

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 7, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, 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 Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reverend Rob Lane, founder and director of Mount Salem Ministries, introduced himself to Council. They are a non-profit ministry that provides food, shelter, and clothing to the needy and the poor with support from churches and pledge partners. They have been operating a homeless shelter in Aiken County for 13 years and opened a shelter in Barnwell County 6 months ago. Barnwell Police Officer Calvin Coach stated that there were 19 homeless people living in tents in various places within the city limits of Barnwell when a count was done two years ago. Officer Coach said his family plans to donate to the ministry and encouraged others to do the same.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2018 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Mayor Pro Tem Williams read and signed a proclamation recognizing January 20-26, 2019 as School Choice Week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-RIA has approved the construction contract to Gene Ray Fulmer Construction Company in the amount of \$878,650 for the WWTP sludge holding tank. We can move forward with the award and the notice to proceed. A pre-construction conference will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

-Orchids has requested a two-week extension to complete their wastewater pretreatment plant. We have approved the extension until January 16th.

-We are still having major run-off issues from the solar plant on Barwick Rd. They have corrected the problem on Apple St, but we still have major problems on Cherry St. and Corley Heights-Richardson Rd.

- We have had some rain delays on the construction of the Police building. They put in the rebar today. This will be inspected tomorrow, and they will pour the foundation on Wednesday.

-We are hoping to see proposals from contractors on the Fire Station by the 15th of this month. The asbestos abatement has been postponed until we get a better idea on the cost of construction.

-The election for Mayor will be held on March 12th. The first notice will be in the paper this Wednesday and the second notice will run January 23rd. Filing is open from January 14th through noon on January 25th. Whoever wins this election will be up for election again in November, along with Councilmen. Black, Walling, and Williams.

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 statement from Recreation Director Pamela Davis. Basketball games begin tonight, and the season runs through February 11th. Upcoming events include the Daddy Daughter Dance on February 8th and the LeBon Joye Baseball Camp at Lemon Park on March 9th and 10th.

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Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –Police Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that one officer has resigned, and he has hired certified officer DJ Boots from Blackville to replace him.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo gave Council, as the Audit Committee, a letter from CC McGregor in reference to the fiscal year ending 9-30-18 audit which will begin next week.

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 Rita Morris, who has cleaned for the city for over 30 years, retired effective January 4th. A reception for former Mayor Edward Lemon will be held in Council Chambers on Monday, January 28th, from 4:30 to 6:00.

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
February 6, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: 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, 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 Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barnwell County Council Chairman Ben Kinlaw thanked Council for their service to the City. He said he wanted to see a coordination of effort between the County and the Municipalities. He has been networking to make Barnwell's presence known to SRS and the nuclear industry.

Barnwell County Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen gave Council information on the new federal mandated child support system.

Newly elected Barnwell County District 4 Councilman Daniel Alexander introduced himself on a professional level and said he looks forward to working with all the municipalities to move Barnwell County forward.

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Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett updated Council on the renovation of the courthouse funded by the capital project sales tax, the newly formed EMS committee, and a feasibility study on the multipurpose arena.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE POLICY CHANGE

Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen informed Council that direct deposit for payroll has been on a volunteer basis. There is a small number of full-time employees still receiving a check. This creates additional work processing the weekly payroll. She has met with the finance committee and they have made a recommendation to make direct deposit for payroll for full time employees mandatory. Councilman Black made a motion to adopt the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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

Councilman Dozier made a motion to reauthorize the memorandum of understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The rate remains the same at \$400 per case.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Gave an update on the progress of the construction of the new police station.
- We are still waiting on payment and performance bonds from the contractor for the digester.
- Repair on the Main St sewer line will begin on February 11th and should take about 4 days to complete.
- We are still working with Orchids on their pretreatment plant.
- DHEC will not allow Milliken wells 1 and 4 to be used as potable water wells due to their age. Four of the five Milliken raw water wells have been closed and finished. The last one will be closed as weather permits.
- The water department has received their new backhoe and the wwtp has received their new service truck.
- The field portion of the financial audit is complete. The auditors are putting together the financial statements and are expected to present them at the next Council meeting.

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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) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that the basketball season was winding down with all stars beginning next week. The Daddy Daughter Dance scheduled for February 8th has been sold out. LPSC is being prepared for baseball season with laser leveling of the fields scheduled for next week. The LeBon Joye baseball camp scheduled for March has been cancelled due to a conflict in his schedule. A sports testing day was hosted at the LPSC last weekend.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –Police Chief Brian Johnson submitted a report to Council addressing the decrease in fine collections.

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 a legal opinion on the EDC lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo 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
March 4, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling, and Billy Dozier

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Recreation Director Pamela Davis, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

Mr. Logan Anderson of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reverend Brendolyn Jenkins Boseman came before Council with a request for naming a street in honor of her mother, the late Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Jenkins. She said that her mother was a tireless worker for all of the community, and this would be an honor to recognize her in this manner. She gave Council information on her mother's accomplishments and provided a proposed list of streets for their consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said they would take the request under advisement and give it consideration.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS BY SEALED BIDS

Administrator Zawacki provided a list of surplus property and requested approval to sell the items by sealed bids. The advertisement would run in the paper for two weeks and bids would be opened on March 21st. Councilman Dozier made a motion to authorize the sale of surplus property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION ON TACKLE FOOTBALL AND RECOMMENDATION OF FUTURE CITY RECREATION FOOTBALL OFFERINGS

Ms. Claudia Branum with USC Palmetto Health Orthopedics and Recreation Director Pamela Davis gave a presentation on the health risks of tackle football for children under the age of 14. Risks include Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease found in athletes and others with a history of repetitive brain trauma. There has been a national campaign to educate parents that tackle football is an inappropriate activity for children under the age of 14. The City's football program serves ages 4 through 12. The recreation committee agrees with the findings of the presentation. Councilman Walling made a motion to go to flag football for ages 12 and under. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Councilman Barker voting against the motion.

