

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
January 4, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, James Moody, and Robert Pattillo

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Marcus Rivera

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and Chief of Police Brian Johnson

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Williams called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

UPDATE TO COMMITTEES FOR 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Williams read Mayor Rivera's updated list:

Water & Sewer – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Pattillo
Sanitation & Streets – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Pattillo
Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Councilmembers Dozier and Moody
Police – Councilmembers Davis and Moody
Fire – Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmembers Dozier and Moody
Finance & Salary – Councilmembers Davis and Kinlaw
Building & Planning – Councilmembers Dozier and Kinlaw

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POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney Thomas Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Alonzo E. Corley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-01 TO ADOPT AND ENACT A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that the Ordinance 2021-01 "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA: PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE" be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pattillo and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-02; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CODE

Councilmember Pattillo made a motion that Ordinance 2021-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CODE" be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Ms. McEwen explained that this ordinance will allow the City to contract with construction managers and contractors in a similar

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way that we do with professionals like architects and engineers. This will allow the City to contract with them for projects that are smaller in scope, like the fire station renovations, without having to hire an architect. Once a bid is accepted from the contract manager, they can do much of the project themselves or bid out certain jobs. This will help the City save money on smaller jobs by cutting out the middleman. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2021-03; AN EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN
RETAIL, FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND IN PUBLIC CITY OWNED
BUILDINGS**

Councilmember Moody made a motion that Ordinance 2021-03 “AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL, FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND IN PUBLIC CITY OWNED BUILDINGS” be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Ms. McEwen informed Council that this ordinance, if approved, will replace the October ordinance that expired at the end of December and will be in effect for sixty days. Councilmember Davis read a letter of support from a citizen. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier. The motion passed 4 to 2, with Councilmembers Davis, Dozier, Moody, and Pattillo voting in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Kinlaw voting against the motion. Only one reading was required since this is an emergency ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Director of Public Works Philip Stanley said that the new building for liquid chlorine should be completed in the next few weeks. Once it is completed DHEC will have to approve it.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier) – Mr. Stanley placed an order for new trash cans in October, but they will not arrive until the end of January due to COVID. Administrator McEwen thanked Philip and the water and sewer and street crews for their help with the Christmas decorations.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Several applications for a new director have been given to the committee for review.

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Police (Councilmembers Davis and Moody) – Police Chief Brian Johnson said that he has hired two certified and two uncertified officers. One position remains open.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmembers Dozier and Moody) – Council was provided with a report of activities since the last meeting.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Davis and Kinlaw) – Council was given a letter from McGregor & Company about the start of the FYE 9-30-20 audit.

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Dozier and Kinlaw) – Councilmember Dozier stated he hopes the fire station renovations will be completed in 2021. The contract management services should help with this timeline. Fire Chief Dicks and Ms. McEwen will be working on a bid package for these services.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

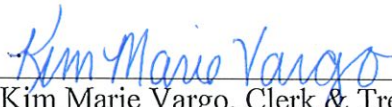
- The sitework is continuing at Fuller Park. Compaction tests were completed and passed. We hope to finish by the end of next week if the weather is good.
- I am still working on getting the plat and appraisal done for the County's final reading for the Well Project at the Industrial Park.
- Make a Difference Monday will be held next Monday, weather permitting. We will work on the four lanes in front of Walmart.
- The Planning Commission will be meeting on the last Monday in January via Zoom to approve some chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and complete other issues.
- There have been more and more cyber security threats to small communities and counties. We have discussed these with our IT company, VC3, and are continuing to monitor emails.
- The County has informed us that their offices will be closed to the public until February 1st. Service will be conducted via telephone, email, and online.
- The playground equipment and building for the bathrooms has been ordered for Fuller Park. The splash pad equipment should be ordered this week. It will take a while for these items to be built so it may be late February or March before they are delivered to the park.

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ADJOURN

There was no further business. Councilmember Pattillo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
February 1, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, James Moody, and Robert Pattillo

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Chief of Police Brian Johnson

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Pattillo led in prayer.

Mayor Rivera announced that thanks to the help of Senator Hutto who put him in touch with Mr. Quenton Tompkins with MUSC Government Relations, there will be a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for residents of Barnwell County. This is part of MUSC's Rural Initiative and Barnwell will be one of the first counties to participate. The clinic will be held February 10th and 300 to 400 shots will be available to persons 70 and over by appointment only.

POLICE OFFICER'S OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney Thomas Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Kuk Choe, James Mitchell, Dakota Nicholson, and Jacqueline Washington.

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SOUTHEASTERN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Ms. Beth Overton provided council with information on a new program they have that will help remove some of the blight in our communities. Southeastern Housing is a nonprofit and have received a grant that will help with the acquisition of the properties and administrative expenses. Southeastern Housing will provide the capital for the redevelopment. They will purchase blighted properties with clear titles from the property owners and deconstruct them to salvage and reuse as much materials as possible. They will then redevelop the land into single family home ownership units, single family home rental units, or duplex rental units. The redevelopment will be a slow process since they are using their own capital. They would like to partner with the municipalities. They would like the municipalities to help identify the properties and the owners. She already has a list of properties in Barnwell that was provided by City Administrator Lynn McEwen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Al Jenkins with Senator Tim Scott's office had come by introduce himself to the new Councilmembers. He stated that Senator Scott's office is working together with SRNS on their new employment opportunities as well as with SCA and Senator Hutto on the State's settlement for the SRS lawsuit.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-02; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CODE

Administrator McEwen explained that this is an addition to the Procurement Code under professionals to include various construction contracts. This will allow the City to contract with them directly and cut out the middleman to help save money. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that Ordinance 2021-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL CODE" be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Dozier) – Philip Stanley has been riding with the sanitation company to get an accurate count of services being provided.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – No Report

Police (Councilmembers Davis and Moody) – Police Chief Brian Johnson reported that Officer Coach has left the City and Brian Owens has been named the new department captain. The department is fully staffed. Three of the newly hired officers are uncertified.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmembers Dozier and Moody) – Council was provided with a report of activities since the last meeting.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Davis and Kinlaw) – McGregor & Company would start field work on the FYE 9-30-20 audit this week.

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Dozier and Kinlaw) – No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The sitework is continuing at Fuller Park. There will be a meeting next week with playground/splash pad company to discuss placement of electrical and plumbing.
- The plat and appraisal for the well project have been given to the County attorney. County Council placed the final reading at a special council meeting on February 18th. AECOM is already working on preparing the DHEC permit package and this will be submitted when the deed is completed.
- MADM will be held next Monday, weather permitting, with pickup along the four lanes in front of Walmart. The City has received a \$3,687 grant from Palmetto Pride to purchase trash receptacles for Fuller Park.
- The Planning Commission and LSGOG will meet via Zoom on February 22nd to finalize the Comprehensive Plan. Council should have the updated plan by March and the ordinance should be ready for the April meeting.
- Chief Dicks and I would like to set up a meeting with the building committee to go over the RFQ for the fire station renovations.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION- INTERVIEW FOR EMPLOYMENT

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

Council returned to regular session.

