

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
April 12, 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 April 12, 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. and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also in attendance were John Henderson, Phil Clarke, Greg Kitchens and Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel. County Attorney JD Mosteller was unable to attend.

Public Hearings, Call to Order, Invocation, Declaration of a Quorum, Approval of Agenda & Minutes, Welcome, Public Comments.

Public Hearings were held prior to the 3rd Reading of the following Ordinances:

- The FILT Agreement with Swiss Krono SC, LLC (Expansion) and the 2nd Amendment to the Existing Agreement
- An Amendment to the Tri County Park Ordinance related to Swiss Krono SC LLC;
- Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Solar Farms
- A Joint County Industrial Park with Aiken County (Project Full Court Press).

There were no public comments. The meeting was called to order, the invocation given, a quorum declared and the agenda approved. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 8th Council meeting. The motion was seconded and it passed. Chairman Kenner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for public comments. There were none.

Updates

Presentation of Award

John Henderson with the SCAC presented the 2015 Service Plaque that Barnwell County had been awarded at the annual SCAC Workers Trust meeting. He commended Roger Riley, Timbo Williams, and Debbie Fickling for their work in promoting risk management.

Air Methods

Phil Clarke and Greg Kitchens with Medshore provided brochures from Life Shield Alliance. Phil Clark said Trevor Hicks with Air Methods was unable to attend the meeting as scheduled but wanted to attend the next Council meeting to speak about "Omni Advantage" which was a new program that had just been approved in SC and was similar to Life Shield Alliance but would provide better benefits. Councilman Creech and Councilman Smith commended Medshore for the job they were doing in filling in the gap due to the closing of Southern Palmetto Hospital.

Administrator

Administrator Williams said public water wells were being installed at the Patterson Mill Rd and Hwy 300 substations. Firefighters and a group of college students installed approximately 150 smoke detectors in the Blackville area and additional smoke detectors would be available later in the year. A contractor was installing piping and drainage on Kimberwick. A contractor to do the paving on Kimberwick would be chosen after the April 15th bid opening. The Public Works Department would assist by spreading the rocks prior to the contractor paving the road. Councilman Houston asked Administrator Williams to check with Voter Registration concerning an expense item.

Committee Reports

Government, Science Tech. & Reg. Matters, SCRDA, Judicial, Services, Finance, Personnel, Housing

There were no reports for the above Committees.

Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed the financial report.

Boards and Commissions

- Nominated – Airport Commission District 3- John Turner (Resides in District 4)
- Appointed – Animal Shelter Board District 3 - Ira Murphy – Term expires 2019
- Appointed – Building Code Appeals District 3 - Mitchell Sweat – Term expires 2018 (previous term expired in 2012)
- Re-appointed – Building Code Appeals District 7 – Bryan Kinard – Term expires 2019
- Re-appointed – Fire Commission District 2, Seat 2 – Hariel Corley – Term expires 2019
- Re-appointed – Fire Commission District 5, Seat 11 – Jessie Elmore – Term expires 2019
- Re-appointed – Housing Committee District 7 – Doug Hogarth – Term expires 2019
- Re-appointed – Transportation Committee District 2 – LaCinda McCormack – Term expires 2019
- Re-appointed – Transportation Committee District 7 – Chris J. Harrington – Term expires 2019

Recommendation for Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee

This matter was tabled for Council to consider whom to recommend.

Healthcare

Councilman Jowers moved to abolish the Hospital Advisory Board. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed. Council discussed having not yet been provided with a Service Agreement by the County Attorney and the urgency in moving forward with that Agreement with Low Country Health Care. Chairman Kenner asked Administrator Williams to contact the County Attorney relaying the urgent need for him to produce the Agreement. Councilman Jowers said that he and Councilman Creech had met with an individual regarding a possible emergency room facility.

Services

Councilman Buckmon commended Landfill Supervisor, Joe Lott for the job he was doing in the recycling program.