DISCUSSION ON ACCEPTANCE OF TWO LOTS ON THE CORNER OF APPLE ST AND CORLEY HEIGHTS RICHARDSON RD

An aerial photo of the lots was provided to Council. Councilman Pattillo explained that the lots were purchased by a local builder several years ago with the intention of building patio homes. The homes were never built, and the lots have not been maintained. The owner of the lots would like to donate them to the City for a park or some other use. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the City needed the lots. Administrator Zawacki said they were not needed for a park. They can not be used for the site of a potential new water tank or well because of the existence of a high-tension power lines. Discussion followed. Councilman Dozier made a motion not to accept the offer of the two lots. 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

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Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis informed Council that the 10U and 12U boys brought home 2nd place in the district basketball tournament. The Daddy Daughter Dance was a huge success. The BBSA is holding practice four nights a week at the LPSC with opening day scheduled for March 23rd at 2:00. Scotsman donated a new ice machine for the new concession stand at LPSC. The recreation department will host the State Dixie Youth Baseball Rookie League Tournament for 5 and 6 year olds in July 2020 at the LPSC. Upcoming programs include the Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt in April and the \$10,000 Fishing Derby in May.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –No Report

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – No Report

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) –Human Resource Director Lynn McEwen updated Council that a new part time custodian was hired for city hall and the police department.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen reported that new banners have been put up. The Barnwell Development Association will be having their annual meeting drop in tomorrow morning from 8:00 to 9:00 at Common Grounds.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-We have asked the contractor to give us quotes on three items that were not in the original bid- the installation of a four-foot chain link fence to go around the storm water holding pond, the installment of a wood guard rail along Washington St, and an extension of the entry pad into the building.

-The contract for the new digester has been signed and the notice to proceed has been issued. The contractor will be on site this month and the project is expected to be completed in November.

-All repairs to the Main St sewer line have been completed. The cost was \$2,500 under budget.

-All five wells at the Milliken site have been closed and DHEC has been notified.

-The City audit is still not complete. The auditors are still waiting on retirement data from the State. We will request a special called meeting to present the audit when it is completed.

-City Attorney Thomas Boulware has asked that the City enter into a contract with Pope Flynn LLC for advice and counsel on funding for the fire department. Discussion followed.

Administrator Zawacki has the authority to sign the engagement letter if it is under \$10,000 and there is enough money in the contingency fund.

-A special called meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019, at 5:30 for consideration of the EDC settlement.

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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 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 11, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, Robert Pattillo, Billy Dozier, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: W.C. Black

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

Mr. Logan Anderson of the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF SUIT BY CITY OF BARNWELL, TOWN OF WILLISTON AND TOWN OF BLACKVILLE VS. BARNWELL COUNTY AND BARNWELL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2017-CP-06-00113 AND IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS THEREOF

Mr. Thomas Boulware, City Attorney, updated Council on the suit. Last Monday night, the Barnwell County Council gave first reading approval to an ordinance authorizing the settlement agreement. They also passed a resolution saying that they will give third reading to an ordinance. They have another reading tomorrow night and the third reading next week. A date for the EDC to sign the resolution has not been set but it should happen next week. In the settlement agreement, the only thing that the towns agreed to do was to give the County a fourth appointment on the corporate board in two years. The reason the settlement agreement took so long was because the County was trying to resolve some issues with the EDC which were not part of the lawsuit. Mr. Boulware said he was completely satisfied with the agreement. There is

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an April 1st deadline to file a brief so we need to act as quickly as we can. Mayor Pro Tem Williams read the resolution. The resolution will be 2019-1. Councilman Pattillo made a motion that the resolution be approved as written and as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

Mr. Boulware gave Council a letter stating that he will be coming off the state retirement system as of March 29th. This will require the City to appoint him as City attorney at the April 1st meeting, if it so desires, to serve under the same terms and conditions as he has represented the City in the past.

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 the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr. presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, 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, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tem Williams read the certification from the Barnwell County Board of Canvassers for the City of Barnwell Special Mayor Election held March 12, 2019. The declared winner was Marcus A. Rivera for the position of Mayor. Councilman Dozier made a motion to certify the election results. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney, Thomas Boulware, administered the oath of office to Marcus Rivera. He stated that Mr. Rivera was the fifth mayor of the City of Barnwell in almost 80 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams turned the gavel over to Mayor Rivera.

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APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE BARNWELL CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Boulware excused himself from the meeting for this discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Williams explained that Mr. Boulware has been the City attorney for almost 50 years. He will start drawing his state retirement and will no longer be a city employee. The Council needs to vote to appoint him as City attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Thomas Boulware to serve as City attorney at the pleasure of Council effective March 30, 2019. 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 MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 1, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, 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 Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER A MOTION MADE AT THE MARCH 4TH CITY
COUNCIL MEETING TO GO TO FLAG FOOTBALL FOR AGES 12 AND UNDER**

Councilman Walling stated that he was one of the Councilmen that voted in the majority for flag football for 12 and under. Councilman Walling made a motion to reconsider that motion. Councilman Walling stated that his basis for the motion to reconsider is that he has heard from some citizens that are concerned with the decision to no longer have tackle football. He would like to reconsider tackle football for 11 and 12 year olds. However, additional criteria will have to be met in order to continue with tackle football. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker. Discussion followed. The vote was three in favor and four opposed. Therefore, the motion was not approved. Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilman Black, Councilman Dozier, and Councilman Pattillo voted in opposition.

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2019-2

Administrator Zawacki read the resolution designating April 2019 as Fair Housing Month. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Director of Public Works Philip Stanley updated Council on the agreements between WWTP and Orchids. He stated that the water department is working to replace outdated fire hydrants.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Mosquito spraying will begin shortly.

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Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on baseball, the upcoming Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt, and the \$10,000 Fishing Derby. The softball tournament scheduled for March 30th, was cancelled.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –Police Chief Brian Johnson stated that the police department is SLED and CJIS compliant. Tonya Carroll is retiring on April 11th. Heather Still has been hired to replace her. There is still one opening for a police officer. Chief Johnson updated Council on the gang situation in the area. The last week has proven that we do have a problem. It will take multiple community wide effort to address the problem. Chief Johnson gave Council the most comprehensive study that he could find on gangs. He asked Council to pay attention to Chapter 7. There has been discussion with the sheriff's department about a new gang task force. Chief Johnson believes that we should consider that as an option. There is also a new program like DARE called GREAT that focuses on gangs that should be considered.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Tony Dicks stated that the fire hydrant that was installed on Marlboro Ave behind the high school takes care of all the hydrants on Marlboro Ave. The service truck that was approved from last year is finally coming in. Discussion followed concerning what will be done with the old truck.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Kim Vargo reminded Council that the service truck for the fire department was budgeted in last year's budget, but the expense will show this year.

