

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
November 10, 2015
Council Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified & notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Barnwell County Council met on November 10, 2015 at 6 pm. Attending were Chairman David Kenner, Vice Chairman Keith Sloan, Councilman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Jerry Creech, Councilman Freddie Houston Sr., Councilman Lowell Jowers Sr., Councilman Joe Smith, Administrator Pickens Williams Jr., County Attorney JD Mosteller, and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also in attendance were Sandra Ligon with the Human Affairs Commission and Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel.

Call to Order, Invocation, Declaration of a Quorum, Approval of Agenda & Minutes, Welcome & Public Comments
The meeting was called to order, the invocation given and a quorum declared. A motion was made to amend the agenda to add Discussion of Healthcare to the executive session. The motion was seconded and it passed. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 13th and November 2nd Council meetings. The motion was seconded and it passed. Chairman Kenner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for public comments. There were none.

Updates

Human Affairs Commission

Sandra Ligon said the Human Affairs Commission was a State agency that addresses and helps prevent employment and housing discrimination. The Commission's goal was to improve community relations by having a Community Relations Council in all of the 46 Counties and asked that Council consider adopting a resolution to develop a Barnwell Community Relations Council. The Community Relations Council would be trained by the Human Affairs Commission and their function would be to listen to general complaints from citizens in the County to improve community relations.

Administrator

Administrator Williams said that the firm contracted to assess the necessary repairs to the Courthouse had begun work. The Administrator for Clarendon County contacted him to express the County's gratitude for Roger Riley assisting their County during the rain event. The Patterson Mill fire substation needed a septic tank and the power turned on and it would be complete. The Fire Commission had purchased two vehicles from a fire station in Aiken County which would be used at the Patterson Mill and Long Branch fire departments. Due to the rain, work on the Kimberwick and Williston Road Projects had been delayed.

Committee Reports

Science Tech. & Reg. Matters, SCRDA, Healthcare, Personnel, and Housing

There were no reports for the above Committees.

Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed the financial report for September.

Boards & Commissions

Airport	Reappointment of Timothy Wiggins for District 6 – term expiring 2017
Axis 1	Reappointment of Branna Williams for District 45, Seat 2 – term expiring 2018
Library Board	Appointment of Carol Padgett for District 4 (residing in District 6) – term expiring 2017

Government

Chairman Kenner said there had been a dedication of a walking trail in Williston and offered his congratulations to Mayor Rivers.

Judicial

Councilman Buckmon said that the rain had delayed the construction on replacement jail.

Services

Councilman Buckmon said Recycling Day would be on November 14th and there would be a meeting on November 12th.

Finance

Councilman Houston said the Committee had met on November 4th to discuss funding for the replacement jail building and had agreed to use available cash on hand for the remaining \$1,500,000.

Economic Development

Councilman Smith said the EDC met and \$197,000 needed to be returned to the Compact Fund because it had not been used in the SCAT Park for Project Tissue. Councilman Houston said he had been asked to serve as a representative from Barnwell County on a Legislative Committee created by the Chairman of the Southern Carolina Alliance.

Transportation

Councilman Smith said progress on the road projects had been delayed due to rain. The Committee would not meet in November or December.

Safety

Councilman Creech said there had been a meeting with Medshore and he believed everything had been worked out.

Old Business

2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Joint County Industrial Park with Aiken County

Councilman Smith moved to approve the 2nd reading of this Ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

2nd Reading of a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Councilman Creech said that Council needed to see what areas were going to be considered flood zones before the Ordinance was approved. Administrator Williams said FEMA had not completed a new map and the information being used was from Watershed. Councilman Houston moved to approve the 2nd reading of this Ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed. Councilman Creech asked for the record to show that he had voted no.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to a Water Line Easement to the City of Barnwell

Councilman Smith moved to approve the 2nd reading of this Ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to a Water Sewer Main Easement to the City of Barnwell

Councilman Smith moved to approve the 2nd reading of this Ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business

1st Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Mobile and Manufactured Housing Ordinance.

This Ordinance was read in name only.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Executive Session

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Open Session

Councilman Houston moved to approve increasing the Building and Grounds Director's job grade from a 24 to a 26. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Kenner-Yes	Councilman Creech-Yes	Councilman Jowers-Yes	Councilman Smith-Yes
Councilman Buckmon-Yes	Councilman Houston-Yes	Councilman Sloan-Yes	

The motion passed

Councilman Houston moved to approve the Sheriff's request for job description changes. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Sloan made an amended motion providing that the Council Chairman and the Administrator re-evaluate the Sheriff's request and bring a recommendation back to Council by the January 2016 meeting. The motion died due to the lack of a second. A roll call vote on Councilman Houston's motion was requested.

Chairman Kenner-Yes	Councilman Creech-Yes	Councilman Jowers-Yes	Councilman Smith-Yes
Councilman Buckmon-Yes	Councilman Houston-Yes	Councilman Sloan-No	

The motion passed.

Vice Chairman Sloan moved that the Science Technology & Regulatory Matters Committee look into solar farm issues and bring a recommendation back to Council. Councilman Houston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Kenner-Yes
Councilman Buckmon-Yes

Councilman Creech-Yes
Councilman Houston-Yes

Councilman Jowers-Yes
Councilman Sloan-Yes

Councilman Smith-Yes

The motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Futrell, Clerk of Council

David Kenner, Council Chairman

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