

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
January 14, 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 January 14, 2014 at 6 pm in Council Chambers. In attendance were Chairman Freddie Houston, Vice-Chairman David Kenner, Councilman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Jerry Creech, Councilman Lowell Jowers, Councilman Keith Sloan, Councilman Joe Smith, Administrator Pickens Williams Jr., County Attorney J.D. Mosteller and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also in attendance were Attorney Robert Buchanon, Sheriff Carroll and David Purtel with the People Sentinel.

Public Hearing to Receive Comments Prior to:

The 3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Pledging Revenue from New Multi-County Park Projects for Bond Payments.
The 3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Amending the FY '13-'14 Budget Ordinance

There were no public comments.

Call to Order / Invocation / Declaration of a Quorum

Chairman Houston called the meeting to order, the invocation was given and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

Councilman Jowers moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Councilman Sloan moved to approve the minutes for the December 10th, December 20th and January 3rd Council meetings. Councilman Buckmon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Welcome / Public Comments

Chairman Houston welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no public comments.

Updates

Sheriff

Sheriff Carroll distributed a report to Council and said that the Sheriff's Department was able to utilize a State inmate for work around the County and was waiting for approval on utilizing an additional State inmate.

County Administrator

Administrator Williams commended Emergency Management Director, Roger Riley, for receiving the SC Emergency Management Certification, saying that only 29 out of 200 people in the Association had received their certification. The certification requires 25 classroom and independent study classes, 3 years participation in full scale exercises, 100 contact hours in emergency management and 100 contact hours in general management training. Business Manager, Debbie Fickling, said minor changes needed to be made in the personnel manual due to Healthcare Reform. Under Fire Coordinator, one bid of \$34,000 was received for a double bay fire substation on Hwy. 300. The Public Works Department hauled crushed stone to several of the County's roads and had slope mowed around the Town of Williston's pond. One bid had been received on the paving of the Hilda Parking lot. The lack of inmate trustees in the Solid Waste Department was causing an increased work load on the Department.

Committee Reports

Boards and Commissions

Councilman Buckmon re-appointed Timothy Wiggins to the Airport Commission for District 6.
Councilman Smith re-appointed Doris Rosier to the Animal Shelter Board for District 5.
Councilman Kenner re-appointed Gwendolyn Littlejohn to the Generations Unlimited Board for District 2.
Councilman Smith re-appointed Thomas Byrne to the Generations Unlimited Board for District 5.
Councilman Kenner appointed Kathy Orr to the Museum Board for District 2.
Councilman Kenner appointed Bridgette Brown to the Planning Commission for District 2.
Councilman Creech re-appointed Jimmy Baxley to the Planning Commission for District 7.
Councilman Kenner re-appointed Lianna Orr to the Zoning Board of Appeals for District 2.

Economic Development, Healthcare, Housing, Judicial, Safety, Science/Tech./Reg. Matters and Transportation
There were no reports for the above Committees.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on January 10th with the Airport Commission and reviewed their 6th month financial statement. The Airport anticipated it would break even or make a small profit and had paid \$27,000 for the salary of one of their employees. Councilman Sloan said everything appeared to be finalized with the FAA and it appeared that \$69,000 was due from the Airport through June of 2013. He asked that Administrator Williams do a reconciliation of the numbers. Following up from a request from Council to the EDC at a previous Council meeting, the Finance Committee requested that the Airport Commission do a study of hangar rentals fees and fuel costs within a 100 mile radius. The Airport said it could do a study within a 50 mile radius with relative ease. These would be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting in March or April. Councilman Creech asked that Councilman Sloan and Administrator Williams meet with the Airport Commission regarding this and other matters. The funding for the purchase of tablets for Council would be added to the supplemental budget and carry forward funds would be used to pay for them, if necessary. Councilman Sloan said the procurement code had not been reviewed in 6 to 8 years and the Finance Committee would be reviewing it and bringing it up to date. At Council's request, Administrator Williams provided the following people who had assisted him in preparing for the County bond rating; Rick Stanfield, Maria Williams, Debbie Fickling, Mike Hughes, Kim Futrell, Wendy Gibson and Jim Fickling. Councilman Sloan moved that \$50 gift cards be given to those listed and that the funds, as well as the funds for the Administrator's bonus which was approved at the December 10th Council meeting, be taken from Council's Special Project Funds. Councilman Creech seconded the motion and it passed.

Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed November's financial report with Council.

Government Committee

Chairman Houston said that the SCA would like to have a group go to Washington to talk about industry at SRS. Councilman Sloan asked for clarification as to whether the Alliance was recommending a SCA Board member or a representative from each County and if it needed to be a Council member. Chairman Houston said that it would be one of the present SCA Board members who were also Council members; Freddie Houston, Lowell Jowers, or Jerry Creech. Councilman Sloan moved to have Chairman Houston go to Washington in February to discuss future missions at SRS and other related areas. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and it passed.

Personnel Committee

Councilman Kenner said a meeting would be scheduled to follow up with changes needed in the personnel manual due to Healthcare Reform.

Services Committee

Councilman Smith moved to have the Landfill close at 12 pm on Saturdays due to a lack of activity. Councilman Buckmon seconded the motion and it passed.

Old Business3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Multi-County Park Revenues

Councilman Sloan moved to approve this Ordinance saying that the revenues would be used to pay on the Capital Projects debt. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Houston-Yes
Councilman Buckmon-Yes
Councilman Creech-Yes

Councilman Jowers-Yes
Councilman Kenner-Yes
Councilman Sloan-Yes

Councilman Smith-Yes

The motion passed.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the FY '13-'14 Budget Ordinance

Councilman Sloan reviewed adjustments amending the FY '13-'14 Budget Ordinance and moved to approve the 3rd reading of this Ordinance. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Houston-Yes
Councilman Buckmon-Yes
Councilman Creech-Yes

Councilman Jowers-Yes
Councilman Kenner-Yes
Councilman Sloan-Yes

Councilman Smith-Yes

The motion passed.

New Business

Resolution Related to the 2013 DOE PILT and the 2013 DOE PILT Intergovernmental Agreement

Councilman Sloan moved to approve this Resolution and the associated Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Houston-Yes
Councilman Buckmon-Yes
Councilman Creech-Yes

Councilman Jowers-Yes
Councilman Kenner-Yes
Councilman Sloan-Yes

Councilman Smith-Yes

The motion passed.

1st Reading of an Ordinance Related to the Realignment of the Economic Development Commission

This was read in name only. Councilman Sloan suggested that the Government Committee meet with the Mayors and Councils of Barnwell, Blackville and Williston to determine if they had any concerns with the Ordinance.

Councilman Sloan moved to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Kenner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Session

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Open Session

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim A. Futrell
Clerk to Council



Freddie Houston
Council Chairman