

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL

May 26, 2011

MINUTES

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Barnwell County Council met in a Special Called meeting on May 26, 2011 at 7:10 pm in Council Chambers. In attendance were Chairman Travis Black, Vice Chairman Freddie Houston, Councilman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Lowell Jowers, Councilman David Kenner, Councilman Keith Sloan, Councilman Joe Smith, County Administrator Pickens Williams Jr., County Attorney J.D. Mosteller and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also in attendance were Sheriff Carroll and a representative from the People Sentinel.

Call to Order, Invocation, and Quorum

Chairman Black called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Councilman Buckmon and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Sloan made a motion to approve the revised minutes for the April 26th Council meeting. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and it passed.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Sloan made a motion to amend the Agenda by removing the "Consideration of Southern Carolina Service Agreement" and having it placed on the Agenda for the June 14th Council meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. During the discussion, Councilman Sloan said the reason for wanting to postpone the agenda item was that there was no time constraint for voting on it and it would allow Council more time to research the agreement more thoroughly. A roll call vote was requested.

District 1 – Councilman Houston		No
District 2 – Councilman Kenner	Yes	
District 3 – Councilman Sloan	Yes	
District 4 – Councilman Jowers		No
District 5 – Councilman Smith	Yes	
District 6 – Councilman Buckmon		No
District 7 – Chairman Black		No

The motion to amend the agenda did not pass.

Councilman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and it passed.

Welcome

Chairman Black welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comments

Sherrie Bell asked how Council could be having a third 3rd hearing on the Tri County Alliance and wanted to know when/how the public was notified of the first two readings. She wanted to know why she was going to be taxed for the next 5 years and would she be reimbursed at the end of those 5 years. She also asked if the Hospital was going to be for profit, what would happen to the indigent patients in Barnwell County.

Old Business

Consideration of Southern Carolina Alliance Service Agreement

Councilman Sloan suggested that the Service Agreement be read out loud because it was important to hear it as it was written. Councilman Kenner said that changes were going to be made from within and some revisions were supposed to have been made as discussed at the last meeting but the agreement was the same and no revisions had been made. Councilman Houston said that nothing had been changed except that it was a Regional Alliance now versus the Southern Carolina Alliance. Councilman Smith asked Council if anyone felt that the wordage in the agreement communicated that the EDC would be incorporated into the Southern

Carolina Alliance. Councilman Smith said that Southern Carolina Alliance had no projects for Barnwell County at their last report whereas the Economic Development Commission has 5 projects working for Barnwell County. He said that Barnwell County has two agencies working for growth in Barnwell County now and while he was appreciative of Southern Carolina he did not want to see it go to one entity by incorporating the EDC. Councilman Houston made a motion to accept the Southern Carolina Alliance Service Agreement and it was seconded. A roll call vote was requested.

District 1 – Councilman Houston	Yes	
District 2 – Councilman Kenner		No
District 3 – Councilman Sloan		No
District 4 – Councilman Jowers	Yes	
District 5 – Councilman Smith		No
District 6 – Councilman Buckmon	Yes	
District 7 – Chairman Black	Yes	

The motion passed.

2nd Reading of FY '11-'12 Budget Ordinance

A motion was made to accept the 2nd Reading of the FY '11-'12 Budget Ordinance. The motion was seconded and it passed. Council decided to hold a Special Called meeting on June 29th at 5:30 pm for the 3rd Reading of the FY '11-'12 Budget Ordinance.

2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Right-of-Way on Black River Road

A motion was made by Councilman Houston to accept the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Related to Right-of-Way on Black River Road as long as the speed limit is reduced. Councilman Buckmon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1st Reading of an Ordinance Related to the Tri-County Regional Healthcare Park

Councilman Houston asked if the Ordinance listed the site for the park. Chairman Black said the boundaries of the park would be listed on Attachment "A" before the third reading. Councilman Sloan asked if, because of the Quad County Park, there needed to be a waiver related to the Tri-County Regional Healthcare Park. Attorney Mosteller said that the outside attorneys would handle that. Councilman Sloan said that there items such as the "two mile radius" would need to be changed. This ordinance was read in name only.

Resolution Concerning Mutual Aid Agreements Among Law Enforcement Agencies

Councilman Kenner made a motion to approve the Resolution Concerning Mutual Aid Agreements Among Law Enforcement Agencies. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

Councilman Jowers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Futrell
Clerk to Council


Travis Black
Council Chairman