Ronnie Pernell, *Mayor*

Shawn Howze
Police Chief

Earthel Walker
Fire Chief

Regina S. Ashba
Town Clerk

Council
M. Ann Pernell
Bruce Johnson
Allen Harrison
Frenchie Smalls
Enterick Lee

Special Called Meeting Minutes

Blackville Community Center

19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue

Blackville, SC 29817

Monday June 30th, 2025, Financial Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Mayor Pernell.

Invocation

- Councilman Johnson led a prayer.

Roll Call

- Roll call by Deputy Town Administrator Pam Baughman
- Attendees: Mayor Pernell, Councilwoman Ann Pernell, Councilman Bruce Johnson, Councilman Allen Harrison, Mayor Pro Temp Frenchie Smalls, Councilman Enterick Lee.
- Quorum established

Agenda Approval

Public Comments

- Mike Beasley asked if any fee increases- Mayor discussed the following will increase
- millage

- Water and sewer up 80 cents
- 200 on water tap and sewer tap

The mayor also mentioned that the town is getting so many violations at wwtp. Initiated contract with Water Systems for full coverage of water and sewer, which eliminated two part-time town employees. Upgrades from SCIIP grant are in motion at the WWTP.

- Went from 7 police officers to 5 and one clerk

Beasley
What does that mean to coverage in town?

Mayor- Chief Howze said he still always has two officers on shift at night and
Still have that covered.

Revenue reduced negatively by 5.6 percent; therefore, we had to make "Necessary changes". Balanced budget. Some other smaller things reduced

Budget Meeting

Mayor made a motion to accept the new budget second reading- Pernell/Smalls, unanimous yes

Mayor's Closing Remarks

This council works extremely hard to provide a good quality of life.

Budget is hard. Do pretty good in what we have.

Blessed to get grants and state funding.

Motion was made to close the meeting.

- **Adjournment**
- Motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Smalls and seconded by Councilman Johnson.

  For: AllAgainst: None

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Baughman

Deputy Town Administrator

TOWN OF BLACKVILLE ORDINANCE NO. 2025.01

TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BLACKVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, Section 47-55 (3) of the South Carolina Code requires that a municipal council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BLACKVILLE DO HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

SECTION 1:
That the prepared budget for the Town of Blackville, South Carolina, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by way of reference is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2:
That a tax to cover the period for the 1st day of October, 30th day of September, both inclusive: for the same and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Blackville for the use and service thereof: set at 81.3 mills of assessed value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the Town of Blackville, South Carolina, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, is and shall be levied and received by the Town Treasurer for the credit to the Town of Blackville for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements, and for the purpose of paying current expenses of said municipality. Such tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

SECTION 3:
The billing dates and amount of the penalty which shall be levied for delinquent taxes shall be as follows:

(a) **September 30, 2025 to January 15, 2026 inclusive taxes may be paid by paying full Amount.**

(b) **Penalties:**

After January 15, 2026 a penalty of	3% added
After February 1, 2026 an additional penalty	7% added
After March 16, 2026 in execution and	
Additional penalty of	5% added
	15% Penalty

(c) After September, 1, 2025 executions will be issued on all real property and same advertised and sold to pay all taxes, penalties, and costs.

(d) After September 1, 2025 executions shall be issued on personal property and same advertised and sold to pay all taxes, penalties, and costs.

SECTION 4:

The Town Clerk shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes working in conjunction with the officers of the Barnwell County Treasurer and the Barnwell County Tax Collector.

SECTION 5:

The Town's Mayor shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget.

SECTION 6:

If for any reason any sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the goals of the budget,

SECTION 7:

If any Section or provision or the application thereof is declared by a court to be unconstitutional, unlawful or void, such decision shall not affect the validity or applicability of the remaining provisions or portions of this ordinance. In the event of such a decision, the Mayor and Town Council hereby declare its legislative intent that it would have adopted the remainder of this ordinance and each section and provision therein even without the section, provision, or application to be declared unconstitutional, unlawful, or void.

TOWN OF BLACKVILLE ORDINANCE NO. 2025.01

Continued for Water/Sewer/Garbage/PU According to Article Four Section 17.402 Subsection 10.319 of the Town Code.