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to make an offer to Keith Parks for Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody. The motion passed 6 to 1, with Mayor Pro Tem Williams voting against the motion.

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 1, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, James Moody, and Robert Pattillo

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Marie Vargo, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and Chief of Police Brian Johnson

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

Mayor Rivera recognized Reid Barker, Maleah Williams, and Richie Moduguh as Barnwell City Council Student Scholars for March 2021.

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BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Mayor Rivera recognized Law Office of William H Alexander LLC and Elevate Nutrition LLC for March 2021.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2021-04; AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN RETAIL, FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, AND IN PUBLIC CITY OWNED BUILDINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. The emergency ordinance will be in effect for 60 days.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BCEDC BOARD

Mayor Rivera stated that Councilmember Dozier is currently on the BCEDC board. Councilmember Moody made a motion to nominate Councilmember Dozier to continue to serve on the board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO PUBLISH AND AUCTION USED CITY EQUIPMENT

Administrator McEwen had provided a list of items to be included in the auction. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the items to be sold. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-01 SUNSHINE WEEK RECOGNITION

Administrator McEwen read the resolution recognizing the week of March 12th as Sunshine Week, a national initiative to encourage dialogue about the importance of open government and

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freedom of information. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley was going to discuss Sothern Carolina Alliance’s proposal to expand the City’s wastewater services to the SCAT Park in Snelling, but the City is still waiting on SCA to provide the necessary information from the industries located in the park to evaluate the proposal.

Administrator McEwen informed Council that the County Council approved the third reading of an ordinance to sell the property to the City needed for the RIA Well Project for \$7,040. The permit application has been submitted to DHEC. Once the deed is completed, work will begin to finalize the bid packages.

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

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – The department has been preparing LPSC for baseball season. We have received the signed contract from the Barnwell Baseball Softball Association for the use of Lemon Park.

Police (Councilmembers Davis and Moody) – Police Chief Brian informed Council that the department will begin using the community oriented policing style. The police officers will be trained in this method of policing and community partnerships will be formed. The newly hired uncertified officers are in the process of training to become certified. Two have completed their inhouse training and are waiting to go to the academy.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmembers Dozier and Moody) – Council was provided with a report of activities since the last meeting.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Davis and Kinlaw) – City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo reviewed financial information for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The financial audit should be completed and presented by the auditors at the next Council meeting.

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Dozier and Kinlaw) – The walkthrough for the fire station renovation is scheduled for tomorrow. There has been interest from several contractors. Water, sewer, and electrical have been set at Fuller Park for the splash pad and we are waiting for the splash pad group to get started. The restroom has been approved and is ready for production, but it may not be ready by May 1st.

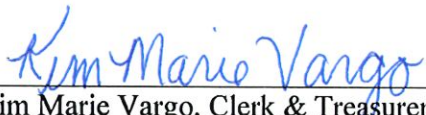
ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Gave Council a draft of information to send to the legislature regarding the SRS money and asked Council for input.
- MADM will be held next Monday, weather permitting, with pickup along Clinton St beginning at Dunbarton Blvd. The Great American Cleanup is scheduled for March 27th and April 24th.
- The finalized Comprehensive Plan should be ready for the April Council meeting.
- Southeastern Housing has purchased two properties in the City limits for their revitalization program. They are also looking at several more locations in the City.
- Sundial Festival will be held March 13th.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Council Members James Moody, William Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw and Alicia Davis

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Chief Brian Johnson and Asst. Chief Robert Miller, Sr.

The news media was notified, Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order, and Council Member Kinlaw led in prayer.

MOTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to appoint Asst. Chief Robert Miller, Sr. as Interim Chief of Police. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis and unanimously approved.

OATH OF OFFICE

Asst. Chief Robert Miller, Sr. was sworn in as Interim Chief of Police by Administrator Lynn McEwen.

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**UPDATE ON INFORMATION OF FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY
OF BARNWELL**

Administrator Lynn McEwen and Mayor Marcus Rivera updated the Council members on several possible funding sources that Barnwell may be eligible for in the near future. We are in contact with our state legislators, Senator Brad Hutto and Representative Lonnie Hosey, about the projects that are needed in the City of Barnwell. We are also looking for more guidance on the funding coming from the stimulus package from the Federal Government. Our top priority is the Fire Station and whatever pot of money best fits that project. We hope to be able to accomplish that goal. The administration will be working towards getting more specific estimates on several of our priority projects.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Lynn S. McEwen, Administrator

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 5, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

REGULAR SESSION

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, James Moody, and Robert Pattillo

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Moody led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben Kinlaw – Mr. Kinlaw spoke to Council about the amount of litter in the City. He is the Chair of the Service Committee for Barnwell County Council and participates in the City's Make a Difference Monday program. He encouraged City Council members to participate in the Make a Difference Monday program. Mr. Kinlaw also stated that the County has an Ordinance that states that political signs must be picked up within two weeks. He stated that he picked up political signs during the trash pickup.

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RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

The following students were recognized for April: Kori Tharin, Genesis Walker, Bayleigh Bowers, Marcus Robinson Jr., and Jackson Lehman

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

The following businesses were recognized for April: Forever Young Clothing, Anderson Oil Company, and Wangz on Main

PRESENTATION OF CITY OF BARNWELL FY 2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT MCGREGOR AND COMPANY

Mr. Jim McGuire of McGregor & Company presented the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 financial statements. He referred to the independent auditor's report and informed Council that there were no findings. The auditor's report presented a clean opinion, they found the financial statements were presently fairly in all material respects. He explained the Management's Discussion and Analysis section and recommended that Council read this section for an overview of the financial activities for the year. He then reviewed the various sections of the statements with Council. The General Fund had an increase in fund balance of \$13,256. The Water & Sewer Fund had an increase in net position of \$119,381. The net position in the Water and Sewer Fund includes deductions for depreciation and pension expenses. There were no questions. Mayor Rivera thanked Mr. McGuire.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021 REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 special called scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

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READING OF THE PROCLAMATION 2021-01 DONATE LIFE MONTH

Administrator McEwen read the proclamation declaring the month of April as Donate Life Month.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-02 RECOGNIZING
APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Administrator McEwen read the resolution. Councilmember Pattillo made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-05 TO REPEAL THE EMERGENCY MASK
MANDATE ORDINANCE 2021-04**

Councilmember Moody made a motion that Ordinance 2021-05 To Repeal the Emergency Mask Mandate 2021-04 be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen stated that it would be better to have a second reading on the Ordinance. A special called meeting will be scheduled for the second reading.

