

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
May 3, 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 on May 3, 2011 in Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. 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 Danny Black with the SCA, Sheriff Carroll and Jonathan Vickery with the People Sentinel.

Call to Order, Invocation, and Quorum

Chairman Black called the meeting to order, Councilman Houston gave the invocation and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

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

Councilman Jowers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21st, April 5th, April 15th, April 18th, and April 26th Council Meetings. Councilman Buckmon seconded the motion and it passed.

Welcome and Public Comment

Chairman Black welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Updates

SCA

Danny Black gave the following update:

- Business is increasing in the State. Nine active projects are considering the region.
- Project Corridor would be moving to Barnwell. The SCA Board is buying the equipment and will be leasing it to Project Corridor.
- Lead Generation has three projects. Aiken-Edgefield Partnership which has thus far produced 30 conference calls.
- The SCA is partnering with SCDOC and other regional alliances to assist with the marketing of the State.
- The annual dinner has been postponed to allow the Governor to attend and speak. It is tentatively scheduled for September.

Sheriff

Sheriff Carroll gave the following update:

- The administration side of the Sheriff's Office is utilizing all available office space by moving to smaller offices thereby allowing the Investigations Unit to utilize the bigger offices.
- The new 911 dispatch equipment has been ordered and the new system should be in operation by August.

Sheriff Carroll thanked Councilman Kenner, Councilman Smith and Administrator Williams for their work in the approval process of obtaining the new 911 system. Councilman Smith thanked Sheriff Carroll for utilizing the Sheriff's Department in picking up roadside trash. Sheriff Carroll said that they had picked up trash in Blackville, Williston, and Barnwell and expressed his appreciation to Deloris Charlton for providing the Detention Center inmates.

Administrator

Administrator Williams gave the following update:

- The Emergency Management Department's move from the Administration Building to the Health Department is nearly complete.
- The Buildings and Grounds Department is moving files out of the Administration Building to the Courthouse and to storage units at the Engineering Department.
- The Engineering Department has developed a punch list for the remaining items on the 2009-2010 Road Projects and it should be completed in the next two months.
- The Solid Waste Department, through the use of Creative Recycling, has removed 40 tons of e-waste from the County Landfill. The waste had accumulated because it would have cost the County \$400 a ton to remove it. Now it is being removed at no cost.
- Recycling revenue by the end of 4/2011 was \$92,000.

Councilman Houston asked if everyone had appointed members to the Recycling Committee. Councilman Smith said that all of the seats on the Committee had not been filled and requested contact information for the present Board members. Councilman Sloan requested that Administrator Williams provide a report with a monthly total of recyclable materials so the County could see what it is saving by not shipping to Three Rivers.

Committee Reports

Boards and Commissions

Councilman Smith re-appointed Jim Latham to the Economic Development Board and Kelly Shealy to the Animal Shelter Board.

Government and Safety Committees

There were no reports for the above committees.

Finance Committee

Councilman Sloan said that the Finance Committee would meet May 5th at 10 am and encouraged everyone's attendance.

Financial Update

Administrator Williams noted that the YTD total of revenue on line item 40 should include the revenue on line item 42 - account 490 (homestead exemption). This gives a more accurate total and reflects that the County is within budget. Revenue was up on account 641 (Building Inspections) because of a large building permit issued to Kronotex. Under expenses, item 119 - accounts 117, 811 and 812 are related to the general obligation bond which has been paid. Two years are remaining on this bond. Under item 306 - account 7002 (Machinery/Equipment) is listed as an over expenditure. The purchase of the backhoe was deducted from the Solid Waste Budget and the funds from the loan are listed on the revenue budget. Payoff was made from the Solid Waste budget for the crawler that burned and the reimbursement from the Insurance is listed in the revenue budget.

Health Care Committee

Councilman Jowers said that the Health Care Committee report would be given in Executive Session.

Housing Committee

Councilman Kenner said that the Housing Committee had not met. He asked that the Finance Committee consider the Blackville CDC's \$30,000 budget request.

Judicial Committee

Councilman Kenner said that the Judicial Committee would be meeting in May.

Personnel Committee

Councilman Kenner said that the Personnel Committee had met in April and would be meeting again in May. He anticipated the Personnel Manual would be presented in June.

Services Committee

Councilman Smith said that 300 to 500 National Guardsmen would be at the Airport June 4th through June 18th. They would set up along the unused runway and had permission to park their vehicles in the EFCO parking lot.

Transportation Committee

Councilman Buckmon said that the Transportation Committee had met and approved the waiver request for the right-of-way requirement on Black River Road. Councilman Houston requested that the placement of a reduced speed limit sign on the portion of Black River Road being affected by the reduction of right-of-way be taken into consideration at the next Transportation Committee meeting. Councilman Houston said the intersections at both Hwy 78/Hwy 39 and Hwy 278/Hwy 78 had been approved by LSCOG and the Highway Department to be reconfigured to make them safer.

Old Business3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Rules of Procedure

Councilman Buckmon made a motion to approve the 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Rules of Procedure. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion. Administrator Williams said moving the Council Meetings from the 1st Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday of the month would enable County Departments to give a more complete monthly report, making their updates more accurate. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Black-Yes

Councilman Jowers-Yes

Councilman Sloan-Yes

Councilman Buckmon-Yes

Councilman Kenner-No

Councilman Smith-Yes

Councilman Houston-Yes

The motion passed.

New Business1st Reading of FY '11-'12 Budget Ordinance

This Ordinance was read in name only.

1st Reading of an Ordinance Related to Right-Of-Way on Black River Road

This Ordinance was read in name only.

Resolution Concerning the World Memorial Foundation and the Patriot Flag

Councilman Houston made a motion to approve the Resolution Concerning the World Memorial Foundation and the Patriot Flag. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and it passed.

Letter Concerning Administration Buildings Repairs Suit

Councilman Sloan made a motion to approve the Letter Concerning Administration Buildings Repairs Suit. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion. Discussion was held as to whether local subcontractors would have the opportunity to make the repairs. It was determined that the last sentence of the letter indicated that they would. The motion passed.

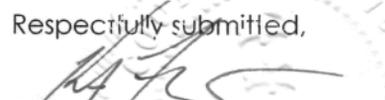
Executive Session

Councilman Sloan made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Jowers seconded the motion and it passed. 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 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Kim A. Futrell
Clerk to Council/Admin. Asst.


Travis Black
Council Chairman