The Town Code (Schedule of Rates and Fees) as shown in Exhibit 1 of the Town of Blackville License Ordinance, is amended in reference to water, sewer, garbage and PU fees inserting in lieu Therefore a new section which shall read as follows:

PUBLIC UTILITY (PU) FEE:
Current $7.00 **NEW FEE:**

TAP FEES:
Water – Prior 2023 $500.00 **Current: $1,000.00** **New: 1,200.00**
Sewer – Prior 2023 $500.00 **Current: $1,000.00** **New: 1,200.00**

WATER FEE:
Prior 2023 - $17.55 Current: $20.18 % Increase: 15 **New: $20.98 % Increase: 4 ($0.80)**

SEWER FEE:
Prior 2023 Residential - $17.55 Current: $20.18 % Increase: 15 **NEW: $20.98 % Increase: 4 ($0.80)**

Prior 2023 Commercial - $17.55 Current: $20.18 % Increase 15 **NEW: $20.98 % Increase: 4 (0.80)**

Prior 2023 Industrial - $250.00 Current: $287.50 % Increase 15 **NEW: $299.00 % Increase: 4 ($11.50)**

GARBAGE FEES:

Residential Roll Out Cart	$28 **per** roll cart
Commercial Roll Cart	$34 **per** roll cart
Small Dumpster 4 yd (1 Lift)	$148.00
Small Dumpster 4 yd (2Lifts)	$237.00
Large Dumpster 8 yd (1Lift)	$228.00
Large Dumpster 8 yd (2Lift)	$364.00

SECTION 8:
All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced: June 16, 2025

Final Reading and Adoption: June 30, 2025

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Ronnie Pernell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Regina S. Ashba, Town Clerk

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, Town Attorney

Enterick Lee, Councilmember	**, Councilmember**
Martha Ann Pernell, Councilmember	**Allen Harrison, Councilmember**
Bruce Johnson, Councilmember	**Frenchie Smalls, Mayor Pro Tem**

Town of Blackville
Budget - General Fund
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026	100	484	400	481	500	580	600	660	700
Income										
Property Taxes										
401100 · Property Taxes	133,835.00	133,835.00								
401110 · Property Taxes - Delinquent	13,000.00	13,000.00								
401150 · Vehicle Tax	28,500.00	28,500.00								
401160 · Watercraft Tax	700.00	700.00								
401190 · Penalties Assessed	2,500.00	2,500.00								
401200 · Homestead Tax	27,600.00	27,600.00								
401300 · Manufacturers Tax	18,000.00	18,000.00								
401400 · Payment in Lieu of Taxes(Pilot)	20,000.00	20,000.00								
401410 · Fee in Lieu of Tax (SolarPlant)	-	-								
Total Property Taxes	244,135.00	244,135.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits										
411210 · MASC Brokers Tax	5,000.00	5,000.00								
411220 · MASC Insurance Tax	137,000.00	137,000.00								
411230 · MASC Telecommunications Tax	3,800.00	3,800.00								
411300 · Business License	60,000.00	60,000.00								
411400 · Hospitality Tax	-	-								
411600 · Building & Zoning Permits	-	-								
411650 · Other Permits	-	-								
Total Licenses and permits	205,800.00	205,800.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franchise Fees										
411900 · Franchise Fee	153,000.00	153,000.00								
Total Franchise Fees	153,000.00	153,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures										
421800 · Police Fines Kept by Town	15,000.00	15,000.00								
Total Fines a s	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shared County Revenues										
431400 · Barnwell County Recreation	5,700.00	-	5,700.00	-	-					
431700 · Barnwell County Fire	10,000.00	10,000.00								
Total Shared County Revenues	15,700.00	10,000.00	5,700.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shared State Revenues										
441100 · Statewide Accommodations Tax	17,500.00	17,500.00								
441300 · Aid to Subdivision	52,127.00	52,127.00								

