

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 1, 2010**

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 regular meeting on Tuesday June 1, 2010 at 6:00 PM in County Council Chambers. Those in attendance were Chairman Thomas L. Williams, Vice Chairman Travis Black, Councilman Freddie Houston, 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 LaToya Shuler.

**Public Hearing**

To Receive Comments Prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Transfer the Barnwell County Nursing Home to UHS – Pruitt Corporation.

Chairman Williams explained the purpose of the Public Hearing. No public comments were received.

**Call to Order, Invocation, and Declaration of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams, the invocation was given by Councilman Jowers, and a quorum was declared.

**Approval of Minutes** (May 4, 2010; May 10, 2010)

Councilman Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2010 and May 10, 2010 meetings. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Welcome**

Chairman Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Special Recognition**

Councilman Jowers presented Mr. Gene Williams' family with a resolution of appreciation for his years of service with the Williston Rescue Squad. A copy of the resolution is attached.

**Public Comment**

Mr. James Tullius and John Bosse stated that the noise from the Cotton Club nightclub is unbearable. They stated that the Sheriff's office sends officers to the club more than once a night when the club is open. They are requesting that Council charge a fee to the club owners for the Deputies Sheriffs responding to the calls.

## **Updates**

Jim French, President of SRR stated that his company manages the Liquid Waste Division at Savannah River Site. They have a goal of closing 22 of the 1,000,000 gallon storage tanks in the next 8 years.

Mrs. Michelle Mims, HR Director for SRR, stated that Barnwell County has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of employees at the site. An aggressive summer intern program has been initiated.

Clerk of Court Mc Elveen stated that direct deposit for child support payments has been implemented. CMS went live on 05/18/10

Sheriff Carroll requested help with finding attendees for the Sumer Camp called "Behavior Education-Students Making a Right Turn" (Be-Smart). The camp will be held in the three school districts in the County.

The Sheriff also stated that something needs to be done with the noise coming from the Cotton Club nightclub, and requested help from the Council. Chairman Williams turned this issue over to the Judicial Committee for a recommendation.

Administrator Williams reported on the following:

Approval of the sales ratio study of transactions which occurred in 2009 has been received from the Department of Revenue.

Emergency Operations Staff participated in a Federal Emergency Management Association graded Full Scale Plant Vogtle exercise. Barnwell County received no recommendations for corrective actions.

Road Construction projects for 2010 have started. Most of the work should be completed by the fall.

Physicals for the firefighters will be conducted June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Williston, and July 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hilda.

The Voter Registration staff provided poll worker training classes for the upcoming primary.

## **Committee Reports**

### Boards and Commissions

Councilman Sloan nominated Tommy Boyleston to replace Jason Stapleton on the Career Center Board. Chairman Williams nominated Barbara Kearse to the Transportation Committee. Councilman Kenner nominated Kiffany Perlote to the Hospital Board, Annette Felder to the Planning Commission and Sandy Smalls to the Transportation Committee.

### Economic Development Board

No report

### Finance

The Finance Committee is in the process of finalizing the budget. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2010 at 9:30 am.

Council scheduled a workshop with the Finance Committee for June 14, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

Council scheduled a Special Called Meeting for June 25, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to pass the FY '10 –'11 budget.

#### Financial Updates

Administrator Williams reported that property tax revenues are tracking very well. He has also contacted Aiken, Allendale and Orangeburg Administrators concerning our portion of fee – in – lieu of tax payments collected in their counties.

Recycling revenues are higher than what was budgeted for.

#### Government Committee

No report

#### Health Care Committee

Councilman Black reported that the Hospital may lose \$250,000 -\$300,000 grant money during FY '10 –'11.

#### Housing Committee

Councilman Kenner announced that there is no membership fee for participants in the LSCOG housing consortium. An administrative fee of 12 ½ % would be paid if a project is secured.

#### Judicial Committee

No report

#### Personnel Committee

No report

#### Services Committee

No report

#### Safety Committee

No report

#### Transportation Committee

No report

#### **Old Business**

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY'10-'11 Budget

Councilman Houston moved that 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY '10 –'11 Budget be approved. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt an Animal Control Ordinance

Councilman Smith moved that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an Ordinance to Adopt an Animal Control Ordinance be approved. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Transfer the Barnwell County Nursing Home to UHS Pruitt Corp.

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of an Ordinance to transfer the Barnwell County Nursing Home to UHS Pruitt Corporation. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Rules of Procedure

Councilman Sloan made a motion to amend section 6.0 of the Ordinance to Amend the Rules of Procedure to read "It shall be mandatory that votes of Council on motions, ordinance, resolutions or other matters before Council shall be on a roll call vote in public session when requested by a Council member and shall be properly recorded by the Clerk. The minutes of each meeting shall reflect the record of each member's vote for roll call votes." Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Councilman Smith made a motion to approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Policy Related to Waste Tires

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Waste Tire Policy. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Quad-County

The first reading was held in name only.

Compact Fund request from the Town of Williston

Councilman Sloan made a motion to approve the grant application from the Town of Williston and let the EDC make the funding decision. Council supports the request subject to the EDC's recommendation. If approved, by the EDC, the request will not need additional Council consideration. Councilman Houston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Policy Related to the Acceptable Use of Computer

County Attorney Mosteller stated that the policy needs to include a section provision that e-mails be eliminated after a pre-determined time period. Chairman Williams sent this item to the Personnel Committee.

Councilman Jowers made a motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Jowers' motion did not receive a second therefore his motion was void. Councilman Sloan made a motion to hear Councilman's Jowers request to amend the agenda to discuss a resolution related to the Rules of Procedure. Councilman Black seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested.

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

The motion passed.

Councilman Jowers made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a resolution related to Health Care. Councilman Black seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested.

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

The motion passed.

Councilman Jowers read a Resolution referencing Section 4.17 of the Rules of Procedure.

Councilman Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

### **Open Session**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the County's provision of \$10,000 to be applied to the mediation settlement of the Housand vs. Barnwell County suit. The motion passed .

Councilman Jowers moved that Council approve the resolution he had read prior to Executive Session. Councilman Black seconded the motion.

The roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 – Councilman Houston	No
District 2 – Councilman Kenner	No
District 3 – Councilman Sloan	Yes
District 4 – Councilman Jowers	Yes

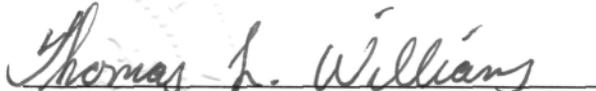
District 5 – Councilman Smith  
District 6 – Chairman Williams  
District 7 – Councilman Black

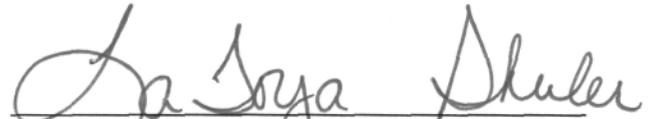
Abstain  
No  
Yes

The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Thomas L. Williams, Council Chairman

  
LaToya Shuler, Clerk to Council

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