

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 5, 2022 – 5:30PM**

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

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw, and Councilmembers Brad All, Ryan Bragg, James Moody, and Ron Still

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Marcus Rivera and Councilmember Alicia Davis

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

Ms. Alexander Whitbeck of the People Sentinel was also present.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES 2023-1, 2, 3, & 4 UPDATED ZONING MAP
CHANGES**

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw opened the public hearing. She asked twice if anyone had any comments. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw called the meeting to order. Councilmember Bragg led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Pauline Paul said she was new to Barnwell. She loves the town. She was the victim of a crime and she wanted to thank the police department for their supportive response. Since the incident she has been on edge. There are a lot of stray cats in the neighborhood. There was an incident where she thought there was a burglar but it was a stray cat. She has been collecting stray cats and taking them to the animal shelter. She wanted to let Council know that she researched the proper way to collect the cats in case neighbors think she is harming them.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2022, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-4 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE DIVISION 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 6 – BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SC

Councilmember Bragg made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Still and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-1 AMENDING THE ZONING OF LOTS BETWEEN MAIN AND ALLEN STREETS FROM R-12 TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL

Councilmember Still made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bragg and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-2 AMENDING THE ZONING OF A LOT ON CHARLES STREET FROM R-15 TO INDUSTRIAL

Councilmember All made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bragg and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-3 AMENDING THE ZONING OF A LOT BETWEEN CALHOUN STREET AND MARLBORO AVE FROM R-15 TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL

Councilmember Still made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-4 AMENDING THE ZONING OF A LOT ON MAIN STREET FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL TO R-12

Councilmember Still made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Still and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Administrator McEwen informed Council that Veteran's Day was added to the holiday schedule to match the County and the State. This increases the number of holidays from 12 to 13. Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the 2023 holiday schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moody and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Councilmember All made a motion to approve the 2023 City Council meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bragg and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen informed Council that in addition to the approved regular scheduled Council meetings,

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there will be several special called meetings to discuss departmental goals, issues, and budgets. These will be scheduled at a time most convenient to everyone.

APPROVAL OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER BONUSES

Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the volunteer firefighter bonuses. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Still and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmember Brad All & Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw) – No Report

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw & Councilmember Ron Still) – Administrator McEwen thanked the street department crew for the great job they are doing on cleaning up the litter in the community.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmember Alicia Davis & Jimbo Moody) – Director Kevin Roberts said that fall sports have wrapped up. He has ideas on improvements for next year. The Christmas celebration and parade was a successful team effort. Basketball registration is ongoing until December 14th. He is currently working on a new logo for football and coaching shirts.

Police (Councilmember Jimbo Moody & Brad All) – Council was given a report on monthly activity.

Fire (Councilmember Ryan Bragg & Ron Still and Mayor Rivera) – Council was given a report on monthly activity. Over 50% of calls for the last year have been EMS calls.

Finance and Salary (Councilmembers Ryan Bragg and Alicia Davis) – No Report

Building and Planning (Councilmember Ron Still & Ryan Bragg) – No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- The new well project will resume after approval from SCDHEC which is expected in January.
- The back ordered equipment for the camera and Wi-Fi projects for the parks and downtown area have come in. We are just waiting on the installation schedule. We are still waiting on equipment for the council room renovations.

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- The website is finished. It is a work in progress, and she should be notified of any updates.
- She wanted to thank all the employees, Dominion Energy, and volunteers who assisted with the Christmas festivities.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Moody made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Still and unanimously approve.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer