

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 12, 2012**  
**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 June 12, 2012 at 6 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, Administrator Pickens Williams Jr., Clerk to Council Kim Futrell and County Attorney J.D. Mosteller. Also in attendance were Sheriff Ed Carroll, Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen, Attorney Ray Jones, Jonathan Vickery with the People Sentinel and Reverend Alvin Settles Jr. and his family.

**Call to Order / Invocation / Declaration of a Quorum**

The meeting was called to order, Councilman Jowers gave the invocation and a quorum was declared.

**Approval of Agenda / Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Kenner moved to amend the Agenda by adding a Personnel Matter to Executive Session. Councilman Jowers moved to amend the Agenda by moving all 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings under Old Business to follow the Executive Session. Councilman Sloan moved to amend Councilman Jowers motion by moving all Old Business to follow the Executive Session. The motions were seconded and they passed.

Councilman Houston moved to approve the minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

**Welcome / Public Comments**

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

**Special Presentations**

Councilman Houston presented a Resolution of Recognition to Reverend Alvin C. Settles Jr. in recognition of his retirement of pastoring St. Peters Baptist Church for 25 years and for his 50 years in the ministry. Councilman Houston added that the idea for the Williston/Elko Recreation Center originated with Reverend Settles. Reverend Settles commended Council for their commitment, expressed his appreciation for the Resolution of Recognition and commended Councilman Houston as being one of the six great deacons in the St. Peters Baptist Church. He introduced his wife and his son, Reverend Settles from Charleston, SC.

**Updates**

Sheriff

Sheriff Carroll distributed a written report and said that there had been an increase in arrests for larceny in May.

Clerk of Court

Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen distributed a written report and gave an update of the number of cases scheduled and disposed of in May.

County Administrator

Administrator Williams updated Council on the following: Under Building Inspections, the permit fees for May were \$6,553 which was an increase from previous months. Under Emergency Management, drills were held 5/2, 5/7 and 5/23. Under Fire Coordinator, firefighter physicals were scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Timbo Williams was working with Jessie Elmore and the Fire Academy for the Firefighter 1 Class to be available online. Under Solid Waste, Administrator Williams stated that 1,218 tons of Solid Waste was sent to Three Rivers in May. This was an increase of more than 100 tons over the previous 10 months average and was the reason he had increased the Solid Waste Budget for more than what was originally requested.

## **Committee Reports**

### Boards and Commissions

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following.

- Re-appointment - Karen Turner - District 45, Seat 3, Axis 1
- Re-appointment - Joyce Landrum - District 45, Seat 4, Axis 1
- Re-appointment - Chantane Tobin - District 29, Seat 8, Axis 1
- Appointment - Otis Frazier - District 5, Fire Commission
- Nomination - Pierce F. Beck - District 7, Fire Commission

### Finance Committee

Councilman Sloan said the Finance Committee met on May 16<sup>th</sup> and then on May 31<sup>st</sup> for a Council Workshop. He said the budget was balanced would be ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading at the Council meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Financial Update

Administrator Williams reviewed the April 2012 Revenue and Expense Statement giving clarification on Revenue Accounts 0825, 0930 and Expense Accounts 0811, 0812.

### Government, HealthCare and Housing Committees

There were no reports for the above Committees.

### Judicial Committee

Councilman Kenner reminded everyone that there would be a tour of the Detention Center June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Councilman Kenner moved for Council to approve the 10% match on the Detention Center Grant for the purchase of hand held radios and a vehicle. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. At the request of Councilman Kenner, the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Increase Marriage License Fees was read in name only.

### Personnel Committee

Councilman Kenner said the Personnel Committee met on May 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss a number of items and that one of the items would be discussed during the Executive Session portion of the Agenda. He thanked everyone for the hard work in putting together the Personnel Manuals.

### Safety Committee

Councilman Jowers said that he and Councilman Houston met with the Williston Rescue Squad. He said the Rescue Squad had made many changes enabling them to reduce their costs while continuing to maintain their call out and transport times. They removed 13 transport vehicles from the road and changed insurance carriers which reduced their premiums.

### Services Committee

Discussion was held concerning disposal of wet paint at the landfill and the cost of disposing of it. The Resolution would enable the landfill to require paint be dried before accepting it. Councilman Smith moved to approve the Resolution Related to the Disposal of Paint at the Landfill. The motion was seconded and it passed.

### Transportation Committee

Councilman Houston said bids had been opened on Curtis Drive and that Council had already been provided copies.

## **New Business**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Increase Marriage License Fees

This Agenda item was handled in the Judicial Committee portion of the meeting.

### Approval of Match on Detention Center Grant

This Agenda item was voted on and approved during the Judicial Committee portion of the meeting.

### Resolution Related to the Disposal of Paint at the Landfill

This Agenda item was voted on and approved during the Services Committee portion of the meeting.

#### Resolution Related to Monuments at the Veteran's Park

Discussion was held that there had been an ongoing concern among veterans that the placement of monuments in the Veterans Park be restricted to veterans only. Councilman Sloan noted that the Resolution read in such a way that the final decision for the allowance of monuments be at the discretion of the Public Services Committee. Discussion was held that the Public Services Committee should review requests and make a recommendation to Council for final approval. This matter was tabled to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to enable the Resolution to be revised.

#### Resolution Related to Boards and Commissions

This Agenda item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Chairman Black noted that Council would be entering into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters between Dobbs and Barnwell County, contractual matters involving the Quad County FILOT split, contractual matters concerning legal services and to discuss a personnel matter.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and it passed.

#### Executive Session

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

#### Old Business

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the County to Create a Multi-County Regional Healthcare Park Between Barnwell County and Bamberg County and other Related Matters

This Agenda item was tabled until the June 21st, 2012 Council meeting.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to the Creation of a Master Park Agreement Governing the Multi-County Regional Healthcare Park Between Barnwell County and Bamberg County and Other Related Matters

This Agenda item was tabled until the June 21st, 2012 Council meeting.

3rd Reading of an Ordinance Related to the Provision of Economic Development Incentives for a Regional Healthcare System and Other Related Matters.

This Agenda item was tabled until the June 21st, 2012 Council meeting.

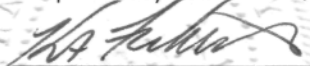
2nd Reading of FY '12-'13 Budget Ordinance.

Councilman Houston moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the FY '12-'13 Budget Ordinance. The motion was seconded and it passed.

#### Open Session

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim A. Futrell  
Clerk to Council



Travis Black  
Council Chairman