

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
November 12, 2019
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 for its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on November 12, 2019 at 6 pm. Attending were Vice Chairman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Daniel Alexander, Councilman Jerry Creech, Councilman Don Harper, Councilman Freddie Houston Sr., Councilman David Kenner, Administrator Tim Bennett, County Attorney J.D. Mosteller, and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Chairman Ben Kinlaw was unable to attend.

Also in attendance were Medshore Operations Chief Phil Clarke, Jeremy Tate with Meadors architectural firm and Jonathan Vickery with the People Sentinel. The meeting was called to order, the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given and a quorum was declared.

Councilman Houston moved for approval of the agenda. Councilman Kenner seconded the motion and it passed. Councilman Houston moved for approval of the October 8th and October 30th, 2019 Council minutes. Councilman Kenner seconded the motion and it passed. Vice Chairman Buckmon welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for public comments. There were none.

UPDATES

Medshore

Operations Chief Clarke reviewed a breakdown of transport destinations to area hospitals and said 361 dispatched calls were received in October which had resulted in 262 transports with an average response time of 11 minutes and 13 seconds. Air Methods had received 5 air transport requests which had resulted in 3 transports.

Administrator

Administrator Bennett said the employee \$25 Christmas gift cards would be purchased from Schumperts Market and he reviewed the Administrators Report which had been provided in the Council packet.

Financial Report

Administrator Bennett reviewed the Financial Report which had been provided in the Council packet and said the County was 1/3 through the fiscal year and expenditures were at 32%.

Courthouse Renovation

Jeremy Tate with Meadors architectural firm gave a presentation which showed the existing condition of the Courthouse and he reviewed how the damages would be repaired and the anticipated renovations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boards and Commissions

Councilman Harper reappointed Lauren Dangerfield to the Animal Shelter Board, Mitchell R. Sweat to the Building Code of Appeals Board, Eileen Theresa Hajdu to the Library Board, and Kiran Waraich to the Recycling Committee. Councilman Kenner appointed Bobbie Williams to the Transportation Committee. Councilman Creech nominated Sam McKay to serve on the Airport Commission for District 7.

Science/Technology & Regulatory Matters, Housing, Finance, Personnel, Health Care, Judicial and Services –

There were no reports.

Government

Councilman Kenner said a Blackville Community Meeting would be held on November 19th at 6 pm in the Blackville Community Center and that County Council had been invited to attend. Councilman Kenner briefed Council on topics covered during the NACO conference which included available brownfield grant funding to assist in revitalizing communities by cleaning brownfield sites and a TestIT app which would allow the FCC to gather information on broadband coverage in communities so that additional funding would be available for fiber optics in areas with insufficient coverage. Councilman Kenner encouraged Council to view the video "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" by Doug Griffiths.

Transportation

Councilman Kenner said the Transportation Committee met on October 29th and discussed several ongoing road projects. There would be another meeting on November 21st at 4 pm.

Safety

Councilman Harper said a proposed agreement concerning an Atlantic Broadband tower would be discussed during Executive Session.

Economic Development

Councilman Alexander said a meeting for those who had participated in the Targeted Rural Initiative interviews would be held on November 18th at 2:30 pm in the Barnwell County Library.

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the First Amendment to an Existing Fee Agreement by and Among Barnwell County, SC and Cascades Holding US Inc., as Sponsor

This Ordinance was read in name only.

Schedule a Special Called Council Meeting for the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the First Amendment to an Existing Fee Agreement by and Among Barnwell County, SC and Cascades Holding US Inc., as Sponsor

Council discussed the required time frame for a Public Hearing and 2nd reading for this Ordinance and asked Clerk to Council Kim Futrell to schedule a Special Called meeting for the 2nd reading.

Resolution Regarding the 2020 Census Partnership

Councilman Kenner moved for approval of this Resolution. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

Resolutions to Opt In or to Opt Out of the Nationwide Class Certified for Negotiation Purposes in RE National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL 2804

Councilman Creech moved for approval of the Resolution to opt out of the Nationwide Class Certified for Negotiation Purposes in RE National Prescription Opiate Litigation. Councilman Harper seconded the motion and it passed.

Proclamation Establishing November 15, 2019 as America Recycles Day

Councilman Kenner moved for approval of this Proclamation. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and it passed.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pre-Contractual Matters Regarding an Agreement with Atlantic Broadband Concerning Tower and County Emergency Services. The motion was seconded and it passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion Related to Pre-Contractual Matters Regarding an Agreement with Atlantic Broadband Concerning Tower and County Emergency Services

No action taken in Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Vice Chairman Buckmon declared that Council was out of Executive Session.

Councilman Houston moved for approval of part of the lease agreement with Atlantic Broadband and to allow Administrator Bennett or Chairman Kinlaw to sign an agreement once the terms were complete and sufficient to County Attorney Mosteller. Councilman Harper seconded the motion and it passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.



Kim A. Futrell, Clerk to Council

Harold Buckmon, Vice Chairman