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

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Lynn McEwen updated Council on upcoming events. The new Pick Up for Pride activity called Make a Difference Monday will start next Monday afternoon from 4:00 until 5:00 with cleanup of the downtown area. Cleanups will be scheduled for every 2nd Monday with different areas of the City being targeted. The Spring Fling is scheduled for Thursday April 25th from 5:00 until 7:00 with entertainment by James Gardner and a number of outside activities.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The construction of the new police station is still on schedule for an August completion. All the support walls are in place and trusses will be placed this week.
- The new WWTP sludge tank contractor will mobilize this month and plans to have the project completed in November. The construction contract is \$878,650 with \$500,000 funded with a grant from Rural Infrastructure Authority.
- We will start negotiations with Republic Service on the garbage contract which expires this August. We must give Republic a 90-day notice if we plan to bid the contract this year. The current contract gives the City the right to extend the current contract for an additional 5 years.

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- We are getting quotes from LSCOG for the 10-year update of the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning ordinance. We are also getting quotes for the recodification of the Barnwell Code of Ordinances. These costs will be included in next year's budget.
- I had an arborist look at all the trees at the proposed fire station location. The good news is the large live oaks at the corner of Washington and Burr are healthy and will stay. The large live oak next to the police admin building is hallow and will have be taken down. The rest of the trees are water oaks, and these will also be removed.
- We had the bid opening for our surplus items on Thursday. The total bids amounted to \$3,035.
- Our audit presentation for 2018 will be at the May 6th meeting.
- Administrator Zawacki stated that he will be on vacation the week of the April 15th

Councilman Barker requested that Reverend Brendolyn Jenkins Boseman's request to have a street renamed after her mother be placed on next month's agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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REGULAR SESSION

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Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, Parks and 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 Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL 2018 FINANCIAL AUDIT
(MCGREGOR & COMPANY)**

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 financial statements. He explained that the audit was completed later this year because the State did not release the final pension information needed to complete the report until the middle of March. 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

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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 \$80,551. All department expenditures in the General Fund came in under budget. The Water & Sewer Fund had an increase in net position of \$6,900. The net position in the Water and Sewer Fund includes deductions for depreciation and pension expenses. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the audit as information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF 2019/2020 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Sam Plexico, from Southeastern Insurance Consultants LLC, informed Council that there would be no rate increases to medical or dental insurance premiums for the City's July 1, 2019 renewal with BCBS of SC. The only change in the plan will be an increase in the Maximum Out of Pocket from \$7,350/\$14,700 to \$7,900/\$15,800. These amounts are indexed for inflation every year by the federal government per the Affordable Care Act. The plan compares favorable with other area employers. Mayor Rivera made a motion to accept the renewal plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Jenkins – Mr. Al Jenkins, a representative of Senator Tim Scott, welcomed the new Mayor on behalf of the Senator.

Morgan Reuis – Ms. Reuis is the new Marketing Coordinator with Low Country Health Care Systems. She invited Council to the ribbon cutting at the new Women's Health facility for LCHCS.

Bettie Newton – Ms. Newton stated that she has been trying to get people to clean up their property on Turner St for several years. She didn't understand why the City can't clean up the property and add it to the owner's taxes. Mr. Zawacki stated most of the property in question is property owned by heirs of the original owners and they do not live locally. Mr. Zawacki stated the City had discussed adding the cost to the tax bill with the County, but the County stated that there was not enough room on the tax bills. If we can get the County to agree to add the cost to the tax bill, then Council could tighten the ordinance and allow the City to go in and have it taken down and add the cost to the tax bill. Mr. Zawacki stated that the way the ordinance is written now, the only time the City can intervene is if the roof is caving in or if the property is left unsecured. Ms. Newton stated that the owner of the property next to her refuses to clean it up. Mr. Zawacki stated that he will reach out to the owner.

Ben Kinlaw – Mr. Kinlaw, Barnwell County Council Chairman, gave an update on the County's effort to have a greater voice with the DOE. The County receives 4.4 million dollars in funding from the DOE. The County retains half of this and the other half goes to the local schools.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FROM REVEREND BENDOLYN JENKINS
BOSEMAN TO NAME A STREET IN HONOR OF HER LATE MOTHER MRS.
JOHNNIE RUTH JENKINS**

Councilman Barker stated that Ms. Jenkins lived in Barnwell her whole life and helped a lot of poor people in the area and is worthy of this honor. Councilman Black asked if they had said which street they want to change. Councilman Barker stated that they had listed Wall St., Allen St. between Wall and Main, Allen St. between Reynolds and Main, Marlboro Ave between Allen and Wellington, and Calhoun St. between Allen and Solomon Price. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the City didn't have any precedent on changing names of streets. Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that Allen St. and Calhoun St. were named many years ago in honor of people at that time who deserved recognition and honor and he would hesitate to change any of those streets. He feels that doing so would show disrespect for the people who these streets were named for. Mr. Williams stated that he does not believe Marlboro Ave was named for any individual, and his personal opinion is that we should change some section of Marlboro Ave to a corridor or thoroughfare so that the people who live on that street would not have to change their mailing address. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to call the section of Marlboro Ave between Allen St. and Wellington Rd the Johnnie Ruth Jenkins Thoroughfare. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON LEMON PARK POLICY

Mayor Rivera stated that he requested this discussion because the Baseball Association requested a key to Lemon Park so that they can have access to the park and tower. Administrator Zawacki said that the policy, which was passed in 2010, states that only the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Department Head, Administrator, and park workers would have a key to the park. Mr. Zawacki stated that since he has been here, the locks on that facility have been changed three times because of keys being given out without permission. The reason for the policy is that there is very valuable equipment in the tower and storage of some materials. In 2009, when the park was first opened, there was confusion and the policy was put in place to gain control over the quad-plex and the tower. Mayor Rivera asked if the Baseball Association had any supplies stored in the tower. Parks and Recreation Director Pamela Davis stated that the Association only had baseballs and scorebooks stored in the tower but that there is always a park employee present when the Association needs to have access to those. There is no equipment owned by the Baseball Association stored in the tower. Mayor Rivera stated that the Association said there have been times when they were unable to get into the park or have had to wait for an employee to allow them access. Mayor Rivera asked what the issue would be with providing one key to

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the President of the Baseball Association. Recreation Director Pamela Davis stated that she would like the policy to remain the same. Ms. Davis stated that there is no reason for the Association to have access when there is not an employee present. Administrator Zawacki stated that the decision to change this policy is entirely up to Council. Ms. Davis stated that she is only trying to maintain the park as it is and if you give one key out then copies can be made and then we have no control over who has access to the park. City Attorney Tom Boulware stated that liability insurance could be an issue if keys are given out to anyone who is not a city employee. Councilman Black stated that the current policy has been good for 10 years and he feels we should leave it as is. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-3 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

Administrator Zawacki read the resolution. This resolution will extend the current agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo 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 informed Council that the regular baseball/softball season will end May 23rd. The LPSC will host two district tournaments on June 26th. The \$10,000 Fishing Derby at Lake Brown is scheduled for May 18th.