**INFORMATION ONLY; THE CITY OF BARNWELL PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION TO BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE UPDATED
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Administrator McEwen stated that the Planning Commission presented Council with the resolution to adopt the updated comprehensive plan. There will be a public hearing scheduled for the May Council meeting. The first reading will take place at that time. Any changes or suggestions that Council has needs to be brought forth at this time. Administrator McEwen thanked the Planning Commission and LSCOG for all their work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Administrator McEwen gave an update on the RIA New Well Project. The deed for the property has been recorded and

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the DHEC permit is expected by early June. Bid packages will go out soon after and bid openings by the end of July.

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

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Councilman Moody read a report updating Council on recent and upcoming events. Administrator McEwen stated that opening day for the Baseball/Softball season will be April 12th.

Police (Councilmembers Moody, and Davis) – Plans to hire a replacement officer for one who is leaving this month have already been made and we are working on interviews for the administration position. Administrator McEwen and HR have begun looking over applications for the Chief of Police position and will be getting those to the police committee.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmen Moody, and Dozier) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks stated that the Fire Department will be assisting Denmark Tech with an OSHA certification class. We should know something by Wednesday afternoon on the State V Safe program Grant application. Calls were up in March.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – We have been working through some issues at Fuller Park to make sure we have a good even area for the playground and splashpad. You should see even more happening this week into next week with the Splash Pad and playground area. We may not have restrooms for a month or more, so we may have to open without them.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- I have sent some preliminary information to Senator Hutto's office but will be working towards a final request narrative this week to explain our needs.
- Make a Difference Monday will be held next Monday, April 12th, weather permitting. We also have one more scheduled Saturday as part of the Great American Clean Up. This will be held Saturday, April 24 from 7:30-11:30. We need volunteers to come out and be a part of this clean up. She thanked the volunteers who came out for the last cleanup. Mayor Rivera stated that his Boyz to Men group and travel basketball team have adopted the highway going toward Blackville as part of the cleanup. Councilmember Davis said her district was also going to help with the cleanup.
- One of the light poles on Main St was knocked down by a truck in a hit and run but was repaired by Dominion Energy.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONTRACTURAL MATTERS

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pattillo and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to accept the City Administrator's recommendation for Employee A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
April 12, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION:
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Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Billy Dozier, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw and James Moody

Council Members Absent: Robert Pattillo

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk and Treasurer Kim Vargo, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified by none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-05 TO REPEAL THE EMERGENCY MASK MANDATE ORDINANCE 2021-04

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read Ordinance 2021-05 To Repeal the Emergency Mask Mandate Ordinance 2021-04 by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05 on the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Rivera had asked that this item be added to the agenda. He asked Director of Public Works Philip Stanley to explain where the City was in regard to this issue. Mr. Stanley said that one of the industrial users at the SCAT Park in Snelling, Swiss Krono, wants to send wastewater to the City. The City of Barnwell's standards are set by DHEC and are not negotiable. Information provided to the City shows that the wastewater from this user is not within these

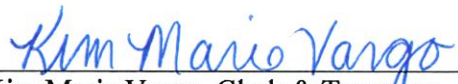
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standards. They will have to bring their wastewater down to acceptable levels in order for the City to treat it. Also, in order for us to treat their wastewater as it is now, we would have to expand our wastewater treatment plant. The company is doing a Preliminary Evaluation Review on their plant to upgrade their pre-treatment facility to bring their numbers down. If they can bring their numbers down to within the limits that the City can treat, then it would be brought before Council for a decision to accept out of town wastewater into the City. Mayor Rivera said he wanted to bring this to Council because he did not like the response that Administrator McEwen sent out in denying the request. He said he wasn't challenging the decision based on the numbers, but the ultimate decision comes back to Council to see whether or not the company is willing to invest in what is necessary for them to do business with the City. Administrator McEwen said that her response informed the company to resubmit once they had finished the upgrades to their pretreatment facility and we could look at the numbers again. Mayor Rivera felt the response should have addressed the options for the company to possibly invest in the City's wastewater treatment plant. The expansion of Swiss Krono would bring more jobs to the area. Mr. Stanley said that the company was already in the process of addressing it's issues. Discussion followed. Mayor Rivera said that Council needs to be involved in any important decision.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
May 3, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, James Moody, and Robert Pattillo

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UPDATED 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Administer Lynn McEwen asked if there were any comments on the updated plan. There were no comments.

ADJOURN

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

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REGULAR SESSION

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER ERNEST “RAY” LEWIS

Mr. Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Ernest “Ray” Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

Cameron Porter and Cordero Ransom were recognized as the Student Scholars for May.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home was recognized for the month of May.

INSURANCE RENEWAL INFORMATION – SAM PLEXICO

Mr. Sam Plexico, from Southeastern Insurance Consultants LLC, informed Council that there would be no rate increases or changes in coverage for the City's July 1, 2021, renewal with BCBS of SC. This is the fourth year in a row that there have been no increases.

PROPOSAL FOR THE GUARD SHACK BY THE BARNWELL COUNTY MUSEUM

Mr. Milton Hardin, Chairman of the Barnwell County Museum, spoke about the old guard shack that was used as the police station. He introduced Mr. Ed Connelly who will repair and restore it at his own expense. The guard shack is owned by the Barnwell County Museum. Once the work is completed, they would like permission to place it back on the Circle. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve placing the completed guard shack back on the existing pad on the Circle. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE BARNWELL COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – RESOLUTION 2021-03

Mayor Rivera made a motion that the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the resolution by title only. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the Barnwell County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – Resolution 2021-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-06 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-06 “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994”. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-07 A CALL FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR A VOTE ON SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOL IN THE CITY LIMITS OF BARNWELL

Mayor Rivera made a motion to read Ordinance 2021-07 “AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS

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FOR THE SUNDAY SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Rivera stated that he had reached out to businesses in the community and most felt that it would be beneficial to the businesses. Discussion followed. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-07. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody. The motion passed 4 to 3 with Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Councilmember Kinlaw, and Councilmember Pattillo voting against the motion.

SCHEDULE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP AND DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATIONS

Administrator McEwen stated that she has provided Council with available dates for the budget workshop. Mayor Rivera said he would like for department heads to come to the workshop and share what their plans are for their department and give some type of presentation. The workshop is scheduled for June 9th and 10th at 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilman Pattillo) – Mayor Pro Tem Williams read a report provided by Director Philip Stanley updating Council on changing from chlorine gas to liquid bleach at the wastewater treatment plant and upcoming mosquito spraying.

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

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Councilman Moody read a report provided by Director Keith Parks updating Council on recent and upcoming events.

