position of victim's advocate. She will be cross trained with the support specialist. The new police vehicles were parked outside for Council to see the new graphics. Chief Johnson thanked the police committee for allowing him to put up a reward for the arrest and apprehension of a suspect. He was apprehended within three days. Johnson asked for Council permission to allow him to enter into mutual aid agreements with neighboring law enforcement agencies. This item will be on next month's agenda. The First Baptist Church has a security team and they have asked the police department if they could donate or sell them three old hand-held police radios. The radios are no longer used by the department. Councilman Barker made a motion to donate the radios to the First Baptist Church. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Administrator Zawacki informed Council that Chief Dicks picked up his new vehicle.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –A budget workshop for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018 at 5:30.

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 3,100 pounds of trash was picked up by 45 volunteers during the litter cleanup held April 7th. The next big event will be the Independence Celebration scheduled for Friday, June 29th.

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 MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 4, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Billy Dozier, and Steve Walling

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, 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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Rhonda McElveen, Barnwell County Clerk of Court, informed Council about the changes in child and spousal support and the upcoming family court schedule.

MCDONALD LAW UPDATE ON THE POLICE BUILDING

Administrator Zawacki read an update from Mr. Law on the design phase for the police and fire department buildings. Construction documents for the police building are 50% complete. The bid documents should be completed for review at the July Council meeting and, if approved, advertisements for bids will go out July 15th.

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Concept plan review and comments for the new fire station were received from the Fire Chief for the new fire station. The site plan is being revised and the complete fire station schematics should be available within 60 days.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2018-3 APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND RATIFYING LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND SUPPORT AGREEMENTS**

Administrator Zawacki read the resolution approving entering into law enforcement assistance and support agreements with several jurisdictions and authoring the Chief of Police to sign the necessary paperwork. Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

JAMES WILLIAMS, MUSEUM BOARD

There was no one from the museum board in attendance.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-2 FLOOD DAMAGE
PREVENTION**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read Ordinance 2018-2 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III. FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION, SECTIONS 6-425 ET AL BY RELACING IT WITH LANGUAGE FROM THE UPDATED STATE MODEL ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES" by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The Rose St water tank has received the intermediate coat of paint. The final coat will start next week, and the tank should be back on line within two weeks.
- We received the results from the Orchids water sample and we will be meeting with Orchids to discuss their pretreatment program. The City waste stream is being treated in the round plant and Orchids process water is being treated in the new plant. We are moving forward with the installation of a pressure control valve to insure our water pressure will not go below 20 PSI.
- A special called Council meeting and budget workshop will be held on June 18th at 5:30.
- The City received a request from County Council to see if the City would be willing to provide them with mosquito control services. The recommendation was to not provide these services to the County because the City is only doing it as a service to its citizens and there are plenty of companies that do it as a business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Director of Public Works, Philip Stanley, updated Council on the schedule for mosquito control spraying.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Mayor Lemon commended Recreation Director Pamela Davis on her work in getting a grant for playground equipment for special needs children.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson introduced Victim's Advocate Amy Black. This is a new position for the City. Ms. Black gave Council a copy of a brochure that she developed and explained the responsibilities of her job.

Fire (Councilmen Barker 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 LUCA has been completed and sent to the Census Bureau. The Independence Celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 29th.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

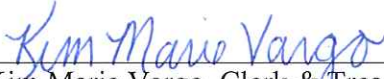
Council returned to regular session.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to County Council Chairman Lowell Jowers in opposition to the proposed location of a possible arena. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black 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 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING and BUDGET WORKSHOP of
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 18, 2018 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Edward Lemon, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Billy Dozier, 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, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-3 AMENDING THE CITY BUSINESS
LICENSE ORDINANCE**

Councilman Walling made a motion to read the Ordinance 2018-3 “AN ORDINANCE READOPTING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF BARNWELL LICENSE ORDINANCE TO FIX THE LICENSES OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL, S.C., ON BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SAME” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. Clerk & Treasurer Vargo explained that the ordinance would change the rate classes, rate fees, and the expiration date of licenses. Beginning with renewals for licenses expiring August 31, 2018, the new expiration date will change to April 30th. Mayor Pro Tem Williams questioned that when a business renews their license this September and must renew again in May, they will be charged for a full year but only have the license for 8 months. Ms. Vargo explained that for renewals, the yearly license fee is based on the previous calendar gross receipts, so the license amount would be the same whether the expiration date is April or August.