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) – Lynn McEwen informed Council that Make a Difference Monday is scheduled for May 13th and the Independence Day Celebration is schedule for July 3rd.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

-The new police station is now 50% complete. We are still on track for an August completion.

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- The tank for the new digester at the WWTP has been ordered and we expect to see it delivered by the end of June. This project is expected to be completed by the end of November.
- There is an odor at the WWTP when Orchids deinks their recycled paper. We took an odor eliminator and installed it in the equalization tank at Orchids as a test to see if this corrects the problem.
- We are working with several companies that want to locate businesses in the City.
- We will be meeting on Wednesday with representatives of Republic Services to discuss our sanitation contract which will expire on August 31st of this year. This will be on the June agenda for Council to determine how they want to proceed.
- We will be meeting with the LSCOG to discuss updating the comprehensive plan and the City zoning ordinance. These are up for review next year and we hope to get a cost for doing this work for next year's budget.
- I am also trying to get a cost for the recodification of the City code which is also due next year

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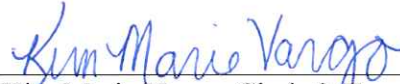
Councilman Barker made a motion to go into executive session for a discussion on legal/contractual matters concerning Orchids Paper bankruptcy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilman Dozier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 3, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator John Zawacki, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Parks and 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 Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Wier, Mr. Dwayne Garrick, Mr. Will Kearse, and Mr. Britt Pender came before Council to ask them to reconsider their position on eliminating tackle football and only offering flag football through the recreation department. They wanted Council to hear the other side of the issue to keep tackle football. The program is important to the community and high school football. The risk of injury is not as great as the experience they gain by playing when they are young. Several suggestions were offered to help make the game safer. They want the City to offer both options, tackle and flag, and let the parents decide.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2019 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON TACKLE FOOTBALL

Councilman Walling made a motion to open it up for discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved. Councilman Walling stated that the original discussion was about concussions not just safety. Councilman Pattillo stated that he did not want to be confronted by a parent whose child was hurt and explain to them that Council had a chance to do something about it and didn't. Councilman Barker stated that he loves tackle football and believes that it gives kids something to do and will keep them off the street. Discussion followed. City Attorney Boulware stated that Council has voted on the subject and reconsidered it and now must wait until next year before it can be discussed again. No action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF CITY OF BARNWELL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID
WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Administrator Zawacki asked for Council's approval to go out for bids for solid waste collection services. The current contract with Republic will expire August 31, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to allow the City Administrator to put the request out for bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION TO THE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

Lynn McEwen explained that the policy needed to be updated for the drugs that are tested for. Mayor Rivera made a motion to approve the addition to the Drug Free Workplace Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier 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

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Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on baseball and softball, upcoming softball tournaments, farmer’s market, and the fishing derby.

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) – Lynn McEwen updated Council on the upcoming Make a Difference Monday scheduled for June 10th. Ms. McEwen stated that Wednesday July 3rd will be the Independence Day Celebration. She would like to get a new Council photo at the next Council meeting on July 1st.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- Construction of the police station work is progressing on schedule with the completion date of August 30th.
- Provided a letter from the Barnwell delegation requesting SCDOT assistance to get the signs approved and installed for naming the road for Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Jenkins. Supplied additional information on Mrs. Jenkins to SCDOT per their request.
- The construction work on the new digester at the WWTP is ongoing and we expect completion by the end of November
- There will be a town hall meeting at the County library on June 13th from 6-8 to discuss the challenges facing our law enforcement agencies.
- Work on the budget has begun. We need to have the first reading at the July meeting. So, I will be requesting a special called meeting in June to hold a budget workshop.
- We are only allowed to raise the millage by 1.6 mils which is about \$18,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL ORCHIDS PAPER BANKRUPTCY

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilman Walling made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved. 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 24, 2018 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met for a Budget Workshop with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, 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, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

Mayor Rivera called the workshop to order and Councilman Barker led with a prayer.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session to review salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

City Administrator Zawacki and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 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 15% to 25%. A 2% salary increase will be included in the proposed budget.

The proposed General Fund budget included a tax increase of 1.6 mills for operations and no increase for debt service. This will increase the total millage rate from 75.6 mills to 77.2 mills. There was also a proposed increase in sanitation fees. The current collection contract will expire August 31, 2019. The City has advertised for bids with a bid opening on July 12, 2019. It was decided to set the amount of the increase after the bids are reviewed. Expenditures were reviewed by line item. A transfer from reserves will be used for any anticipated shortfall. The proposed Water and Sewer Fund budget did not include any rate increases. Revenues were increased due to more usage than anticipated by the paper plant. Additional expenses for this

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fund include the purchase of a roll off truck and dumpsters to haul off sludge, a chlorine storage building, and the City expense of the grant to build a sludge holding tank.

Cash balances were reviewed for all funds.