Police (Councilmembers Moody, and Davis) – Interim Police Chief Miller stated that the department is still short two officers.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmen Moody, and Dozier) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written report for activity during the month of April 2021. The department is still short one employee. The City has received a VSafe grant in the amount of \$27,498.48 for protective clothing and portable radios.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

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ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Work is continuing at Fuller Park. The playground is almost complete and the splashpad sidewalk was poured today. Testing for water and electrical will be done next week. We will clean up the area and prepare for sod, rock, and sidewalks. The restrooms will be coming in June. We will also begin working on the expansion of the parking lot.
- Make a Difference Monday will be held next Monday, May 10th, from 4-5 pm, weather permitting. We will meet at Life Tabernacle Church on Clinton St. and head towards the creek.
- June 25th will be our Independence Day Celebration at Veteran's Park, from 6-9:30 pm. We are partnering with the Barnwell Development Association to provide food and entertainment. The City will be hosting the fireworks that evening. This is also in conjunction with the State Rookie League Baseball Tournament which will start that weekend. We will invite the league teams to come out and be introduced at Veteran's Park before the fireworks show.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 2, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.,
Council Members James Moody, Peggy Kinlaw, and Alicia Davis

Council Members Absent: William Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen and City Attorney Thomas
Boulware

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware led in prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PRESONNEL-INTERVIEWS FOR POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was
seconded by Councilmember Moody and passed unanimously.

Council returned to open session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 7, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr.,
Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim
Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Director of Public Works
Philip Stanley, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2021-07 “AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A
REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY
PERMITS FOR THE SUNDAY SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-
PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL”**

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rivera adjourned the public hearing.

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REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Daniel Streeter introduced himself to Council. He said he was from Atlanta and wanted to bring a drive-in theater to Barnwell. He is currently in the process of finalizing a location.

Ms. Phillis Rhodney asked Council to do something with the abandoned buildings on Allen St. and Pine St., put up do not litter signs on Calhoun St., and utilize the community centers on Calhoun St. Mayor Rivera said the City has initiatives to address litter and dilapidated properties. Administrator McEwen asked Ms. Rhodney to meet with her at a later date since some of the issues were on private property.

UPDATE FROM DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE-MR. KENNETH CRAWFORD

Mr. Kenneth Crawford, Jr. from Denmark Technical College was unable to attend the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLAR

Molly Wilson was recognized as the Student Scholar for June.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

This item was postponed until next month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

REQUEST FROM THE BARNWELL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A SECOND SATURDAY WALL STREET MARKET

Ms. Trish Gordon is a board member of the Barnwell Development Association. They are a nonprofit organization that has been trying to help businesses in the city, especially in the downtown area. They would like to run a small local vendor market on Wall St. on the 2nd Saturdays of the month between the spring and fall Sundial Festivals. SCDOT approval would be needed to close the street. Discussion followed. The BDA and the recreation committee will get together to try to coordinate efforts to bring events to the downtown area.

SECOND & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-06 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to read Ordinance 2021-06 “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-06. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

SECOND & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-07 A CALL FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR A VOTE ON SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOL IN THE CITY LIMITS OF BARNWELL

Councilmember Moody made a motion to read Ordinance 2021-07 “AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR THE SUNDAY SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL” by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and passed 4 to 1 with Mayor Pro Tem Williams voting against the motion. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the second and final reading of

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Ordinance 2021-07. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmember Kinlaw voting against the motion.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-04 “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM”

Administrator McEwen read the resolution. Clerk & Treasurer Vargo explained that the City is already in an agreement until June 2022. The federal fiscal year ends September 30th and the agreement’s fiscal year ends next June 30th, so the resolution needs to be approved this year to remain in the consortium and allow the City Administrator to sign the agreement next year. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve resolution 2021-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON WHETHER TO POSTPONE ELECTIONS UNTIL AFTER THE 2020 CENSUS BLOCK RESULTS

Administrator McEwen explained that this did not have anything to do with Mr. Pattillo’s vacant seat. A special election is not needed to fill his seat because the general election is within 180 days of the date of his death. Municipalities must redistrict their voting districts to reflect population and demographics contained in the most recently released census. The 2020 census data will probably not be released before this year’s general election in November. It is up to Council to decide if they want to have the general election with the current districts or postpone the election until the new census data comes out and possibly changes the districts. Councilmember Moody made a motion to keep the election as planned and not postpone it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Williams) – Mayor Rivera appointed Councilmen Moody to the Water and Sewer Committee. Director of Public Works Philip Stanley informed Council that we received DHEC approval to operate the new chlorine system at the WWTP and will no longer be using chlorine gas. His departments are assisting Parks and Recreation with the work at Fuller Park including tree removal, restrooms, and parking lot.

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

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmen Dozier and Moody) – Councilman Moody read a report provided by Director Keith Parks updating Council on recent and upcoming events including the State Tournament at the LPSC.

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Police (Councilmembers Moody, and Davis) – No Report

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Councilmen Moody, and Dozier) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council gave a report for activity during the month of May 2021. Volunteer participation has picked up. The vacant position in his department has been filled.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – Administrator McEwen gave an update on the progress at Fuller Park for the splash pad and restrooms.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Work is continuing at Fuller Park. The playground is almost complete and the splashpad sidewalk was poured today. Testing for water and electrical will be done next week. We will clean up the area and prepare for sod, rock, and sidewalks. The restrooms will be coming in June. We will also begin working on the expansion of the parking lot.
- Make a Difference Monday will be held next Monday, June 14th, from 4-5 pm, weather permitting. Clean up will continue on Clinton St.
- Reminder of the June 25th Independence Day Celebration at Veteran's Park, from 6-9:30 pm. We are partnering with the Barnwell Development Association to provide food and entertainment. The City will be hosting the fireworks and an army band will be performing that evening
- Dominion Energy will begin cleaning up their power line right of ways.
- Budget workshops are scheduled for June 9th and 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONTRACTURAL MATTERS

Councilmember Moody made a motion to enter executive session for contractual and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to move forward with negotiations on leasing land. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to offer the position of Chief of Police to Candidate B upon the terms and conditions as recommended by the City Administrator. The motion was seconded 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

Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING and BUDGET WORKSHOP of
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 9, 2021– 5:00 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., Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, and Jimbo Moody

Council Members Absent: Alicia Davis

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the workshop to order. Councilmember Dozier led with a prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council returned to regular session.

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY2022

City Administrator McEwen and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed preliminary budget information for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, for the General Fund. The preliminary budget did not include any rate increases. This is a reassessment year, so tax revenues can only be increased by certain criteria. Information from the County must be obtained before the millage rate can be set. The MASC has issued new class rates for business licenses based on updated IRS classifications. Business license rates will be recalculated to ensure revenue neutrality. Although the State budget has not been approved yet, a 1% increase in retirement

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expenditures has been added. Revenue from the State to help offset this increase has also been budgeted. Budgeted capital expenditures include the purchase of two new police vehicles.

The first reading of the budget ordinance will be at the next Council meeting.

Submitted by:

Kim Marie Vargo
Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING and BUDGET WORKSHOP of
BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 10, 2021– 5:00 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., Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, and Jimbo Moody

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, and Director of Public Works Philip Stanley

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody and unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session.

