

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
October 11, 2016 - 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 October 11, 2016 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, Councilman Joe Smith, Administrator Pickens Williams Jr., County Attorney JD Mosteller, and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also in attendance were P.F. Beck, Don Harper, and Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel.

The meeting was called to order, the invocation given, and a quorum was declared. Motions were made to approve the agenda and the September 13th Council meeting minutes. These motions were seconded and they passed. Chairman Kenner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Updates

Administrator's Update

Administrator Williams said due to the efforts of Firemen, Sheriff's Officers, Public Works, Hwy Patrol, DSS, Red Cross and Emergency Management everything had gone smoothly during Hurricane Matthew. The Fire Coordinator was getting specs to prepare a bid package for a tanker. Request for right of way on Sandy Hook Road and Tanglewood were sent. Both Chairman Kenner and Councilman Houston thanked the community, churches, employees and volunteers that had helped to make things run smoothly during Hurricane Matthew.

Committee Reports

Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed the financial report.

Boards and Commissions

Re-appoint	Axis I, District 45, Seat 1	Ada Chappel	Term Expires: 2019
Re-appoint	Generations Unlimited, At Lrg 2	Edwin Felton	Term Expires: 2019
Appoint	Library, Seat 4	Angela Abstance	Term Expires: 2017
Re-appoint	Library, At Lrg 1	Ernestine Gillam	Term Expires: 2019
Re-appoint	Library, At Lrg 2	Terri Smith	Term Expires: 2019
Nominated	Museum, At Lrg 1	D.J. Washington	Term Expires: 2019

Council discussed whether they had previously voted to eliminate At Large seats. Vice Chairman Sloan suggested that the Administrator look into whether action had previously been taken on the matter and to report back to Council.

Finance, Health Care, Housing, Judicial, Science, Technology & Regulatory Matters, Transportation, SCRDA

There were no reports for the above Committees.

Government

Chairman Kenner said the Government Committee and local officials met with Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey on September 27th to discuss items they would like to be discussed during the next legislative session. Representative Bamberg asked for a list of those concerns as he was unable to attend. Vice Chairman Sloan said the LSCOG would be requesting an increase in funding for FY '17-'18. If approved, the increase to the County would be approximately \$200 but would benefit the County greatly. Chairman Kenner said the costs for each County were based on a sliding scale making it fair and equitable and Councilman Houston added that despite some counties having a larger cost, each County had equal representation on the LSCOG Board.

Services

Council Buckmon said the Services Committee was working on a solution regarding lack of recyclable containers and personnel needed to begin recycling cardboard from several interested companies. The increased revenue from the recycling efforts would be used for maintenance and repairs of landfill equipment.

Personnel

Councilman Houston moved that employees be compensated for the hours they worked during Hurricane Matthew in the same manner that employees were paid during the Pax Ice Storm. Councilman Buckmon 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.

EDC

Councilman Smith said EDC Director Boyleston had advised him that someone was interested in renting the Kelly Street property with a 2 year lease provided that minor improvements to gain better access were made to the building.

Transportation

Councilman Creech said bid requests for paving Kimberwick were published and work would begin on Battlecreek soon.

Safety

Councilman Creech commended Roger Riley, Medshore and all who worked during Hurricane Matthew. Councilman Smith said the evacuation was orderly, well planned and those working did a fantastic job.

Old Business

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to County Monetary Accounts

Vice Chairman Sloan said this ordinance applied to various County sub agencies, but it had been revised specifying operating account amounts for the Airport and EDC. Monies in excess of those amounts would be turned over to the Treasurer and used for those depositing agencies expenses only. In his opinion letter to Council, Attorney Mosteller stated that this ordinance did not conflict with FAA or SC Aeronautical regulations, or County Ordinances. Vice Chairman Sloan noted that the ordinance was consistent with practices presently used by both Federal and State government in awarding grants to the EDC and the Airport in that grants are in Barnwell County's name with the monies being wired to the County Treasurer. Additionally, to clarify misconceptions the FAA held due to being misinformed on the content/intent of this ordinance, Administrator Williams emailed the minutes and the monetary ordinances to the FAA and had not received a response indicating any violation of FAA regulations. The operating account amounts were discussed and Attorney Mosteller noted that the amounts could be modified by a resolution of Council. Vice Chairman Sloan moved to approve the 3rd Reading of this ordinance. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

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

The motion passed.

Vice Chairman Sloan said Attorney Mosteller's opinion to Council included a recommendation that all County agencies be reminded of their need for compliance with the County purchasing ordinance and procedures because it protected the County from lawsuits from aggrieved vendors and was required by State law.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the '16-'17 Budget

Councilman Houston moved to approve the 2nd Reading of this Ordinance. Vice-Chairman Sloan 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.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Maps

Councilman Houston moved to approve the 2nd Reading of this Ordinance. Vice-Chairman Sloan 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.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



 Kim Futrell, Clerk of Council



 David Kenner, Council Chairman