

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL

October 6, 2014

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 6, 2014 at 10 am for a Special Called Council meeting. In attendance were Councilman Jerry Creech, Chairman Freddie Houston, Councilman Lowell Jowers, Vice-Chairman David Kenner, Councilman Keith Sloan, Councilman Joe Smith, Administrator Pickens Williams Jr., Clerk to Council Kim Futrell, and Will Whaley with the People Sentinel. Councilman Harold Buckmon, and County Attorney JD Mosteller were unable to attend.

Call to Order / Invocation / Declaration of a Quorum / Approval of Agenda / Welcome / Public Comments

The meeting was called to order, the invocation given and a quorum declared. Councilman Sloan moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Chairman Houston welcomed everyone and asked for public comments. There were none.

New Business

1st Reading of an Ordinance Related to the EDC

This Ordinance was read in name only. After discussion, Council determined that the verbiage "or any municipality in which a County owned park is located." needed to be added at the end of subsection 1 of the Ordinance in the event that an industry may, at some time in the future, locate in a municipality other than Barnwell, Blackville, or Williston. Councilman Creech asked if he could obtain the keys from the City of Barnwell for the "Denmark Tech" building and have the authority to tell the YMCA they could begin renovating and moving equipment in the building. This needed to be known before the end of the week in order for the YMCA to have its opening by January 1st. County Council was unable to give approval on this, as the property was still deeded in the City of Barnwell's name. Councilman Sloan moved that Councilman Smith attend the City of Barnwell's Council meeting at 6 pm to show the City Council the Resolution Barnwell County Council had passed, the Ordinance which was read in name only and to urge the City to allow the YMCA immediate access to the building or if they deemed appropriate, title this one property back to Barnwell County. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and it passed. To expedite the enacting of this Ordinance, Council determined the 2nd reading of this Ordinance would be on the agenda for the October 14th Council meeting and scheduled a Special Called Council meeting for October 20th to have a 3rd reading.

Resolution Related to the EDC

Councilman Sloan moved to approve this Resolution. Councilman Kenner seconded the motion. After discussion Council determined that the same verbiage being added to the Ordinance which was read in name only also needed to be added at the end of subsection 2 and 4 of this Resolution. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Houston-Yes

Councilman Creech-Yes

Councilman Kenner-Yes

Councilman Smith-Yes

Councilman Buckmon-Absent

Councilman Jowers-Yes

Councilman Sloan-Yes

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Respectfully submitted,



Kim A. Futrell, Clerk to Council



Freddie Houston, Council Chairman