A special called meeting was set for Monday, July 15, 2019 for the first reading of the budget ordinance.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 1, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: None

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 Stanly, and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trish Gordon - Ms. Gordon, with the Barnwell County Library, informed Council about the collaboration between the library and SC Codes. SC Codes is a statewide program designed to provide free access to coding education for all residents of the state. The program will provide free online coding courses, mentorship opportunities, and career resources for anyone interested in programming. The library is providing a location for those interested in the program. The kick-off is scheduled for July 23, 2019.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the minutes needed to be corrected to show the review of the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 instead of 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 budget workshop meeting with the correction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LSCOG AND THE CITY OF
BARNWELL (10 YEAR UPDATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the City is required to update the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and land development regulations every 10 years. The City of Barnwell planning commission, led by the LSCOG, will update the 2009 comprehensive plan. The cost to update the comprehensive plan will be \$35,000 and will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. Administrator Zawacki asked for permission to sign the agreement with LSCOG. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if the cost was the same as last time. Administrator Zawacki stated that there was an increase in the cost. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the agreement with LSCOG to prepare the 10 year update of the comprehensive plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LSCOG AND THE CITY OF
BARNWELL (REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, OFFICIAL
ZONING MAP AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS)**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the budget for this part of the agreement is \$10,000. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the agreement with LSCOG to provide technical assistance in the review and update of the zoning ordinance and official zoning map, and land development regulations. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MUNICODE QUOTE FOR RECODIFICATION OF THE CITY'S
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Administrator Zawacki stated that the state requires that the City Code be recodified every 10 years. It was last done in 2009-2010. The budget for this is \$10,000. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to authorize the administrator to sign the agreement with Municode for the recodification of the City's Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker 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) – Administrator Zawacki read a report updating Council on baseball and softball, upcoming summer camps, farmers market, recreation on wheels, flag football and cheerleader registration and upcoming softball tournaments.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –Chief Johnson stated that Officer Seth Bryan has one more week of the Academy before he becomes certified.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Chief Dicks stated that this past week was the SC State Firefighters Association's annual conference in Columbia. Three of our volunteer firefighters who have passed away were recognized. The City's fire department competed in the statewide BBQ competition and took second place.

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 of the upcoming fireworks show on July 3rd and Make a Difference Monday on July 8th.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Election day will be November 5, 2019. The first notice of the election will run Wednesday, July 24, 2019. The second notice will run August 7, 2019. Filing will open on August 1, 2019 at noon and close August 15, 2019 at noon. The mayor and city council districts 2, 4, and 6 are up for re-election.
- Six companies have asked for our RFP for waste collection bids. We are hoping to get a good turn out on the 12th at 2:00 for the bid opening.
- Construction of the police station is on schedule. It looks like the only thing that will go over into September is the punch list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LEGAL ORCHIDS PAPER BANKRUPTCY

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 25, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, 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, Police Chief Brian Johnson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, 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 Rivera called the meeting to order and Councilman Barker led in prayer.

UPDATE ON THE 2019-2020 CITY OF BARNWELL BUDGET

City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo informed Council on the updates to the proposed budget since the budget workshop. The proposed budget includes a 1.6 mill increase in property taxes for operations and a \$2.00 per month per cart increase in garbage fees. A 2% salary increase for employees was also included in the budget.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWEL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

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

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ordinance by title only. Councilman Walling made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2019-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON FLAG VS TACKLE FOOTBALL

The Mayor acknowledged the individuals in the audience who came to show their support for tackle football. The Mayor allowed Mr. Markel Corley, a graduate of Barnwell High School, to tell Council how much playing football meant to him. Mr. Corley said that tackle football teaches skills that will not be developed with flag football. Players should know how to tackle before they begin playing in Middle School and High School. Kids will want to move if they can't play. He feels that tackle football should be available in this area.

The Mayor said he asked for this to be added to the agenda because he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of what was at stake and how important this issue is to the community. He felt that Council's original decision to remove tackle football from the recreation program was made because of safety issues. He said that tackle football at that age was not anymore dangerous than any other sport. You can't stop all sports because of the potential danger involved. The coaches need to be trained to enhance the safety of the sport. He stated that football was very important to Barnwell. He feels that Council should leave it to the community and leave the option for parents to decide. He felt that not having tackle football at that age would put children in harm's way because they will not know how to tackle when they are older and bigger. He wanted to move forward and amend the decision. Councilman Black said that the Council supported Recreation Director Pamela Davis in a four to three vote. Now every time someone says something, it goes back on the agenda. He assumed it was over. City Attorney Thomas Boulware informed the Mayor that the item was on the agenda as discussion. If it goes beyond discussion, from a parliamentary standpoint, there would have to be a vote to rescind the prior action, and this would have to be done at the next Council meeting. Councilman Barker said he loves football. He thinks the program keeps the kids off the streets and out of trouble. He thinks the community should decide. Discussion continued. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said that he thinks the decision was in the best interest of the children, not the parents. It has been voted down twice and it should be over with. Councilman Walling said he spearheaded the decision. He tried to bring it up again and it was voted down. He was only one vote and Council decided.

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Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for a discussion on Personnel/Termination. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

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Councilman Black made a motion to support the City Administrator's decision to terminate the employee. 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

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 5, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: None

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE 2019-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF
BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Izzie Brandt, Pre-teen Miss All-Star United States 2019, informed Council that August 21st is National Senior Citizens Day. She has been volunteering at the Pruitt Health Nursing Home in Barnwell for the past two years. Her personal platform of #FORGETMENOT will be promoted nationally, encouraging all ages to visit the elderly, spend time, and let them know that they are not forgotten. She requested a proclamation befitting the residents of all nursing homes declaring August 21, 2019 as #FORGETMENOT DAY. Mayor Rivera thanked Ms. Brandt for her services and said he would sign a proclamation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL AND AWARD OF THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT TO S&S DISPOSAL INC

Administrator Zawacki informed Council only one bid was received for solid waste collection. Six companies had requested RFP's and three of those companies had come to Barnwell to assess the route. S & S Disposal, Inc is a new up and coming company from Ehrhardt, SC. Their references were checked, and everyone is very pleased with their work and the response time for complaints. The increase in the cost will be approximately \$2.00 per cart. Councilman Dozier asked why the current company did not bid. Mr. Zawacki said that Republic has changed their business model and are focusing on bringing all their business closer to their headquarters in Charleston. He recommends that the City go with S & S Disposal, Inc. The City will still be providing the carts. The only thing that will change will be the pickup routes and times. The new company will begin September 1st. A mass mailing will be sent out to inform citizens of the changes. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the contract to S & S Disposal, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III, REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES

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. This ordinance provides for one charge for all roll carts whether it is residential or small business. The monthly rate per cart will be \$16.00. This is a \$2.00 increase in the old residential rate and a \$1.00 increase in the old commercial rate. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2019-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-1 RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWEL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-1 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO SELL SURPLUS FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT

Mayor Rivera said that a group was interested in purchasing the City's surplus football equipment. He wanted to check with Council to see if that was an issue since the City was going to flag football only and would not need the equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said that he was against selling the equipment. The next Council may not have the same members and he would hate to have disposed of all of the equipment if they decided to have tackle football. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion not to sell the surplus football equipment. 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) – Administrator Zawacki read a report from Recreation Director Pamela Davis updating Council on recreation activities.

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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) – Lynn McEwen reminded Council that Make a Difference Monday will be August 12th at 4:00 down by the lake parking lot areas. The dedication for the new police station will be September 23rd at 5:00. The Mayor invited everyone to a back to school event Saturday, August 10th, from 12:00 to 4:00 at LPSC. The City, BSD #45, and other partners have come together to make sure students and teachers are situated for back to school.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- Filing is open for the November 5, 2019 election. Filing will close August 15, 2019 at noon. The mayor and city council districts 2, 4, and 6 are up for re-election.
- All the materials for the new digester at the WWTP are on site and a November 2019 completion date is still expected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LEGAL ORCHIDS PAPER BANKRUPTCY

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

ADJOURN

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 the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black , Billy Dozier, Robert Pattillo, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: None

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

The news media was notified but not present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into executive session for a discussion on Personnel/Parks and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

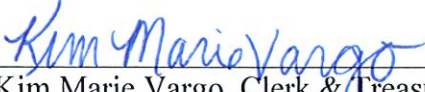
Councilman Dozier made a motion that no action be taken in regard to personnel in the parks and recreation department . The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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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 MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 9, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling

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.

There was no news media present.

REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

EDC UPDATE

Tommy Boyleston gave Council an overview of his duties as Barnwell County Economic Development Director. The Economic Development Corporation has a seven member board including Councilman Dozier as the City's appointment. Mr. Boyleston gave an update on some of the projects that are currently being worked on.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED CITY
COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 special called Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

**SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-2 AN ORDINANCE TO
AMEND CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III, REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES, TO PROVIDE
FOR AN INCREASE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES**

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. This ordinance provides for one charge for all roll carts whether it is residential or small business. The monthly rate per cart will be \$16.00. This is a \$2.00 increase in the old residential rate and a \$1.00 increase in the old commercial rate. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker 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) – Administrator Zawacki read a report from Recreation Director Pamela Davis updating Council on recreation activities.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –No Report

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Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks updated Council on the hiring of a new employee.

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

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Councilman Black stated that he is proud of the new police station and thanked everyone who had a part in it, especially Councilman Dozier and Administrator Zawacki. Mayor Rivera stated that they did an amazing job. Councilman Dozier thanked the taxpayers who voted for the capital project sales tax that helped fund the project.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Updated Council on the Orchids sale. New accounts will be set up for Cascades Paper.
- Work continues on the foundation and pad for the new digester at the WWTP. The tank is expected to be completed in three weeks and the project will be completed by the end of October.
- The police station is 99% complete with just punch list items being completed. The police will move in on the 11th of this month and the dedication of the facility will be on the 23rd at 5:00 pm. A tour of the facility will be available and light refreshments will be served in the training room.
- The next project scheduled from the 1% capital projects sales tax is the splash pad and playground at Fuller Park.
- The next step for the construction of the new fire station will be the determination of funding and potential construction date for the facility. The facility design has been determined but not finalized. This will happen after an architect is approved and hired by the City.
- Training for the planning commission will start on Thursday with a three-hour session. The final three-hour session will be on Sept. 23rd. The mandatory training will be complete at that time. We will then have meetings twice a month with LSCOG and the planning commission to update zoning, the comprehensive plan, and land development regulations. We have one spot that we need to fill on the planning commission. Mayor Rivera recommended Shelby Williams.
- Hardees will be demolished in October and rebuilt by the end of January. Huddle House will also be shutting down for a complete renovation in the fall. Wendy's is still trying to buy property but is having trouble getting in touch with the owners. Food Lion Plaza is negotiating with Goody's to renovate their building in order to be able to put another fast food vendor in the front of the parking lot.
- Administrator Zawacki announced his retirement on February 14, 2020.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 7, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

Barnwell City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Marcus Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Steve Walling and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: None

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

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Caroline Randall – Ms. Randall asked for Council’s consideration and hopefully approval for having a Festival on the Round. Ms. Randall provided Council with a list of people on the Festival on the Round Committee. Ms. Randall gave Council the reasons for having the festival again. It will be a family friendly event and businesses on the circle are fine with it.

Ashley Culp – Ms. Culp stated that she wants the Chamber to handle the Festival on the Round and that she wants to have a Sun Dial Festival to celebrate the sun dial. Ms. Culp discussed the empty stores on the circle and the benefits of having festivals on the circle.

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Hilary Hindman – Ms. Hindman is from Axis 1 and discussed with Council, a content neutral advertising policy. Ms. Hindman stated that the City spends lots of money on beautification, but this policy would be free. Ms. Hindman stated that 84% of those surveyed said they were in favor of the policy.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 REGULAR
SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

2020 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP PROCLAMATION

Administrator Zawacki read the proclamation that states the City of Barnwell is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to support the 2020 Census.

**REQUEST FROM SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO MEET WITH MAYOR
RIVERA ON WAYS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Rivera stated that he would be meeting with the SC Department of Commerce on October 8th to discuss ways to improve economic development. Mayor Rivera asked Council for any ideas they may have that can be discussed in his meeting. Attorney Boulware advised the Mayor to invite the Department of Commerce to take a tour of the sewer plant to show industry the available excess capacity.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OR DENIAL FOR A CITY FESTIVAL

Mayor Rivera stated that some of the benefits of community festivals are fostering community pride and boosting the economy. He feels that businesses on the circle would benefit. Councilman Dozier asked about the cost of a festival. Administrator Zawacki explained that would depend on whether the festival was put on by the City or another organization. It was determined that the two festival requests would be put on by other organizations. The Chamber of Commerce would organize the Festival on the Round and Ms. Ashley Culp would organize the Sun Dial Festival. Administrator Zawacki explained the necessary procedures including the requirement for the organizers to purchase their own insurance. Mayor Pro Tem Williams said he supported the committees if they had enough volunteers. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a

