

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL

July 11 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, Alicia Davis, James Moody, and Ron Still

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Marcus Rivera

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

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

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw called the meeting to order. Councilmember Davis 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.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Isaiah Williams former Barnwell High School student was recognized.

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

Michael Hiers with G&M Farms & Processing was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Ron Still gave Council some information from Barbara Christian who could not attend the meeting. She is still concerned that there is not a full-time animal control officer since Officer Gantt retired and feels that there has been a number of unanswered calls.

PRESENTATION FROM ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kris Whiteside with Enterprise Fleet Management presented information about their fleet management program. He provided a fleet planning analysis and how much could be saved by going with this program. Some of the information given was industry averages. He said this program is more like a financing lease than a dealership lease. Their interest rate is based on the three-year T bill and is currently between 5% and 6%.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2022, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, regular scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2022, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2022, BUDGET WORKSHOP

Councilmember Bragg made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022, special called City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-2 REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 32-139 WITH A NEW GREASE CONTROL PROGRAM

Councilmember Moody made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved. Administrator McEwen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Still made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2022-2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody and unanimously approved. Ms. McEwen said that there will be a public hearing for this before the second reading and the proposed ordinance is available for public view.

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE FIRE STATION

Administrator McEwen asked Council for approval to move forward to request proposals for the renovation of the fire station. This process was approved by Council in 2021 but put on hold to see if additional funding was going to be received. The fire committee, building committee, Administrator, and Fire Chief had a meeting. They feel that we need to move forward with renovation plans with current funding and plans for new construction when additional funds are available. They are requesting permission to move forward with RFQ's from Construction Managers. Councilmember Still made a motion to move forward with the RFQ's for the renovations of the fire station. The motion was seconded by Councilmember All and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sanitation and Streets (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw & Councilmember Ron Still) – No Report

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmember Alicia Davis & Jimbo Moody) – Recreation Director Kevin Roberts said they are currently working on getting the parks in order. There have been 5 to 6 vendors each week at the farmer's market with attendance around 200 people. They are currently taking registration for football, volleyball, and cheerleading.

Police (Councilmember Jimbo Moody & Brad All) – Police Chief Robinson updated Council on monthly activity. He addressed Ms. Christian's complaint about unanswered animal calls. He assured Council that an officer responds to every call that comes through dispatch. It may not have the solution that citizens want but they are all answered. National Night Out along with the Back-to-School Rally will be held August 2nd at Fuller Park from 5:30 to 8:00. This is a free community event.

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Fire (Councilmember Ryan Bragg & Ron Still and Mayor Rivera) – Fire Chief Tony Dicks provided Council with a written monthly activity report. He will be getting input from volunteers and the career staff about renovations.

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- They are running the test well for the Joey Zorn Well Project.
- The Old Sheriff's Building asbestos abatement and demolition will begin July 19th.
- We have only received 4 veteran honor flags applications. It will be in the paper and on Facebook to get more interest.
- Wants to remind residents that the disposal company only picks up normal weekly yard debris. Trees, even if they are cut up, and large bushes are yard renovation and not normal weekly yard debris. These should be removed by the homeowner and will not be picked up by the disposal company. Trash should not be placed on top or on the side of the green carts. Only household trash is picked up. Furniture and demolition debris will not be picked up. White good will be picked up on the last Wednesday of each month.
- Everything has been signed off for the County to take ownership of the portion of Main St between Washington St and Jackson St. They will be using C Funds to get this section paved.
- The first reading of the budget will be August 1st. We will schedule a special called meeting on August 29th for the second reading. Other special called meetings will be scheduled if necessary.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Bragg made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Still and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer

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