

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**August 11, 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 August 11, 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., and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also in attendance were Sheriff Carroll, Clerk of Court McElveen, David Deering, Emergency Management Director Roger Riley, Career Center Director Sam McKay, Ron Still, Tim Hicks and Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel. County Attorney JD Mosteller was unable to attend.

**Public Hearing, Call to Order, Invocation, Declaration of a Quorum, Approval of Agenda & Minutes, Welcome & Public Comments, Resolution of Recognition, and Display of the J. Mitchell Graham Award**

A Public Hearing was held to receive comments prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Related to an Easement to the City of Barnwell. There were no comments. The meeting was called to order, the invocation given and a quorum declared. Vice Chairman Sloan moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Buckmon seconded the motion and it passed. Councilman Creech moved to approve the minutes for the July 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed. Chairman Kenner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for public comments. There were none.

Councilman Houston presented David Deering with a Resolution of Recognition on his retirement from the Sheriff's Department and expressed his appreciation for his many years of dedicated public service.

Chairman Kenner displayed the J. Mitchell Graham Award and commended Emergency Management Director Roger Riley, Career Center Director Sam McKay, Ron Still, Tim Hicks and the Career Center students for their ingenuity and hard work in the creation of the "Power Wagon" which resulted in the SCAC awarding Barnwell County the J. Mitchell Graham Award for 2015.

**Updates**

Clerk of Court

Clerk of Court McElveen distributed her report, said the courts were needing more interpreters which was increasing operating costs and that debt set off would begin in the next week.

Sheriff Carroll

Sheriff Carroll distributed his report and said with the hiring of a new officer, litter pick up had increased but that no arrests had yet been made.

Administrator

Administrator Williams said the Solid Waste, Building and Grounds, and Public Works Departments had attended a Heat Exhaustion Awareness Class held by John Henderson with the SCAC. Emergency Management Director Roger Riley was working with FEMA in an effort to receive additional reimbursement of costs due to the Pax Ice Storm. Construction was complete on the Patterson Mill Fire Station and the Public Works Department would be putting crush and run or asphalt on the substation's driveway. The Fire Commission was looking into buying a truck for the substation.

**Committee Reports**

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

There were no reports for the above Committees.

Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed the financial report.

Boards & Commissions

Airport Commission	Re-Appointment of Pierce Beck for District 5 (residing in District 5) - term expiring 2018
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Career Center	Re-Appointment of Eve Hogarth for District 45 – term expiring 2018

Councilman Houston moved for the recommendation of Bob Cothran of Williston to fill the vacant seat on the Thoroughbred Country Advisory Committee. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

Government

Chairman Kenner said the Government Committee had met and had determined that the Clemson Extension would be responsible for their own moving expenses.

Judicial

Councilman Buckmon said the Judicial Committee had determined to proceed with the construction of the new Detention Center, delaying the construction of one wing so as to stay within the available funding.

Services

Councilman Buckmon said the Recycling Committee would meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> and would determine how to carry out the designation of September as Recycling month.

Economic Development

Councilman Smith said the EDC was working on problems with Climax Global as well as Doc Depot and that the Attorney had sent notices. Councilman Smith also said that a company in Williston may be expanding, possibly creating 19 additional jobs.

Transportation

Councilman Smith said the SCDOT had extra money which they were giving to the County for the repair of the State roads which they (the SCDOT) were recommending for Council's approval. Barnwell County would be receiving \$761,000 and then \$1,500,000 later in the Fall. Council discussed the list of roads recommended as well as other roads and intersections that the SCDOT would be reconstructing.

**Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Related to an Easement to the City of Barnwell

Vice Chairman Sloan moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of this Ordinance. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

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**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kim Futrell, Clerk of Council

  
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David Kenner, Council Chair