Town of Blackville
Budget - General Fund
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026	100	484	400	481	500	580	600	660	700
441500 · Merchants Inventory Tax	2,929.00	2,929.00								
441600 · Motor Carrier Tax	6,000.00	6,000.00								
441710 · Local Option Sales Tax-Revenue	83,000.00	83,000.00								
441720 · Local Option Sales Tax-Property	181,000.00	181,000.00								
Total Shared State Revenues	342,556.00	342,556.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services										
451160 · Sanitation Revenue	386,400.00	386,400.00								
451170 · Public Works Fee	82,800.00	82,800.00								
451400 · Recreation Fees	4,500.00		4,500.00							
451410 · Recreation Gate & Concession	1,000.00		1,000.00							
Total Charges for Services	474,700.00	469,200.00	5,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Donations										
471100 · Donations to General Fund	-	-								
471450 · Donations to Community Garden	-	-								
471500 · Donations to Police Dept	-	-								
471700 · Donations to Fire Dept	-	-								
471484 · Donations to Recreation Dept	-	-								
472000 · Grant Income	-	-								
472100 · SC Muni Ins Trust Grant	-	-								
Total Grants & Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings										
480100 · Interest Income	55,000.00	55,000.00								
Total Investment Earnings	55,000.00	55,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous										
490100 · Community Center Rent	7,000.00	7,000.00								
490200 · Building Rent	42,000.00	42,000.00								
490400 · Field Rent	-	-								
491100 · Copy & Fax Income	-	-								
491300 · deposit over (short)	-	-								
491800 · Insurance Claims	-	-								
492400 · Election Filing Fees	-	-								
493500 · Principal Life Insurance	4,800.00	4,800.00								
493900 · Other Income	500.00	500.00								
Total Miscellaneous	54,300.00	54,300.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	1,560,191.00	1,548,991.00	11,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Town of Blackville
Budget - General Fund
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026	100	484	400	481	500	580	600	660	700
Expense										
Salary & Wages										
6001 · Salaries & Wages	426,443.00	-	6,000.00	89,583.00	-	305,000.00	16,500.00			9,360.00
6002 · Overtime Pay	20,000.00	-	-	-	-	20,000.00	-			-
6004 · Vacation	874.00	-	-	874.00	-	-	-			-
6005 · Sick Pay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
6007 · Holiday Pay	21,350.00	-	-	-	-	21,350.00	-			-
6008 · Mayor & Council Fees	19,200.00	-	-	19,200.00	-	-	-			-
6009 · Bonus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
6010 · Fire Dept Pay	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-			10,000.00
6006 · Personal Leave	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Total Salary & Wages	497,867.00	-	6,000.00	109,657.00	-	346,350.00	16,500.00	-	-	19,360.00
Employee Benefits										
6104 · Payroll Taxes	38,095.00	-	459.00	8,393.00		26,498.00	1,263.00			1,482.00
6105 · Group Health Insurance	86,580.00	-	-	43,196.00		43,384.00	-			-
6106 · Health Insurance Retirees	19,560.00	-	-	19,560.00		-	-			-
6110 · Retirement Expense	91,523.00	-	1,114.00	19,466.00		64,286.00	3,063.00			3,594.00
6119 · Workmens' Comp Insurance	27,990.00	-	100.00	750.00		24,000.00	120.00	620.00		2,400.00
Total Employee Benefits	263,748.00	-	1,673.00	91,365.00	-	158,168.00	4,446.00	620.00	-	7,476.00
Purchases Services										
6314 · Landfill	4,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	-	-
6301 · Professional & Technical Servic										
6308 · Election Costs	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
6305 · Other Purchased Services	8,310.00	-	-	7,560.00	-	750.00	-	-	-	-
6306 · Accounting & Auditing	28,000.00	-	-	26,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	-
6307 · Court Costs	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	-
6310 · Legal	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
6311 · Magistrate	29,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	29,000.00	-	-	-
6313 · Contractual Services	9,000.00			9,000.00						
6315 · Residential Garbage Collection	214,800.00								214,800.00	
6316 · Commercial Garbage Collection	98,280.00								98,280.00	
6317 · Grounds Upkeep	1,000.00							1,000.00		
6319 · Network Maintenance	1,000.00					1,000.00				
6321 · Maintenance Agreements	8,150.00			5,100.00		3,050.00				
Total 6301 · Professional & Technical Servic	406,540.00	-	-	55,660.00	-	4,800.00	32,000.00	1,000.00	313,080.00	-

Town of Blackville
Budget - General Fund
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026	100	484	400	481	500	580	600	660	700
6309 · Drug Task Force	1,800.00					1,800.00				
6320 · Employee Travel & Meals	11,600.00			10,100.00		1,500.00				
6322 · Training	3,408.00			1,908.00		1,500.00				
6325 · General Liability Insurance	110,339.00		690.00	109,649.00						
6327 · Tax Collection Fees	3,800.00			3,800.00						
6328 · Postage	500.00			300.00		200.00				
6330 · Memberships, Dues, Subscription	1,400.00			1,400.00						
6332 · Detention Center Expense	2,000.00					2,000.00				
6345 · Public Notice	2,100.00			2,000.00					100.00	
6349 · Cell Phone	1,222.00			-		542.00				680.00
6350 · Telephone	635.00			395.00		120.00	120.00			
6351 · Internet	4,320.00			636.00	636.00	636.00	630.00			1,782.00
6352 · Radios	5,738.00					5,450.00				288.00
6355 · Uniforms	4,387.00		-	-	-	4,387.00		-	-	-
6356 · Payroll Direct Deposit fees	2,280.00		60.00	600.00		1,300.00	260.00	-	-	60.00
6400 · Property Services										
6410 · Rentals & Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6412 · Electricity	100,000.00	-	1,000.00	19,000.00	-	-	70,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
6420 · Repair & Maintenance										
6425 · Accident Repairs	-									
6424 · Street Repairs	-									
6421 · Vehicles	13,200.00					12,000.00				1,200.00
6422 · Machinery & Equipment	1,200.00					500.00		500.00		200.00
6426 · Copier usage & maintenance	1,600.00			1,050.00		500.00				50.00
6430 · Building & Grounds	6,925.00	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	125.00		500.00		300.00
6435 · Community Garden	-									
Total 6420 · Repair & Maintenance	22,925.00	-	-	4,050.00	3,000.00	13,125.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,750.00
Total 6400 · Property Services	122,925.00	-	1,000.00	23,050.00	3,000.00	13,125.00	70,000.00	1,000.00	-	11,750.00
Total Purchases Services	688,994.00	-	1,750.00	209,498.00	3,636.00	37,360.00	103,010.00	6,000.00	313,180.00	14,560.00
Supplies & Materials										
6609 · Equipment Under $5k	-									
6610 · Supplies	21,314.00			8,000.00	300.00	8,864.00	50.00	1,600.00		2,500.00
6615 · Recreation Supplies	4,000.00	-	4,000.00							
6620 · Fuel	41,300.00	-	-	-	-	38,000.00	-	1,200.00		2,100.00
Total Supplies & Materials	66,614.00	-	4,000.00	8,000.00	300.00	46,864.00	50.00	2,800.00	-	4,600.00