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The license fee would not be prorated. Business leaders throughout the state complained that each municipality had a different due date, and this made it hard for businesses to keep track. After talks with the Municipal Association, it was decided to make April 30th the model due date. This due date is also required for municipalities to use the Municipal Association's web portal. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Dozier made a motion to go into executive session for contractual and personnel discussions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 2018/2019 CITY OF BARNWELL BUDGET

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 with Council. Employer contributions for state retirement increased by 1%. Group health insurance rates remained the same. Insurance premiums for policies with the Insurance Reserve Fund increased 10% to 15%.

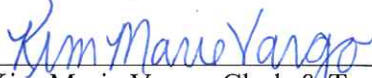
The proposed General Fund budget included a tax increase of .9 mills – an increase of 1.4 mills for operations and a decrease of .5 mills for debt service. This will increase the total millage rate from 74.7 mills to 75.6 mills. Additional expenditures for the General Fund included new IT services for the police department, replacement of pavers at Collins Park and Lemon Park, and a new Toro infield groomer for the LPSC. Capital lease proceeds to purchase three new police vehicles remained in 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. Additional expenses for this fund include the purchase of a backhoe and engineering expenses for a water model and fees for the renewal of the NPDES permit.

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
July 2, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and Recreation Director Pamela Davis

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

UPDATE ON THE POLICE BUILDING

Administrator Zawacki gave an updated on the police building. We will have the completed plans and specifications on July 16th for the building committee and Council to review. We may have to have a special called Council meeting to approve the drawings. The approved drawings will be sent to our building inspector for review and then we can go out for bids, hopefully, the last week of July.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2018 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 special called Barnwell City Council meeting and budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-3 AMENDING THE CITY
BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance 2018-3 “AN ORDINANCE READOPTING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF BARNWELL LICENSE ORDINANCE TO FIX THE LICENSES OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL, S.C., ON BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SAME” 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 second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-4 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWEL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We are still having problems with Orchids process water. Orchids is within their limits. We are working on a solution.
- The WWTP NPDES permit is up for renewal next year. Testing for the renewal will begin next month and continue for fourteen months.
- We will meet with SCE&G and Edisto Electric Coop on July 31st to discuss the electric service rights agreement in the City.
- Edisto Solar has started preparing the site on Barwick Rd for a solar farm. We are still waiting on plans before construction can begin.
- The City should have their first solar credit on the August SCE&G bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Philip Stanley informed Council that the bid for the digester has been advertised and the bid opening will be July 31st. The Rose St water tank is back on line and the logo will be painted on it in about two weeks.

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

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Pamela Davis informed Council that the Major League 11 and 12 year olds won District and will be going to State. They are still practicing at the LPSC. It has been a good year for the Farmers Market. There have been three steady vendors and it has been supported by the community. There have been some problems in the parks. The recreation department is working with the police department to help deter mischief behavior in the parks. Collins Park will be locked at night. The new playground at LPSC has been getting rave reviews. The position for a parks and recreation supervisor is still open.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks told Council that his department has been working with Orchids for fire prevention training.

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

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

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Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – John Zawacki told Council that Lynn McEwen will be sending a letter to the paper thanking everyone who helped with the Independence Day celebration. It was a great success.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for a legal opinion on the EDC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling 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 MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, 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, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

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

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018-4 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

Mayor Lemon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Public Comments. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Frank Brubaker addressed Council about the railroad crossing signal at the police station. He said he lives in Boiling Springs and was representing the South Carolina Railroad Museum. They had heard that the signal would be moved with the construction of the new police and fire station and felt that the signal should stay in Barnwell, but if it wasn't they would like it for their museum. Mayor Lemon told him that the signal would stay in Barnwell.

