

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
August 17, 2026, 5:30**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell City Council met in **Special Called Meeting** with Mayor Still presiding.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Ron Still, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw, Councilmembers Louis Claytor, Wanda Highsmith, Richard Dixon and Jana Myers

Councilmember Absent: NONE

Others Present: Administrator David Holcomb, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Clerk Allison S. Wade and Captain Thorpe

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Still called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 2026-06 "TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026"**

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Dixon made a motion to adjourn to public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- A. Executive Session: Personnel Salaries of Police Department employees. (Note: City Council may or may not act on matters discussed)

Councilman Dixon made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel salaries of the police department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Claytor and unanimously approved.

- B. Motion to come out of Executive Session.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to accept the police committee recommendation to amend the budget as the salaries of the employees of the police department and amend the line items of the police department budget as presented by the administrator. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

- C. Approval of budget as amended.

Councilman Claytor made a motion on the Approval of the Budget as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon and unanimously approved.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-06 "TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET AS AMENDED FOR THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026"

Councilman Claytor made a motion to amend the agenda. The date was amended to show the fiscal year to September 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Dixon made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved. Administrator Holcomb read the ordinance by title only.

Councilmember Dixon made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-06. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO RETIRE AND
FOR SUBSEQUENT REHIRING.**

(Note: City Council may or may not act on matters discussed)

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

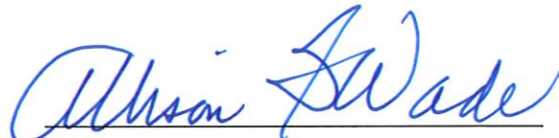
Mayor Still declared the Council was out of executive session.

Councilmember Dixon made a motion to accept the employee's opportunity to retire and be rehired. In agreement with the terms negotiated by the counsel and the administrator. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw. A vote was taken and Councilmember Dixon, Claytor, Myers, Highsmith, Pro Tem Kinlaw and Mayor Still voted in affirmative. The motion was approved 6-1. It was opposed by Councilmember Davis.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Dixon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Highsmith and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Allison S. Wade, Asst. Clerk