DISCUSSION OF WATER & SEWER AND SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGETS FOR FY2022

City Administrator McEwen and Clerk & Treasurer Vargo reviewed preliminary budget information for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, for the Water & Sewer Fund, Hospitality Tax Fund, and the Accommodation Tax Fund. The budgets did not include any rate increases. Revenues for the Water & Sewer Fund budget were increased due to current collection trends. Water & Sewer Fund expenses include the purchase of a new truck and a used roll off truck in the WWTP. The State Revolving Fund loan will be paid off in March 2022. This will release the money in the Debt Service Reserve Fund. Expenses for digital meters in the W&S

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department were increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000. One personnel position in the W&S department was eliminated.

The first reading of the budget ordinance will be at the next Council meeting.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 22, 2021 – 5:30 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Pickens Williams Sr., Council Members James Moody, William Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw and Alicia Davis

Council Members Absent: none

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified but no one was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a motion that council go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dozier and it was unanimously approved.

Council returned to regular session. City Attorney Tom Boulware stated that we needed a motion to authorize the City Administrator to proceed as discussed in executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made the motion and Council Member Dozier seconded the motion. A role call was asked for votes: approve (yes): Council Members Kinlaw and Moody and Mayor Pro Tem Williams; unapproved (no): Mayor Rivera, Council Members Dozier and Davis. Motion was not approved due to a tie vote. Mayor Pro Tem Williams handed Mayor Rivera his written resignation.

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ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Lynn S. McEwen, Administrator

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
July 12, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Alicia Davis, Billy Dozier, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Interim Police Chief Robert Miller, and Fire Chief Tony Dicks

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Dozier led with a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ryan Tvelia informed Council that there is a certain segment of people in the community coming together and trying to work on quality and bringing everyone together. They feel the City is not giving the same support. They also feel that some serious issues have been brought to Council's attention that have not been addressed, including sewer lines, sanitation, and lack of participation in YMCA events. Mr. Tvelia was informed that any issues or event notifications should go through City Hall.

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RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLAR

Jordyn Twitty was recognized as the Student Scholar for July.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Moody's Pressure Washing was recognized as the business for July.

PICKLEBALL PRESENTATION BY JACKIE RAMSEY

Mrs. Jackie Ramsey gave a presentation on pickleball. She said anyone can play but it is becoming very popular with older people. She would like to have two pickleball courts built at Fuller Park. It is very popular in Aiken, and they would be glad to come to Barnwell to hold a clinic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2021, CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2021, CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021, Budget Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM THE BARNWELL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A SECOND SATURDAY WALL STREET MARKET

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the request of the Barnwell Development Association to hold a Second Saturday Wall Street Market. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved

APPROVAL FOR THE BLACK TOP BATTLE AT FULLER PARK BASKETBALL COURTS SPONSORED BY BJ JORDAN

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the request of BJ Jordan to sponsor a Black Top Battle at Fuller Park basketball courts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-8 AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Councilmember Moody made a motion to read Ordinance 2021-08 "AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022" by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dozier and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-8. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-05 COMMITTING TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION RETAIL RECRUITMENT TRAINING PROGRAM, IF ACCEPTED

Administrator McEwen explained the retail recruitment training program. Councilman Dozier made a motion to read the resolution by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rivera

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and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the resolution by title only. Councilman Moody made a motion to approve resolution 2021-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL TO CANCEL OR CONTINUE TO POSTPONE THE INITIAL REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ON THE FIRE STATION PROJECT

Administrator McEwen explained that in April a letter of a 90 day postponement was sent to the companies that put in requests for qualification on the fire station project. The project was postponed because of a possibility that more funding would become available. Council needs to decide if they want to continue to postpone the initial request for qualifications or cancel it until we know for sure about the funding. Chief Dicks stated that he is fine either way. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to postpone the initial request for qualifications for another 120 days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Rivera recommended Councilmember Dozier for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Moody made a motion to elect Billy Dozier as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved. Mayor Rivera asked for any other nominations. There were none. Mayor Rivera appointed Mayor Pro Tem Dozier to the water and sewer committee and Councilmember Kinlaw to the sanitation and streets committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Administrator McEwen read a report provided by Director Keith Parks updating Council on the success of the recent State Tournament held at Lemon Park.

Police (Councilmembers Moody, and Davis) – Chief Miller stated that we recently hired two new certified officers. One officer is at the academy and one position is still open.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmen Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a report for activity during the month of June 2021.

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Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – Administrator McEwen gave an update on the progress at Fuller Park for the splash pad and restrooms.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The next Make a Difference Monday will be in October.
- I want to thank the Barnwell Development Association, Gary Brantley, and the Veteran's Association for their help with the Independence Day Celebration.
- We will have a drop in for the new Police Chief on July 15th from 5-7. July 27th will be Interim Police Chief Miller's last day. We appreciate all he has done for the department for the last 43 years.
- South Carolina has not yet received The American Rescue Plan funds.
- The District 6 council seat vacated by Councilman Williams' resignation will be added to the November general election. A special election is not necessary.

Mayor Rivera recognized Interim Police Chief Robert Miller for his 43 years of service to the community. Chief Miller received a standing ovation.

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
August 2, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: Billy Dozier

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2021-08 TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (AS AMENDED)**

Mayor Rivera asked if there were any public comments on the Ordinance. City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo addressed the changes that were made to the budget since the first reading in July. There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rivera adjourned the public hearing

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REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rick Holcombe expressed his concern with some of City Council's personnel decisions. He asked for a public hearing on the matter. Mayor Rivera stated that policy states that any citizen of the City is entitled to comment at any regular scheduled council meeting with the exception of personnel matters.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

Jamie Still was recognized as the student scholar for August.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Life Tabernacle Church, Lucy Lu's Café and Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church were recognized for August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-08, AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (AS AMENDED)

Councilmember Moody made a motion to read Ordinance 2021-08 "AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022" by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody and unanimously approved.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Police (Councilmembers Moody and Davis) – No Report

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written report for activity during the month of July 2021.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Administrator McEwen gave an update on the Fuller Park splash pad project. The playground and splash pad are completed. Work is still being done on the parking lot extension, restrooms, and the walkway to the restrooms needs to be corrected for ADA compliance. We are waiting on estimates for sod. Ms. McEwen asked for Council's approval, if there were no safety issues, to have the splash pad open on Saturdays and Sundays until the rest of the work can be completed. Council agreed to have the splash pad open on weekends from 8am to 7pm until everything is completed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Notice of elections for the November general election ran in last week's paper. Districts 1, 3, and 5 for a four year term and District 6 for an unexpired two year term will be on the ballot. Candidate filing will open today at noon and will close at noon on August 16th.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 11, 2021 – 5:30 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem William Dozier, Councilmembers James Moody, Peggy Kinlaw, and Alicia Davis

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified and Jonathan Vickery was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier provided a prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion that council go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and it was unanimously approved. Council went into Executive Session.


Council returned to regular session. Councilmember Moody made a motion to hire Brandon Staton as the Interim Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director for the City of Barnwell for a period of 90 days or until Council decides otherwise. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.