UPDATE ON THE POLICE BUILDING

Mr. McDonald Law and Mr. Tilden Hilderbrand gave an update on the new police station. They have been working with the building committee and are ready to go out for bids. Mayor Lemon commended the building committee for their diligence to the project.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Walling made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL NO SMOKING POLICY

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND OR APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDISTO COOP AND SCE&G

Administrator Zawacki explained that the agreement was between the City, Edisto Electric Cooperative, and SCE&G. The agreement includes a map of the assignments of electric service rights to parcels located within the City limits. There will be no change in customer service. If the agreement is approved, Edisto Electric and SCE&G will enter into franchise agreements with the City. Currently, Edisto Electric does not have a franchise agreement with the City. SCE&G will amend their current franchise agreement. The franchise agreements will be presented at a future Council meeting for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-4 RAISE REVENUE AND
ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWEL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE POLICE BUILDING DRAWINGS AND APPROVAL TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the drawings and to advertise for bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Councilman Dozier thanked the design team and City staff that were part of this project. He also thanked the taxpayers that voted yes to the Capital Project Sales Tax referendum.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The six bids for the sludge tank at the WWTP were rejected because they all came in over budget. The low bid was \$997,965. The budget was \$500,000. We will meet with RIA next week to see where we go from here.
- The low bid for the water pressure control valve and vault at the Orchids site was \$69,050 from LAD Construction LLC. This is a regulatory installation, so the work must be expedited. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder.
- The Rose St water tank is completely refurbished and back in operation. The City logo has not been done due to weather conditions. It should be completed this week.
- Edison Solar Farm has received all their permits and construction is in progress.
- We should begin receiving credits on our SCE&G bill since the solar farm in Springfield began operating in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Pamela Davis informed Council that the street department employees have done a citywide pick up of garbage carts at vacant houses and at houses that have more than one cart but are only paying for one. They have picked up a total of 55 carts.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Pamela Davis informed Council that the Major League 11 and 12-year olds lost at State. Football and cheerleading registration ended

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today with comparable numbers to last year. She has started flag football for girls with registration ending August 15th. The World Fast Pitch Tournament is still scheduled for August 25th at the LPSC. Her department is now fully staffed.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for a legal opinion on the EDC. 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

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, and Steve Walling

Council Members Present: Robert Pattillo

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

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APPOINTMENT TO THE EDC BOARD

Mayor Lemon said that Mr. Joe Smith resigned as the City representative to the EDC Board. The Mayor appointed Councilman Billy Dozier to take his place.

RESOLUTION 2018-4 TO ALLOW THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SC TO COLLECT DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL

Mayor Lemon read the resolution authorizing the Municipal Association of South Carolina to act as claimant agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the City of Barnwell in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling. City Clerk Vargo explained that this was an update to a current agreement. The debt includes unpaid water bills and tickets. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-5 RELATING TO RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS AS PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED

Councilman Dozier made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-Met with RIA to review bids for the digester grant. They also did not understand why the bids came in so high. They will allow us to rebid the project in 45 days by invitation. We will rebid in October.

-The bids for the police station will be opened tomorrow in Council chambers. Nine contractors have received plans and we are expecting to get five or six bids. We have applied to SCDOT for encroachment permits for the driveway and the water tap. We have also applied to SCDHEC for a site disturbance permit.

- We are closely watching the progress of hurricane Florence to see if it will have any impact on our area. Fire Chief Tony Dicks gave an update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley said they are making preparations at the WWTP to accommodate storm water that may be rushed into the plant.

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Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Director Stanley informed Council that the trapping results show that the mosquito program is working. Next year he will set up a routine schedule for the program.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Administrator Zawacki read a report from Director Davis who was at the LPSC for the start of football games. Five teams competed in the World Fast Pitch Connections Tournament that was held at the LPSC on August 25th. Upcoming events include basketball registration in October and the 5K Turkey Trot on November 17th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – Police Chief Brian Johnson said the department is scheduling their shifts as necessary to provide coverage for evacuation due to the hurricane. Officer Shawn Howze was promoted from PFC to Detective.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that he received notice that the used service truck that the City is purchasing will not be available until December. The work on the old police hut is currently on hold until a decision is made on how to proceed due to extensive damage.

