

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
May 10, 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 May 10, 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 Todd Highsmith, Dr. Bill Molnar, Tommy Boyleston and Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel.

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:

- Leasing Office Space at the Health Department
- The Distribution of FILT Revenues to Provide Financial Assistance to the Barnwell County EDC

There were no public comments. The meeting was called to order, the invocation given, a quorum declared, the meeting's agenda and the minutes of the April 12th Council meeting were approved. Chairman Kenner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for public comments. Ben Kinlaw, speaking on behalf of the Barnwell County Republic Party, presented for Council's consideration, a resolution opposing the placement of refugees in SC.

Updates

Presentation of the '14-15 Audit

Todd Highsmith detailed the findings of the '14-'15 audit saying that the County had received an unqualified clean opinion and was in a good financial position.

LSCOG Activities

Dr. Bill Molnar gave an update on the LSCOG's ongoing activities in Barnwell County saying that its four main areas of focus were Human Services & Aging, Workforce Development, Planning & Transportation, and Tourism.

Presentation of Resolution Acknowledging Detention Center Officers' Week

Councilman Buckmon presented this resolution to an Officer attending the meeting on behalf of the Detention Center. Councilman Houston moved to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

Air Methods

The SC Regional Business Manager for Air Methods said the Omni Advantage Plan was now available in SC and an individual's membership would cap costs for medically necessary helicopter transports to what the member's insurance coverage would pay. Council discussed the possibility of the County qualifying for a reduced group rate and requested the Safety Committee look into it.

Economic Development Commission

EDC Director Tommy Boyleston said since becoming the EDC director, he had met with several of the industries in the County, as well as people in the community to receive input and was working closely with Jim Gambrell and Danny Black to familiarize himself with ongoing projects. He had attended a training session at the Department of Commerce and would be receiving additional training. He noted there were several vacant buildings in Williston and said he was working toward having them leased or purchased and that he had been in contact with an interested party. He said the DIG STEM Festival had been a success and hoped that Barnwell County would have more involvement in the next Festival.

Administrator

Administrator Williams said Emergency Management Director Roger Riley and Sheryl Rutherford participated in a FEMA evaluated decontamination exercise at the Barnwell Rural Fire Department and that there would be a Plant Vogtle drill in the EOC on May 11th. Fire Coordinator Timbo Williams and Chief Corley with the assistance of the Red Cross and the United Way, had installed 100 additional smoke detectors in the Blackville area.

Committee Reports

SCRDA, Health Care, Services, Personnel, Housing

There were no reports for the above Committees.

Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed the financial report.

Boards and Commissions

Appointed - Airport Commission District 3 - John Turner (Resides in District 4) - Term expiration 2018
Reappointed - Animal Shelter District 2 - Neva Fickling -Term expiration 2019
Reappointed - Axis 1 District 19 Seat 9 - Albert Pressley - Term expiration 2019
Reappointed - Building Code of Appeals District 2 - Harry Felder – Term expiration 2019
Reappointed - Career Center District 19 – Teresa Hughes – Term expiration 2019
Appointment - Library Board District 4 - Harry Mikell Anderson – Term expiration 2017
Reappointed - Library Board District 7 - Jane Gray Hunter – Term expiration 2019
Appointment - Museum Board District 7 - Milton Harden – Term expiration 2018
Reappointed- Recycling District 7 – William Morris – Term expiration 2019

Recommendation for Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee

This matter was tabled for Council to consider recommendations.

Government

Administrator Williams said the Capital Project Sales Tax Committee would be sending a letter to the County/City/Towns requesting their lists of projects.

Science, Technology & Regulatory Matters

Chairman Kenner said that the Career Center and events such as the DIG STEM Festival aided in the recruitment of students by companies such as Boeing. He encouraged interested groups to contact Boeing for more information concerning employment and recruitment opportunities.

Vice Chairman Sloan said the State had filed a lawsuit against the DOE regarding the storage and removal of plutonium at the Savannah River Site (SRR) and that the SCA had sought to intervene so that a portion of the monies awarded would be allocated at the local level. Vice Chairman Sloan moved that County Attorney JD Mosteller explore the options of Barnwell County as the plutonium at the SRR was located in Barnwell County. Councilman Creech seconded the motion and it passed.

Judicial

Councilman Buckmon said, despite weather delays, construction of the new Detention Center was progressing well.

Finance

Councilman Houston said the Finance Committee had met on May 10th and would meet again on May 12th. He moved to accept the '14-'15 audit as information only. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

Economic Development

Councilman Smith expressed his appreciation to Danny Black with the SCA for his assisting EDC Director Tommy Boyleston as he began in his new position.

Transportation

Councilman Smith said the State would be providing additional funds to pave Seven Pines Road and Williston Way. Councilman Creech said there were approximately 70 paved roads being maintained by the County and Council needed to create a fund for when the equipment being used to maintain these roads needed to be repaired or replaced.

Safety

Councilman Creech said EMS transports were up from 7 to 9 per day and there had been a small delay in response time. Medshore was adding a 6th ambulance at no cost to the County.

Old Business3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Lease Offices at the Health Department

Councilman Jowers move to approve the 3rd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to the Distribution of FILT Revenues to Provide Financial Assistance for the Barnwell County EDC.

Councilman Smith moved to approve this ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion. Councilman Jowers requested the motion be amended for monies generated to be earmarked for the EDC's use and placed in control of the Treasurer to be released upon the EDC's application for its use for infrastructure and budgetary needs as approved by Council. Council clarified that the FILT Revenues produced from the Solar Farms, the new addition to Kronotex, Orchids Tissue and all future Multi Park Agreements would be included. Councilman Smith amended his motion to include these

revisions. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the amended motion. Council requested County Attorney JD Mosteller to revise the ordinance to reflect the above changes. 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.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Approving Amendment to the Tri County Park Ordinance Related to Swiss Krono SC, LLC
Councilman Smith move to approve the 3rd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to a Joint County Industrial Park with Aiken County (Project Full Court Press)
Councilman Smith moved to approve the 3rd reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Grant Easements to SCE&G
Councilman Smith moved to approve the 3rd reading of this ordinance. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed. Vice Chairman Sloan confirmed that the Airport was in agreement with granting the easement.

2nd Reading of the FY '16-'17 Budget Ordinance
Councilman Houston moved to approve the 2nd reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business

Resolution Acknowledging Detention Center Officer's Week

This agenda item was approved during the presentation of the Resolution.

Schedule Date for 3rd Reading of the '16-'17 Budget Ordinance

Council agreed to have the 3rd Reading of the Budget Ordinance on June 30th at 6 pm.

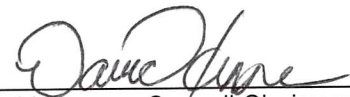
A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Futrell, Clerk of Council



David Kenner, Council Chairman