Mayor Rivera also announced that tackle football would be provided this year. The City will open up registration for tackle Football and Volleyball as well as reopen Flag Football and Cheerleading registration for 2 weeks.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:


Lynn S. McEwen, Administrator

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 20, 2021 – 5:30 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem William Dozier, Councilmembers Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

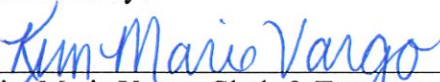
Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to go into executive session for personnel-discussion on administrative reprimand. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Council went into Executive Session.

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
September 13, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, Billy Dozier, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Dozier led in prayer.

POLICE OFFICERS' OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Kenneth Harney and Jessica Parker.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wanda Highsmith – Ms. Highsmith stated that Council is doing a wonderful job. It is the most diverse group of people she has seen representing the City. She feels Council has been totally transparent with everything they have done, and they should ignore negative comments.

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Nancy Knopf – Ms. Knopf presented an idea for a calendar fundraiser to benefit the fire department and the animal shelter contingent upon approval at the County Council meeting. Mayor Rivera asked Ms. Knopf for her contact information.

David McCoy – Mr. McCoy stated that he was at the last City Council meeting, and he was bothered by the fact that there were people at the meeting who wanted to speak but were not allowed to because they did not live in the city limits. He asked if that is a policy that can be changed. Administrator McEwen stated that any policy can be changed but it would be up to Council. Mr. McCoy stated that there are many people who live outside the city limits but their children attend schools inside the city limits. He believes that if they have a concern with a school that is located inside the city limits, they should be allowed to speak at the Council meetings. Mayor Rivera stated that they should contact the school board for those issues. The school board is made up of their own elected officials. Mr. McCoy stated that the City had police officers that were hired by the school. The Mayor informed him that would be the Sheriff's Office not the City. Mr. McCoy asked Council to consider changing the policy.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

Christian Smith was recognized as the student scholar for September.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

This item was postponed until next month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-6, DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTACT PERSON FOR PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Administrator McEwen read Resolution 2021-6, Designating an Authorized Representative and Contact Person for Purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. City Administrator Lynn McEwen was designated as the authorized representative and Clerk & Treasurer Kim Marie Vargo was designated as the contact person. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-6. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. Mayor Rivera stated that Council will be informed about any information received and before any decision is made.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR ARPA FUNDS DISCUSSIONS

Administrator McEwen stated that Charlie Barrineau with the Municipal Association of SC has agreed to meet with Council and their district representatives to go over the ARPA, the authorized uses, and necessary reporting. Mayor Rivera wanted to make sure the community had input, so he asked each Councilmember to select a representative from their district to be involved with all discussions. Ms. McEwen will set up the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Director Stanley stated that mosquito spraying is coming to an end for this year. They can continue to do trouble spots, if necessary.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Director Staton supplied Council with a report on fall sports. Currently 173 participants are registered for flag football, tackle football, volleyball, and cheerleading with 15 volunteer coaches. Games are scheduled to begin next week. The only concern is if the schools close and go to virtual learning,

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practices and games will have to be cancelled. Also, if there is a rise in COVID-19 cases, fall sports may have to be cancelled.

Police (Councilmembers Moody, and Davis) – Chief Robinson updated Council on the activity for the month of August 2021.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written report for activity during the month of August 2021.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Fuller Park – The restrooms will be completed this week. There are several more small items (such as signs and additional benches) to finish but the project is complete. A date is needed for a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting. Mayor Rivera asked Administrator McEwen to give Council some dates and they will decide.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

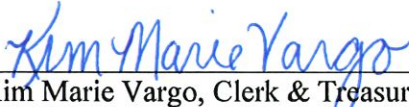
- The Well project has been approved by DHEC and by RIA for bid. The bid advertisement has been issued to SCBO and information is on our website. The bid opening is scheduled for Oct. 13 at 2 pm.
- Mr. Ed Connally (from the museum) has finished the work on the old Police Station. We will be working with him to have the police station moved back up to the Circle. They would like to have the dedication at the November 6th Sundial Festival event.

Councilmember Kinlaw thanked the citizens for their work on the 9/11 ceremony and the Barnwell Development Association for their work on the Wall Street Market that took place Saturday.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
September 23, 2021 – 6:30 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting for an Informational meeting on the ARPA Funding that the City will be receiving from the US Treasury Department with Mayor Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem William Dozier, Councilmembers Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, Director of Public Works Philip Stanley, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The news media was notified but none were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

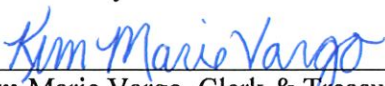
INFORMATION PRESENTAION PROVIDED BY MASC

Mr. Charlie Barrineau, Field Service Manager with the Municipal Association of SC, gave a presentation on funds that the City will receive from the American Rescue Plan. The City of Barnwell is expected to receive \$2,136,248 of these funds. The presentation included an overview on how this amount was determined, allowable and ineligible uses, and reporting. Mayor Rivera asked Council and their district representatives to take this information and bring their suggestion for the use of these funds to the next meeting. Administrator McEwen will set up the meeting.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 4, 2021 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, Billy Dozier,
and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim
Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, and City Attorney Thomas
Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order, and Councilmember Kinlaw led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLAR

Rebecca Henderson was recognized as the student scholar for October.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, INFORMATIONAL ARPA MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the September 23, 2021, Informational ARPA meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE NEW CITY TRAVEL POLICY

Administrator McEwen presented a new travel policy to Council. Discussion followed. Councilmember Dozier made a motion to table the approval of the new travel policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-7, POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mayor Rivera stated that he wanted to make a correction to the agenda. The title should read mutual aid agreement and not memorandum of understanding. Administrator McEwen said that the existing resolution pertaining to this issue, Resolution 2018-3, was approved in 2018 and included 10 agencies. Police Chief Robinson requested that the resolution be updated to include a number of new departments. Chief Robinson explained that he has proposed a mutual aid agreement with any department that sits within our judicial circuit. This includes Aiken County, Barnwell County, and Bamberg County. The purpose of that is we are represented by the same solicitor in all three of those districts. On top of that we have something in our district called the Law Enforcement Network. Within the Law Enforcement Network, we must all have a mutual aid agreement in for us to assist other departments with nonemergency situations. City Council must approve all mutual aid agreements. He also submitted in the proposal to have agreements with anyone within a 50-mile radius. He feels that this is needed because you never know when we or another agency near us may need help. Part of the mutual aid agreement is that any compensation is paid by the agency that the officers are employed by. Chief Robinson said he put Myrtle Beach on the list because if officers work bike week the City will be reimbursed. Administrator McEwen said that there were some safety and financial concerns, especially with Columbia and Myrtle Beach, about what could happen if one of our officers got hurt or had an accident. Discussion followed. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to table the issue. There

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was no second, so the motion failed. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Mayor Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Dozier, and Councilmembers Davis and Moody voted for the motion and Councilmember Kinlaw voted against the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Mayor Rivera stated that the Tractor Supply parking lot looks terrible. Administrator McEwen stated that she has been in contact with the company responsible for it and they are going to get it taken care of.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Director Staton supplied Council with a report on fall sports, a recent incident of vandalism and thanked his workers for their hard work.