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 said Fall Fest will be held on October 18th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for a legal opinion on the EDC and Sheriff's Department Drug Gang Task Force update. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker 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

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 1, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, 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, and Director of Public Works Philip Stanley

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-5 RELATING TO RECOVERY OF
COLLECTION COSTS AS PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED**

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 Dozier made a motion to approve the second and final

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reading of Ordinance 2018-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-6 SCE&G FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-7 EDISTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Councilman Barker made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-7. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$1,944,400 FROM STEWART BUILDERS FOR THE POLICE STATION AND AWARD THE CONTRACT

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the low bid of \$1,944,000 from Stewart Builders for the Police Station and award them the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. Discussion followed. Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the second lowest bidder contested Stewart's bid indicating a possible conflict of interest because Stewart Engineering, a relative of Stewart Builders, was used in developing drawings and bid documents. The claim was investigated and found that it did not violate any State or City procurement policies. Councilman Dozier asked about the financing. Administrator Zawacki said that the City had expected the low bid to be around \$1,800,000. The City will have to use its General Fund savings for the additional amount above the Capital Project Sales Tax allocated for the project. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked about the construction schedule. Administrator Zawacki said that if approved tonight, he would send out a notice of award and notice to proceed tomorrow. He anticipated that it would take three to four weeks for the contractor to mobilize and begin site work. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The water pressure control valve was installed on Orchid's twelve-inch water line. This will keep the water pressure above 20 PSI which is a state requirement.
- The LPSC restroom and concession stand that was ordered in January has finally arrived. The prefab concrete building will be setup tomorrow and then we will have an electrical contractor come in and finish the job.

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- We will rebid the digester project in early November. Contractors will be invited to bid on the project, Hopefully, we will get bids within our projected budget. If not, I will need to meet with the water and sewer committee and the Mayor to decide if it makes sense to move forward or to return the grant.

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 Director Davis who was at the LPSC for football games. The girls flag football had to be cancelled because there was not enough participation. Upcoming events include basketball registration, Scarecrow making on October 13th, and the 5K Turkey Trot on November 17th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks informed Council that the City will house one of four generators that the County received from a grant. The generator will be owned by the County, but the City can use it as needed.

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

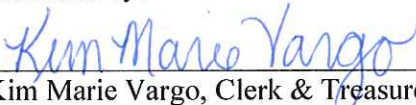
Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – No Report

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Fall Fest will be held on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00.

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
November 5, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent:

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, 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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2018 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-6 SCE&G FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-6 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-7 EDISTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilman Dozier 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 Barker made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-7 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-8 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BARNWELL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THREE POLICE CARS

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. Administrator Zawacki read the ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Pressure readings over a two-week period on the newly installed pressure control valve were at or above 30 psi. DHEC regulations require 22 psi, so we are now back in compliance.
- I will be meeting with Orchids management tomorrow to discuss the end of the year needs, the progress on their waste water treatment facility, and run schedule for next year.
- The site contractor mobilized today to start site work for the police station. The contractor is required to have the police station completed by the end of August 2019.

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-The police department will vacate the old police station and move into the administration building by the end of the year. Asbestos abatement will start right after New Year's with demolition following. The fire department will move into a single wide trailer located in their current parking lot, so demolition can continue up to the metal building.

-We are working with Nucor on a design proposal and budget estimate for the new fire station. I expect to have Nucor present this proposal to the building committee for review and comment before the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Director Philip Stanley updated Council on the improvements to the old digester. The WWTP employees designed the new stainless-steel system for the aeration saving the City money.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) - The Christmas tree for the Circle will be donated by Joy Black.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Administrator Zawacki read an update by Director Pamela Davis. The new concession stand /restrooms at Lemon Park have been installed. We hosted the Regional Football Championship games at Lemon Park. Basketball and cheerleading registration are over with 155 participants. Upcoming events include the Turkey Trot on Nov 17th, and Breakfast with Santa and the Candy Cane Hunt on December 8th.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the recent fires at Orchids.

