

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
May 1, 2023 – 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 Peggy Kinlaw, and Councilmembers Ryan Bragg, Louis Claytor, Alicia Davis, James Moody, and Ron Still

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Lynn McEwen, City Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, Public Works Director Philip Stanley, and PRT Director Kevin Roberts

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

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & CIVILITY PLEDGE

Council led the pledge of allegiance and the civility pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Still and unanimously approved.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Barbara Christianson updated Council on the Sundial Festival that will be held Saturday May 13, 2023 on the circle. Proceeds from the festival will go to the animal shelter's TNVR program.

Ms. Toni Hutchins said the animal shelter is in disrepair and needs \$1,800 for improvements. They are fundraising to help with the costs. A business or individual can sponsor a kennel door or give donations. Barnwell County has given \$600, and she is asking the municipalities for help.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2023, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2023, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Still made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bragg and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE SECOND & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-7, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SIX SINGLE DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SUCH PLAN PROVIDING FOR A COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT"

Councilmember Still made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the second & final reading of Ordinance 2023-7. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody. The motion passed 5 to 2 with Mayor Rivera and Councilmember Davis voting against the motion.

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APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-8 “AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE AND REPEAL CHAPTER FOUR, ARTICLE II, DOGS WITH AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND CARE AS HEREIN AFTER SET FORTH”

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-8. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

UPDATE TO COMMITTEES

Mayor Rivera reappointed the following committees:
Water & Sewer – Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and Councilmember Claytor
Building & Planning – Councilmembers Still and Claytor

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and Councilmember Still) – Public Works
Director Philip Stanley reported that they are currently spraying twice a week for mosquitos and then they will spray every other week. Citizens can go to the City website and find the dates and times their zones will be sprayed for mosquitos.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmembers Moody and Still) – PRT Director Kevin Roberts said the Spring Fling held at Fuller Park on Saturday was a success. The movie had to be postponed because of rain but it can be shown within a year without additional cost. Fall sports registration will begin on May 15th. This year he will stagger the season start times. The Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 30th. Councilmembers Moody and Still thanked the city departments for helping with the Spring Fling. They also thanked all of the businesses for their generosity for donating bingo prizes.

Police (Councilmembers Davis and Moody) – Council was provided with a written report on activity during the month.

Fire (Councilmember Bragg & Still and Mayor Rivera) – No Report

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

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Building and Planning (Councilmembers Bragg and Still) – No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Provided a recap of individual department requests from the Council workshops.

The Joey Zorn well should be online by the end of the week and the project should be finished by the end of June.

Progress with the Blight Program has been slow. Two houses have been approved for removal. They are working to add more to the list.

Met with Cascades on Friday. They could not keep the plant running due to time and money. There is some interest in the plant, and they will keep the City informed. The plant closing will have a major impact on all city departments.

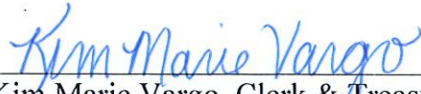
City received notification that it was awarded two SCIIP grants. A meeting will be scheduled with the engineers and LSCOG to discuss administration of the grants.

The scheduled meeting with Spratlin and Sons had to be postponed. They will reschedule the meeting to go over the plans for the fire department.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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