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motion to give the committees the approval to host the festivals if the requirements are met. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walling and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Philip Stanley, Director of Public Works, gave an update on the progress of the WWTP sludge tank construction. He also stated that DHEC did a sanitary survey on September 1st. The department received a satisfactory, the highest rating available. They did notice that well times were running over. Analysis showed this was caused by the SCADA system. The SCADA system is being updated and this will correct the problem.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Administrator Zawacki said that the City is continuing to work with the new sanitation company to handle the transition.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis said flag football season has been a big success. The World Fast Pitch Connection softball tournament for September was cancelled. One is still scheduled for October. This organization is out of Myrtle Beach and it is hard to get teams to come to Barnwell. Top Gun Softball from Columbia has a tournament scheduled for November 9th and 10th. Council was informed about upcoming events including the lighted boat parade which is a new event. This was also the first season that girls' volleyball was offered.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) –Chief Brian Johnson informed Council that a certified police officer was hired to replace an officer that did not pass the academy and had to be terminated. He thanked Ms. Pam Rush with Axis 1 for providing tables, chairs, and equipment for the training room.

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks reminded everyone that this week was National Fire Prevention Week.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Ms. Lynn McEwen asked for and received permission to advertise for the administrator's position.

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) –Councilman Dozier said they asked Mr. Zawacki to look at the existing demolition contract that includes the fire station and the old police station. It is over two years old and information is needed to move forward.

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Make a difference Monday is scheduled for October 14th. Ms. McEwen will be applying for a Palmetto Pride Grant to apply for trash containers for the parking lots by the lake. Fall Fest on

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the circle is scheduled for October 17th. The planning commission needs assessment hearing was on October 1st. The planning commission will meet every 4th Monday of the month to work on updating the comprehensive plan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that he will be on vacation the week of October 21st.

Councilman Walling introduced Mr. Jimbo Moody who is running unopposed for Mr. Walling's seat in the November election.

ADJOURN

There being 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 4, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo and Billy Dozier.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Marcus Rivera and Steve Walling

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

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilman Barker led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ada Chappell – Ms. Chappell stated that she needs help because the buzzards are taking over her house. She stated that she had been everywhere and can't get any help. Administrator Zawacki stated that he would take care of it.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON CITY OF BARNWELL WATER MODEL

Administrator Zawacki gave an overview of the water model completed by the engineers. Currently we have five wells that are permitted to run 16 hours per day. Our total daily permitted capacity is 3,960,000 gallons. The daily demand is 1,590,000 gallons which leaves a surplus of 1,410,960 gallons. We are a little lacking on infrastructure. We have a 500,000 gallon water tank and a 150,000 gallon water tank. DHEC suggests that you have 50% of daily usage in storage all the time. We have 650,000 gallons when we should have 800,000 gallons. However, we are not dropping below any of our demand of pressure in the system or our fire flow pressures. We are well within the limits. We would have to look into increasing our storage capacity if we get another company that uses a lot of water or if the present paper mill decides to expand. That would require drilling another well to keep the pressures up. It would cost approximately \$2 ½ million to build both a well and a 750,000 gallon water tank. The proposed location would be on Joey Zorn Blvd. Nothing needs to be done right now.

DISCUSSION ON REMAINING IN THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION OR TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

Administrator Zawacki informed Council that the City was named in the class action national prescription opiate litigation. If the City stays in the class, it will be bound if a class settlement is approved in the future. If the City opts out, it will get no portion of any settlement but will keep its rights. Attorney Boulware stated that he believes any award would be based on cases. There is no outside cost involved to stay in. It wouldn't be cost effective to enter litigation on our own. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to remain in the litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FIRE STATION COST STUDY, COUNCILMEN BLACK AND DOZIER

Administrator Zawacki stated that he, Fire Chief Dicks and the building committee, have been talking to an architect with a company that builds fire stations. We have asked them to give us a proposal for a cost study to build a fire station. This could include a new building or remodeling

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the old building. If he gets the job, he would also do the systematic design for a new building. The design that Chief Dicks has agreed upon is basically done, so he would just have to tweak it. There may be an opportunity to renovate the existing fire and police station, which is a historic building. This is the first part of the study and the building committee is asking for approval to move forward with this study at a cost of \$7,000. Councilman Dozier made a motion to approve phase one of the fire station cost study at a cost of \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF ASSET TRADE PROPOSAL WITH GTI

Chief Dicks stated that the purchase of the 1999 used rescue truck replaced the 1985 truck. He has tried to find a buyer for the 1985 truck, but nobody has expressed any interest in it. He recently attended a meeting and heard that GTI in Snelling has an asset buyback program for law enforcement and fire services. They will look at your equipment and offer you in kind training or trading for equipment. They would provide four armored vests for our firefighters and training on how to use the vests. Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the asset trade proposal with GTI. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – None

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – None

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis updated Council on flag football, cheer and volleyball, Turkey Trot and upcoming softball tournaments. Basketball registration are going on at this time. Ms. Davis asked Council to participate on the upcoming lighted boat parade.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – None

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks invited Council to the annual fire department Christmas dinner on the first Friday after the next Council meeting. We are working on getting some surplus funding to go along with the award Council gave us in our budget to buy the ATV. We received a \$750 donation from Walmart.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – None

Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) –None

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Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Community Development & Tourism Director Lynn McEwen informed Council that there were 40 students from Guinyard Butler Middle school that helped at the October Make a Difference Monday. The next MADM is scheduled for November 11th. Christmas by Candlelight on the Circle is scheduled for December 5th. The tree is being donated by JD and Carson Grubbs. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 7th at 11:00. We change the time this year. The employee Christmas lunch is scheduled for December 19th.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

- Gave an update on the Barnwell Plaza. The sale of an out parcel for a fast food user and discussions with a grocery store are moving forward.
- There is interest in putting a retail store on Allen Street where all the old shacks used to be.
- The digester is 60% complete. Pressure testing will be done this week and construction should be completed by the end of the month. A monitoring visit with RIA is schedule for November 14th to review all grant related records. This is the beginning of the grant close out which should be completed by the end of January.
- All court orders on the Orchids Bankruptcy have been sent to our Delaware bankruptcy attorney for whatever action is required by the city. We are currently waiting for her response.
- We have an enforcement conference with DHEC on November 12th to explain the low dissolved oxygen levels in our WWTP outfall. This event occurred when Orchids sent us effluent that was toxic to our biological mass.
- We have received updated quotes for the asbestos abatement for the police administration building and the old police and fire station. The cost for abatement and demolition of both buildings is \$59,790 and \$32,182 for the abatement of both buildings and the demolition of only the police administration building.
- The planning commission has been meeting once a month working on the comprehensive plan. They are committed to 12 -14 months of monthly meetings to get it done. The new Chairperson is Michael Peters, and the Vice Chairperson is Sheridan Bolen. We have one commission member, Harold Meyers, who is very ill and will need to be replaced.
- We have received 7 resumes for the administrator position. Resumes will be accepted through Friday, November 8th.