Police (Councilmembers Moody and Davis) – Chief Robinson stated that the department will be conducting safety campaigns throughout the City for the next couple of weeks. Mayor Rivera thanked the Chief and the entire department for everything they did for Officer. Jones' family.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written report for activity during the month of September 2021. Administrator McEwen stated that Chief Dicks could not be at the meeting because he was covering the department since two employees were out.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The well project bid opening is scheduled for October 13th at 2 pm at City Hall.
- Mr. Ed Connally has finished the old police station and it will be moved back to the Circle this Wednesday.
- SCDOT has a sidewalk project going up Highway 3 and part of that project will include moving our water line from the National Guard Armory north to the end of the line. All the costs will be paid by SCDOT since we are considered a small public water utility. We are still waiting to find out how this will be done administratively.
- Make a Difference Monday will be held next Monday at 4 pm weather permitting.

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- Upcoming activities include the Wall St Market next Saturday, the Rotary Club scarecrow contest thru October, Sundial Festival November 6th, trick or treating in Barnwell will be held Saturday October 30th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS; PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM DIRECTOR POSITION

Councilmember Moody made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.


Council returned to open session.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to hire Brandon Staton as the fulltime Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Director. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
October 25, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Mayor Rivera presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem William Dozier, Councilmembers Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, 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 Dozier called the meeting to order and led in prayer. He stated that the Mayor has recused himself from this part of the meeting, so he was sitting in for him.

**DISCUSSION AND DECISION TO APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FROM THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION, 10/18/21**

Councilmember Davis made a motion to appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision dated October 18, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier asked for a second and there was not one, so the motion failed. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion not to appeal the Zoning Board's decision dated October 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier said he had a statement that the Mayor wanted him to read. The statement said: Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Barnwell City Council please let the records show that I Mayor Rivera am recusing myself from the Zoning Appeals Decision at 1072 Meadow Lane, Barnwell, SC, and will have no influence on the matter at hand. Also let the record show that the reason for this meeting today was not an ask of mine, but an option that our Zoning Administrator provided to City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier then asked for any further discussion. Councilmember Davis asked City Administrator McEwen if she felt the business license issued to the Riveras was issued properly. Administrator McEwen stated yes according to our zoning. Councilmember Davis asked Administrator McEwen why she felt we should not appeal if the business license was given to them, and they were actually compliant. Administrator McEwen said she was incorrect in

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the state statute on the covenant and so the Zoning Board of Appeals said that we were to keep up with the zoning and the covenant, so I believe that they are correct in the law. Councilmember Davis then asked Mayor Pro Tem Dozier how long he lived in the Meadowbrook community and based on his experience and knowledge has he ever seen the covenant enforced. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier said he lived there for over 40 years, and he wasn't even aware there was one originally and he never saw the covenant being enforced. Upon vote the motion not to appeal passed 3 to 1 with Mayor Pro Tem Dozier, and Councilmembers Moody and Kinlaw voting for the motion and Councilmember Davis voting against the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Davis made a motion to go into executive session for personnel-discussion of City Administrator and contractual-discussion of City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session with Mayor Rivera presiding.

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
November 1, 2021 – 5:30PM**

**MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812**

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Dozier, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Staton, Public Works Director Philip Stanley, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order, and Councilmember Kinlaw led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Rivera stated that the first two individuals would be bypassed because we do not discuss personnel issues in open session.

Mr. David McCoy – Mr. McCoy stated that he is concerned about the safety of the citizens in the City of Barnwell and would like to know if there is a plan to cut down on the crime rate. He said he thinks the City Administrator is doing a fine job. He would appreciate it if Council would let the citizens know what is going on. Mayor Rivera stated that we have seen some of the lowest crime rates in the city for the last three to five years. Police Chief Robinson has the data if anyone would like to see it.

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RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLAR

Chloe and Charlee Wix were recognized as the student scholars for November.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley stated that some of the waste sent to the treatment plant this month, resulted in the loss of the treatment plant. We are working with DHEC to get the problem resolved. The problem has been identified and no more waste will be accepted from the industry until the problem has been corrected.

Mayor Rivera stated that Cascades has new management including a new general manager. Council is invited to Cascades on Wednesday for lunch and a walk thru of the plant.

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Director Brandon Staton updated Council on football, upcoming basketball and cheerleading registration, and let them know the Turkey Trot will be held November 20th at Lemon Park.

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Police (Councilmembers Moody and Davis) – Police Chief Robinson updated Council on Halloween and recent arrests.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written report for activity during the month of October 2021. They are now fully staffed.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Administrator McEwen informed Council that the 120 days postponement for contractor qualifications for the Fire Station project will be up mid-November. She will send an email to the contractors to let them know we still have not received word on the funding.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- We received two bids for the new well project. Due to the extremely high bid amounts, we are discussing with RIA and AECOM what can be done.
- There will be a ribbon cutting for the Old Police Station during the Sundial Festival at 1:15 pm on Saturday. Please join us and we hope to have a large crowd.
- We have been working out some logistical issues with SCDOT for the Marlboro Ave project to move our water lines for the sidewalks. In order for SCDOT to pay for the project, the sub-contractor chosen to move the lines will be under the SCDOT project coordinator. We will have the option to include our top three choices for the subcontractor. AECOM and the City will be involved in the project from start to finish.
- Updates on several activities and projects that have gone on this last year:
 - 2021 State Tournament Recap (June 26-29)
 - Total Revenue: \$13,213.51
 - Total Expenses: \$10,973.10
 - Total Net income from the tournament: \$2,240.41
 - Fuller Park Playground, Splashpad and Restrooms to date
 - Revenues
 - CPST received: \$350,903.37
 - CPST receivable when released by county: \$133,075.63
 - CPST total: \$483,979.00
 - PARD Grant: \$58,770.98
 - Total Revenue: \$542,749.98
 - Expenses \$560,431.54 to date

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The additional City expense of \$17,681.56 can come from the Hospitality Tax fund as discussed previously, since this is a qualified expense and money is available.

- Make a Difference Monday is scheduled for Monday, November 8th, at 4 pm, weather permitting. We will meet at the Exxon in front of Walmart and pick up along Dunbarton Blvd.
- We have not scheduled another meeting yet with City stakeholders for the ARPA funds because we are waiting to receive more cost estimates / information on several project needs that were already on our capital improvements list.
- The Sundial Festival is this Saturday, November 6th, and the Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 4th at 4:00 pm with the tree lighting and other activities following.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS


Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

Council returned to open session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL

December 6, 2021 – 5:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Dozier, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Staton, Public Works Director Philip Stanley, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis led in prayer.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Councilmember Moody made a motion to accept the election results. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER RYAN BRAGG TO COMPLETE THE VACANT AND UNEXPIRED SEAT FOR DISTRICT #6

City Attorney Tom Boulware administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Ryan Bragg.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Caroline Randall – Ms. Randall asked about the possibility of getting a prelit artificial Christmas tree next year instead of a live tree. Mayor Rivera stated that the City would meet with the Barnwell Development Association to discuss the issue.