Economic Development

Councilman Smith said there was a possible interest in a building at the SCAT Park. Danny Black and Jim Gambrell had spoken with Orchids Paper regarding Orchid's need for a building to store raw materials in. Additionally, Orchids paper would be producing 12 tons per week of recyclable plastic and had been put in contact with the plant in Blackville that would be recycling plastic.

Transportation

Councilman Smith said a group had expressed the need for paving a road off of Old Allendale Hwy and that he had referred them to the Transportation Committee.

Safety

Councilman Creech said the Safety Committee would begin meeting the 1st Monday monthly at 10 am. Councilman Houston said he had met with the Fire Commission and due to the creation of additional substations, which had lowered the County's ISO rating, they anticipated a need for an increase in the Fire Commission's budget for newer equipment.

Old Business

Emergency Services Medical Contract

Councilman Creech said Medshore had requested the contract remain as a 3 year agreement as it would promote confidence which would help them in hiring new employees when necessary. Vice Chairman Sloan asked if an analysis of the previous year had been done and if projections for a period longer than the 3 month spreadsheet provided by Medshore could be given. There was additional discussion as to the number of calls being likely to increase and the benefit of locking into a 3 year contract so that the price did not increase. Councilman Creech moved to approve the 3 year contract with Medshore. 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.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Lease Offices at the Health Department

Councilman Jowers move to approve the 2nd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to a FILT Agreement with Swiss Krono SC, LLC (Expansion) and the Second Amendment to the Existing Agreement

Councilman Smith moved to approve the 3rd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Houston 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 Approving Amendment to the Tri County Park Ordinance Related to Swiss Krono SC, LLC

Councilman Smith move to approve the 2nd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and it passed.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to a Joint County Industrial Park with Aiken County (Project Full Court Press)

Councilman Smith moved to approve the 2nd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

Resolution Related to Capital Project Sales Tax

After Council's discussion on persons to appoint to the Capital Project Sales Tax Committee, Councilman Houston move to appoint Adam Altman, Sally Smith, and Tommy Rivers to the Committee. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Solar Farms

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

New Business

Resolution Establishing Filing Fee for Zoning Map Amendments

Councilman Smith moved to approve the filing fee of \$150 for zoning map amendments. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

1st Reading of an Ordinance Amending Barnwell County Official Zoning Maps

This ordinance was read in name only.

Technical Assistance Proposal with LSCOG

Councilman Smith to approve the Technical Assistance Proposal with LSCOG. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed. Vice Chairman Sloan made clarification that the funds would come from the '16-'17 budget. Vice Chairman Sloan noted that the contract stipulated that the hours would not exceed 20 hours per month without approval from Barnwell County and suggested that Administrator Williams be given the authority to provide approval. Councilman Houston made a motion to that effect. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Resolution Designating April as Fair Housing Month

Councilman Smith moved to approve this resolution. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

Resolution Related to the Quad County Park (Lily Solar)

Councilman Smith moved to approve this resolution. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested.

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

The motion passed.

Resolution Related to the Quad County Park (Haley Solar)

Councilman Smith moved to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested.

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

The motion passed.

1st Reading of an Ordinance to Grant Easements to SCE&G

This ordinance was read in name only.

Request from EDC for Compact Funds

Councilman Smith moved to approve the return of excess funds of \$193,000 to Columbia and having the funds "de-obligated". Councilman Houston 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.

1st Reading of the FY '16-'17 Budget Ordinance

This ordinance was read in name only.

Consideration of Agreement with Low Country Healthcare

Council concurred since they had all previously agreed to Low Country Health Care's proposal, that once the Administrator received the Service Agreement from the County Attorney, he email it to Council and that if there were no objections from Council, the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement.

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

Executive Session

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Open Session

Councilman Houston move to concur with the EDC's recommendation for the hiring of Tommy Boyleston as the new EDC Director. Vice Chairman Sloan 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 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Futrell, Clerk of Council



David Kenner, Council Chairman