

CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL
December 1, 2025 – 5:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION:
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Ron Still, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw, Councilmembers Louis Claytor, Alicia Davis and Wanda Highsmith

Councilmembers Absent: Ricky Dixon and Jana Myers

Others Present: Interim City Administrator Tony Dicks, City Attorney Thomas Boulware, Asst. Clerk & Treasurer Allison S. Wade, Public Works Director Philip Stanley and Captain James Thorpe

Stephanie Shaver with the People Sentinel was present.

Prior to the meeting, Attorney Thomas Boulware administered the oath of office to new Police Officer Lena M. Kalb.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Still called the meeting to order and led the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & CIVILITY PLEDGE

Council led the pledge of allegiance and the civility pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Willis Jolly requested that he speak with someone regarding his zoning concerns. He agreed to meet with Interim Administrator Dicks.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2025, REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025, Regular Scheduled City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the Barnwell City Council meeting schedule for 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Claytor and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL 2026 HOLIDAYS

Councilmember Claytor made a motion to approve the City of Barnwell 2026 Holiday schedule. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRFIGHTER BONUSES

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw made a motion to approve the Volunteer Firfighter Bonuses. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis and unanimously approved.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION CERTIFICATION DISTRICTS 1,3, AND 5

Mayor Still thanked the volunteers for the service that they provided. Councilmember Highsmith made a motion to certify the results of the election. The declared winners of the November 4, 2025, election were City Council District 1- Ricky Dixon, City Council District 3- Alicia Davis and City Council District 5- Louis T Claytor III. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water and Sewer (Councilmembers Davis & Myers) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley provided a detailed report.

-SCAT Park 9-mile water line has only a mile remaining.

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- Did not receive the RIA Grant to connect water on Clinton Street to Well 10; however, we will reapply for it again in the future.
- CaJenn Construction will begin working on the sewer rehab projects tomorrow.
- Councilmember Davis voiced concerns about some of the residents not receiving their utility bills in the mail and accruing a late fee because of that. Utility bills are mailed on the last day of each month. Residents should call City Hall if they have not received their bill.

Sanitation and Streets (Councilmembers Davis & Myers) – Public Works Director Philip Stanley provided a detailed report.

- The streetsweeper is continuously maintaining the streets and providing service.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (Councilmembers Dixon & Highsmith) – PRT Director Tommy Elkins provided a detailed report.

- On Saturday, December 6th at 4pm, the Christmas Parade will be held with no postponement despite the weather concern. Lineup will take place at Hagood and Carolina at 3:30. Also, the Christmas tree lighting will be held that evening at 6:30 pm depending on the weather. A final decision will be made and posted on social media by 11:00 am with any changes regarding the parade.

- Fall sports will end this week.

- Interested individuals wishing to assist with coaching and cheering, should please stop by City Hall by December 5th.

- The softball tournament has been moved from November 11th to January 10th. For any additional questions, please contact me on 803-709-0944.

- The tunnel at Lemon Park playground is damaged. It is blocked off and should not be used until it can be repaired.

Police (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw & Councilmember Dixon) –Captain James Thorpe provided a detailed report of monthly activities.

Fire (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and Councilmember Claytor) – Received a written report of monthly activities.

Finance and Salary (Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw & Councilmember Claytor) – No discussion

Building and Planning (Councilmembers Claytor & Highsmith) – No discussion

Downtown Revitalization (Councilmembers Dixon & Myers) – No discussion

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Councilmember Myers requested a description/drawing of the special needs restrooms at Fuller Park to get possible funding from MUSC. The architect has given us a cost of \$5,500 to provide a conceptual plan. We may seek other options.
- The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 6th and the City Council members will ride on the float.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on November 12th to award the \$3,510,578 contract to CaJenn Construction Company for the SCIIP Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project.
- Only one response was received regarding the discussion for the Quarterly Recognition Program. More input is needed from Council.
- Received two proposals with both options for the Downtown Crosswalk Project. A meeting will be called on how to move forward.
- The City's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 17th at 11am.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by:



Allison S. Wade, Asst. Clerk & Treasurer