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 reminded Council that the Tree Lighting and Love Light Program will be November 29th and the Christmas Parade will be on December 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for legal opinion on EDC Lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

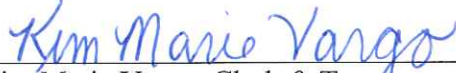
Council returned to regular session.

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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 MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 3, 2018– 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., Harris T. Barker, 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, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, 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. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The Mayor stated that it had come to his attention that two County Councilmen still thought that the City was against the proposed arena. He reiterated that the City was not against the arena but was concerned about the location. The location was the last parcel in the industrial park that was equipped with infrastructure for industrial use. A letter expressing concern over the location was sent to Barnwell County Council Chairman Lowell Jowers, and it also ran in the newspaper.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-8 TO AUTHORIZE THE
CITY OF BARNWELL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR
THREE POLICE CARS**

Mayor Lemon stated that he would like to table this item. He stated that the City was still paying for five leased vehicles, and he believes we should table this issue until we see where we sit financially. Councilman Black made a motion to table this issue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF LOW BID AND CONTRACT AWARD TO GENE RAY FULMER
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DIGESTER, LOW
BID OF \$878,650**

Administrator Zawacki presented Council with the information on the bids. This was the second round of bids for this project. The City received five bids with a low bid of \$878,650 from Gene Ray Fulmer Construction Company. The high bid was \$1,093,000. The City engineers recommended acceptance of the low bid. A Notice of Intent to Award must be posted for 10 days before the contract can be awarded. Councilman Black made a motion to approve the low bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the 2019 Barnwell City Council meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2019 ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the 2019 Administrative and Emergency Services holiday schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF FIREMAN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the bonuses. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved. Mayor Lemon stated that he appreciates all the hard work done by the volunteer firemen.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The progress at the police station is behind schedule. Compaction requirements to pour the foundation have not been met. They will bring in dry material to replace the wet clay. The foundation should be dug and poured this week if the rain holds off. .
- We have started to move the patrol officers out of the old building and into the administration building conference room, so the asbestos abatement contractor can start abatement at the beginning of the year. Demolition of the original fire station should begin in March.
- The fire department has developed a plan to stay onsite during construction of the new fire station.
- We have been meeting to set parameters for the new fire station to get a preliminary cost estimate, so financing can be discussed.
- Met with Orchids management about the January 2nd deadline for operation of their pretreatment plant. They are working hard to meet this date.
- The Solar Farm on Barwick Rd is flooding out the surrounding streets. We will meet with them next week to discuss the issue. They are going to have to do something to control their outflow of water.
- I want to thank the entire staff for all their work putting on all the City's Christmas programs. The amount of work that went into this effort was amazing.

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 with upcoming events. Basketball games will begin January 7th. Four softball tournaments with WCF have been scheduled for 2019 at the Lemon Park Sports Complex.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo gave an overview of the preliminary financial reports for fiscal year September 30, 2018. The General Fund collected 100% of budgeted revenues and spent 94% of budgeted

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expenditures. Revenues in the Water & Sewer Fund came in at 108% of budget while expenses before improvements came in at 98% of budget. Over \$500,000 of capital improvements were made during the year. The Water & Sewer Fund was also able to transfer money to the General Fund for the first time in a number of years. Capital expenditures were budgeted in the Local Hospitality and Local Accommodations Tax Funds for a new concession stand/restroom at the LPSC. The prefab building did not come in until October, so expenditures will be in next year's budget.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director Lynn McEwen thanked all the City Employees and Development Association for their help with a successful Christmas by Candlelight and Tree Lighting. She updated Council on the cancellation of the Christmas Parade due to rain and on the upcoming Employee Christmas Lunch

Mayor Lemon stated that due do a conflict with the State Retirement System, he will be resigning as Mayor effective January 1, 2019. The Mayor's position in under the SCRS while his job with the State is under the PORS. The choice was difficult to make, but it is in the best interest of his family. Mayor Pro Tem Williams will take over as acting Mayor until a special election can be held.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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