

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 2026, 5:30**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Ron Still, Councilmembers Louis Claytor, Ricky Dixon, Alicia Davis and Jana Myers

Councilmember Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw and Wanda Highsmith

Others Present: Administrator David Holcomb, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Asst. Clerk & Treasurer Allison S. Wade, Chief Micheal Butts and Chief Phillip Delk

Stephanie Shaver with the People Sentinel was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Still called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Councilmember Jana Myers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & CIVILITY PLEDGE

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Civility Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alyssa Dluzak requested an update on the grant for the ADA playground equipment. Councilmember Myers provided an update to assure her that we were still in the running for the grant and the possibility of a fundraising campaign happening throughout the city.

Dawn Snead, Barnwell Farmers Market came to introduce the hours of operation and the services provided. The market is held at Fuller Park (every Saturday) beginning June 13-October 24, 2026, from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. The community gardens are open daily at 9 a.m. and activities begin 8 a.m. -12 p.m. every Tuesday, and Free books and snacks are available to the younger individuals. More information is provided on the website barnwellfarmersmarket@gmail.com

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2026, Regular Scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-2 ADOPTION RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Councilmember Dixon made a motion to approve the Adoption Resolution of Lower Savannah Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026-2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers and unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-2 AN ORDINANCE REVISING CONTRACTUAL DUTIES IN ARTICLE III. FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION, SECTIONS 6-425 AND ADOPT MAPPING EFFECTIVE JULY 21, 2026.

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved. Administrator Holcomb read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dixon and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF ALTERNATE CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC. TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF THOMPSON AND WRECKING COMPANY OF AUGUSTA, GEORGIA FOR THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF 32, 37 AND 49 JEFFERSON

**STREET (FORMALLY BOOKWORM) AND TO AUTHROIZE THE EXECUTION OF
ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL.**

Administrator Holcomb received three quotes for the Asbestos Abatement/ Demolition of the Property on 37/43/49 Jefferson Street Barnwell (Formally the Bookworm). He received the lowest bid from Alternative Construction & Environmental Solutions, Inc. for \$42,500.00 (Forty-two thousand, five hundred). Councilmember Claytor made a motion for the Administrator to move forward with the lowest bid on the Asbestos Abatement/ Demolition of the Property on 37/43/49 Jefferson Street Barnwell (Formally the Bookworm). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmembers Claytor & Highsmith)

- The SCIP Grant for the SCAT Park has been closed out but is still ongoing until the additional funds have been exhausted.
- The construction of the Elevated Water Tank is complete.
- The city received a SC RIA Grant in the amount of \$ 1,452,220.00 to install a new water main along Clinton Street.

Solid Waste and Maintenance (Councilmembers Davis & Highsmith)

- Mosquito spraying efforts will continue through the summer on an alternating schedule.
- Starting this week in June, the schedule will alternate days every Tuesday. Concentrated spray may be needed for problem areas.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmembers Davis & Dixon)

- The Splash Pad is open but please contact City Hall with any issues or concerns.
- They are soliciting your support for the baseball tournament that will be held at Joy and Beasley Field from June 13-17 at 4 p.m.
- Youth sports registrations are approaching. Fall sports will be open until July 4-24. Sports offerings include tackle and flag football, cheerleader and volleyball.
- The Independence Celebration will be held on Friday, June 26 beginning at 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Fireworks will begin promptly at 9 p.m. Several food vendors have signed up to participate; however, we are looking for more participants to take part in the celebration. Vendor setup begins at 4:30.

Police (Councilmember Dixon and Kinlaw)

- Chief Butts provided a detailed report regarding monthly department activities.

- Governor Henry McMaster signed Senate Bill 868 designating June 1st as Gold Shield Day. In SC this day will honor first responders killed in the line of duty and the sacrifices of their families.
- Driver training sessions are scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday. Mayor suggested that a resolution be made to reflect this bill.
- Additional training has been provided for the department in the upcoming month.
- The City of Barnwell has been approved for the 287g Program and three officers from the department have completed the necessary training.
- On July 25, 2026, at Fuller Park from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., Barnwell City Police/ Barnwell Fire Department will host a Book Bag Back to School Giveaway. Come out and enjoy the DJ and food. The City of Augusta donated 500 bookbags to this event.

Fire (Councilmember Claytor and Highsmith)

- A detailed monthly activity report was presented.
- On May 16th, the Barnwell Fire Department in conjunction with SRS Fire Department held a Smoke Alarm Blitz partnering with Statefarm, American Red Cross and Barnwell County. Over 100 smoke detectors were installed in thirty homes. Ned Branch Baptist Church provided breakfast and lunch. Thanks to Retired Chief Tony Dicks and Gary Brantley for their assistance.
- A contractor is doing a grant application for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and/or cylinder replacement.

Finance and Salary (Councilmember Dixon and Kinlaw) – No discussion

Building and Planning (Councilmember Claytor & Councilmember Myers)- No discussion

- No meeting has been scheduled with Nathan Turner/ Sturre Engineering regarding the Turner Street property.

Downtown Revitalization (Councilmember Myers and Kinlaw)

- Efforts continue with plans for repairs to Collins Park, crosswalk improvement, lighting upgrades, pressure washing and pavers.

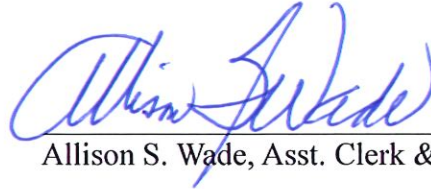
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Approval was received by Alternative Construction & Environmental Solutions, to use Thompson Building Wrecking Company for the abatement and demolition of the Bookworm.
- The award for the Cunningham Recreation is still forthcoming for the inclusive playground equipment.
- Applications for Council members who plan to attend the Annual Municipal Association meeting have been submitted.
- We are in the process of working on the upcoming budget workshops. Department meeting will be held during the week of June 15th and the Council workshop during the week of June 22nd.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Submitted by:



Allison S. Wade, Asst. Clerk & Treasurer