Barbara Christian – Ms. Christian expressed her gratitude to Administrator Lynn McEwen and the Barnwell Development Association for putting on a wonderful Christmas Tree Lighting. She suggested that all the towns may want to combine their parades and make it a county parade.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT SCHOLAR

Ty 'Zavier Grayson, Weston Sandifer, Colin Ferguson, and Russell Branch were recognized as the student scholars for December.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

None

RESOLUTION 2021-8 THANKING THE BARNWELL COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD AND EDWARD CONNELLY

City Administrator Lynn McEwen said the City was very grateful about the Barnwell County Museum Board and Mr. Edward Connelly taking on the project and cost of the restoration of guard shack and its placement back on the Circle. Mayor Rivera read Resolution 2021-8 thanking the Barnwell County Museum Board and Mr. Ed Connelly. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. The resolution was presented to the Barnwell County Museum Board and Mr. Connelly.

RESOLUTION 2021-9 THANKING QUENTON TOMPKINS AND THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor River spoke about Quenton Tompkins and the Medical University of South Carolina's help in getting the citizens of Barnwell vaccinated. Mayor Rivera read Resolution 2021-9 thanking Quenton Tompkins and the Medical University of South Carolina. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. The resolution was present to Mr. Tompkins.

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RESOLUTION 2021-10 IN HONOR OF PICKENS WILLIAMS SR

Mayor Rivera spoke about Mr. Williams' lifelong commitment to public service and his vision and dedication to the City of Barnwell while serving on Council . Mayor Rivera read Resolution 2021-10 in honor of Pickens Williams Sr. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved. The resolution was presented to Mr. Williams.

RESOLUTION 2021-11 IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PATTILLO

Mayor Rivera spoke about Mr. Pattillo's service to the City of Barnwell while serving on Council. Mayor Rivera read Resolution 2021-11 in memory of Robert Pattillo. Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. The resolution was presented to his wife, Mrs. Kay Pattillo,

RESOLUTION 2021-12 IN HONOR OF WILLIAM "BILLY" DOZIER

Mayor Rivera spoke about Mr. Dozier's service to the City of Barnwell while serving on Council. Mayor Rivera read Resolution 2021-12 in honor of William "Billy" Dozier. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. The motion was present to Mr. Dozier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE NEW TRAVEL POLICY

Councilmember Kinlaw made a motion to approve new travel policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the 2022 holiday schedule. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.

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APPROVAL OF THE 2022 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the 2022 Council meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER BONUSES

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the volunteer firefighter bonuses. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE LOW BIDDER FOR THE JOEY ZORN WELL PROJECT

The low bid for this project was from Harper Corp General Contractors in the amount of \$1,710,000. Administrator McEwen stated that \$500,000 would be funded by the RIA grant. The remaining costs would be funded by the City with W&S savings and possibly ARPA funds. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the low bid for the Joey Zorn well project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-9 CITY OF BARNWELL BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

City Clerk and Treasurer Kim Vargo stated that this new ordinance contains the approved wording from the Municipal Association of South Carolina's model ordinance. Councilmember Moody made a motion that Ordinance 2021-9 be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-9 "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REVISED BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUSINESS STANDARDIZATION ACT (2020 ACT NO. 176)". The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Kinlaw) – Director Philip Stanley stated that his department is working on clearing sidewalks. He asked that any low-lying branches that needed trimming be reported to him.

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Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Director Staton updated Council on registration for basketball and cheerleading.

Police (Councilmembers Moody and Davis) – No Report

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Moody) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written report for activity for 2021.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Kinlaw and Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Mayor Pro Tem Dozier and Councilmember Kinlaw) – No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The final project expense for the Fuller Park Splash Pad, Restroom, and Playground Project was \$565,449.44. The \$22,699.46 that was not funded with the PARD grant and CPST funds will be covered by the Hospitality Tax savings.
- The County has given us an updated Capital Project Sales Tax report. We hope to receive the remaining funds due for the Fuller Park project in the first or second quarter of 2022.
- Presented Council with an invoice from the Barnwell County Election Commission for the November election and referendum costs. All the legal fees were for the referendum.
- Make a Difference Monday is scheduled for Monday, December 13th at 4 pm, weather permitting. Meet at the Lake Brown Parking lot on Jackson Street. A grant request was sent to Palmetto Pride for a new grant they are introducing this year called the Litter Crew Grant. If awarded, we will utilize our existing street crew to clean up the City on a weekly basis (40 days of the year), as well as possibly hiring some teens during the summer to assist. I am also putting in a grant request under our Prevention Grant that we normally apply for to pay for additional ads in the paper and on the radio to push the awareness and education aspect of the litter problem.
- ARPA funds – We have a meeting scheduled next Tuesday, December 14th at 5:30 pm as a Special Called meeting for the second reading of the Business License Ordinance and to go through the needs of the City and the possibilities of the ARPA funds with your chosen committee members. I have sent out an email on that meeting, but you might want to touch base with them as well.
- I want to commend our City employees as well as the Barnwell Development Association for the hard work that everyone put in to making our City look so festive and for pulling together the parade and tree lighting Saturday night.
- Invited Council to a Christmas luncheon with the employees on Tuesday, Dec. 21st.

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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 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 14, 2021 – 5:30 pm**

**MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem William Dozier, Councilmembers Ryan Bragg, Alicia Davis, Peggy Kinlaw, and James Moody

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Staton, Public Works Director Philip Stanley, Fire Chief Tony Dicks, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

There were no members of the press present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier led in prayer.

**SECOND & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-9 CITY OF BARNWELL BUSINESS
LICENSE ORDINANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion that Ordinance 2021-9 be read by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kinlaw and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Dozier made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-9 “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REVISED BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUSINESS STANDARDIZATION ACT (2020 ACT NO. 176)”. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Davis made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of premium pay for employees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session.

ARPA-PREMIUM PAY

Administrator McEwen explained that premium pay will be broken down into 6 tiers based on employees' exposure and type of work done during the pandemic.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-13 ARPA PREMIUM PAY FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Administrator McEwen read Resolution 2021-13 to direct administration to provide premium pay to eligible employees under the American Rescue Plan Act. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

ARPA PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF NEEDS OF THE CITY AND HOW ARPA CAN BE UTILIZED

Administrator McEwen gave a presentation on how ARPA funds can be used. Discussion followed on City needs and ideas that may be eligible for these funds. Mayor Rivera asked the citizens that serve on this committee to review the available information and give the City their input on how these funds could be utilized.

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



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