ADJOURN

There being 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
December 2, 2019– 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Robert Pattillo, Billy Dozier, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: None

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

Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SC REPRESENTATIVE LONNIE HOSEY PRESENTATION

State Representative Lonnie Hosey presented the City with a check for \$350,000 to be used for the new fire station. This was in response to a request from Fire Chief Tony Dicks and Community and Development Director Lynn McEwen. Mr. Hosey thanked the State Delegation for helping him secure these funds for Barnwell.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Owens Jennings made a presentation to Council about Mr. C.G. Fuller. He spoke about everything Mr. Fuller did for the City of Barnwell including being Mayor.

Ms. Ada Chappell came before Council to thank Administrator Zawacki for his help with the buzzards in her yard.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 REGULAR SCHEDULED BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 regular scheduled Barnwell City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Council received the certified results of the November 5, 2019 election by the Barnwell County Board of Canvassers. The winners were Marcus Rivera-Mayor, WC Black-Council District 2, Jimbo Moody-Council District 4, and F Pickens Williams Sr-Council District 6. Councilman Dozier made a motion to accept the certified election results. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLITUION 2019-4 TO PRESERVE THE COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AGAINST STRONG MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor Rivera read the resolution. He questioned the legality of the resolution. He felt it takes the rights away from the citizens. He made a motion that the resolution be read only as an opinion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker. Upon vote Mayor Rivera voted for the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilman Black, and Councilman Pattillo voted against the motion. Councilman Barker, Councilman Dozier, and Councilman Walling abstained. The motion did not pass.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams said he put the resolution on the agenda because there was talk around town about changing the form of government from the current council form of government. He wanted the public to know how the current Council felt about the issue. He felt that this form of government has served the City well. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black. Upon vote Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilman Black, Councilman Dozier, and Councilman Pattillo voted for the motion.

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Mayor Rivera voted against the motion. Councilman Barker and Councilman Walling abstained. The motion passed.

REQUEST FROM CHIEF MAGISTRATE COOPER FOR A \$1,800 PER YEAR CONTRIBUTION FOR THE WEEKEND JUDGE SALARIES

Chief Magistrate Cooper has asked the municipalities in the County to contribute \$1,800 per year to help with weekend judges. This would be in addition to what the City already pays for the municipal court judge. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO SEND LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL H4431 BUSINESS LICENSES

Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo asked for Council approval to send a letter to Governor Henry McMaster stating their opposition to House Bill H4431 that severely limits business license revenues. The City needs this revenue to provide services to citizens. Councilman Black made a motion to approve sending the letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF CITY ATTORNEY'S REQUEST TO HANG A PICTURE AND PLAQUE IN HONOR OF C G FULLER

City Attorney Thomas Boulware thanked Mr. Owens for his presentation on Mr. Fuller. He made a request to hang a picture and plaque in honor of C.G. Fuller. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve hanging the picture in City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY YEAR END FINANACIAL REPORT

Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo reviewed the preliminary financial reports for the year ending September 30, 2019 with Council. The General Fund and the Water & Sewer Fund both had a good year. In the General Fund, revenues were at 104% of budget and expenditures were at 96% of budget. In the W&S Fund, revenues were at 99% of budget and expenses were at 95% of budget. These percentages are before capital improvements. She explained that additional adjustments would be necessary for the final figures for the financial statements.

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APPROVAL OF THE 2020 BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the 2020 Barnwell City Council meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Councilman Pattillo made a motion to approve the 2020 Administrative and Emergency Services holiday schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FIREMENT CHRISTMAS BONUSES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmen Black and Dozier) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley stated that the digester project is 90% complete. The fountain on the circle has been completely redone.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Walling) – Pamela Davis informed Council that the street department is working very hard to get all of the streets edged and cleaned up. They will work on one section of the City at a time.

Recreation and Parks (Councilmen Pattillo and Walling) – Recreation Director Pamela Davis said the fall volleyball program was a success and the participants are requesting a spring program. Upcoming events include Breakfast with Santa and Candy Cane Hunt. No one has registered for the lighted boat parade so this event may have to be cancelled. Mayor Rivera asked about changing the days for the basketball games to Saturday. Ms. Davis said they have the games during the week so that the season is only four to five weeks long.

Police (Councilmen Black and Barker) – None

Fire (Councilmen Barker and Walling) – None

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – They are still looking at resumes and having interviews for the administrator position.

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Building and Planning (Councilmen Black and Dozier) –They have met with the architects for the fire station and are waiting on their report.

Community Development & Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Community Development Director Lynn gave an update on the Christmas parade, tree lighting, and employee luncheon. Make a Difference Monday is scheduled for next Monday.

Councilman Walling stated that before Administrator Zawacki gave his update, he wanted to say it has been an honor and pleasure serving on Council for twelve years. This will be his last meeting. Mayor Rivera thanked him for his service and gave him a plaque of appreciation.

ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

-The asbestos removal for the old police administration building and the fire department is about 75% complete.

-The lanterns hanging in the live oak trees on the circle were donated by WC Black.

ADJOURN

There being 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 the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 11, 2019 – 12:00 PM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: Harris Barker and Robert Pattillo

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

The news media were notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council returned to open session.

The Mayor asked for a special called Council meeting for next Monday or Tuesday at 10:00 am to select the new administrator. Administrator Zawacki will schedule it for the day that all Council members can be present.

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 the BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2019 – 10:00 AM**

MEETING LOCATION
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Harris T. Barker, W.C. Black, Billy Dozier, Robert Pattillo and Steve Walling

Council Members Absent: None

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

The news media were notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Black made a motion to go into executive session for a discussion on Administrator finalists. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to offer the administrator position to applicant A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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