Town of Blackville
Budget - General Fund
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026	100	484	400	481	500	580	600	660	700
Other Expenses										
6940 · Festival Expenses	-									
6998 · Miscellaneous Costs	750.00			750.00						
6910 · Late Fees & Charges	-									
6919 · Bank Fees & Adjustments	-									
Total Other Expenses	750.00	-	-	750.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service										
7100 · Principal										
7112 · Enterprise Bank	-									
7115 · Home Trust Capital Lease	31,930.00									31,930.00
7123 · Graybar Financial - phones	1,600.00			1,600.00						
7150 · USDA	8,688.00							6,911.00		1,777.00
Total 7100 · Principal	42,218.00	-	-	1,600.00	-	-	-	6,911.00	-	33,707.00
Total Debt Service	42,218.00	-	-	1,600.00	-	-	-	6,911.00	-	33,707.00
Capital Outlay										
8501 · Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8601 · Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8903 · Transfer Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	1,560,191.00	-	13,423.00	420,870.00	3,936.00	588,742.00	124,006.00	16,331.00	313,180.00	79,703.00
Net Income	0.00	1,548,991.00	(2,223.00)	(420,870.00)	(3,936.00)	(588,742.00)	(124,006.00)	(16,331.00)	(313,180.00)	(79,703.00)

Town of Blackville
Budget - Water/Sewer
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026
Income	
Charges for Services	
451250 · Water Sales	342,160.00
451251 · Water Tap Fees	-
451255 · Shutoff & Connection Fees	28,000.00
451260 · Sewer Sales	342,160.00
451261 · Sewer Tap Fees	-
451290 · Penalties	24,000.00
Total Charges for Services	736,320.00
Investment Earnings	
480100 · Interest Income	6,000.00
Total Investment Earnings	6,000.00
Total Income	742,320.00
Expense	
ASK	
Salary & Wages	
6001 · Salaries & Wages	154,462.00
6004 · Vacation	3,708.00
Total Salary & Wages	158,170.00
Employee Benefits	
6104 · Payroll Taxes	12,103.00
6105 · Group Health Insurance	22,113.00
6110 · Retirement Expense	29,359.00
6119 · Workmens' Comp Insurance	10,000.00
Total Employee Benefits	73,575.00
Purchases Services	
6301 · Professional & Technical Servic	
6303 · Environmental & Lab testing	1,600.00
6304 · Permits & fees	10,800.00
6305 · Other Purchased Services	500.00
6306 · Accounting & Auditing	28,000.00
6312 · Water & Sewer Operator	176,000.00
6317 · Grounds Upkeep	14,400.00
6318 · Sludge Disposal	500.00
6321 · Maintenance Agreements	12,000.00
Total 6301 · Professional & Technical Servic	243,800.00
6320 · Employee Travel & Meals	700.00
6322 · Training	600.00
6325 · General Liability Insurance	34,351.00
6328 · Postage	4,900.00
6330 · Memberships, Dues, Subscription	900.00

Town of Blackville
Budget - Water/Sewer
July 2025 through June 2026

	2025/2026
6345 · Public Notice	340.00
6349 · Cell Phone	600.00
6350 · Telephone	587.00
6351 · Internet	2,520.00
6355 · Uniforms	2,732.00
6356 · Payroll Direct Deposit fees	910.00
6400 · Property Services	
6412 · Electricity	87,600.00
6420 · Repair & Maintenance	
6421 · Vehicles	2,500.00
6422 · Machinery & Equipment	1,300.00
6426 · Copier usage & maintenance	1,100.00
6430 · Building & Grounds	1,000.00
6440 · Water & Sewer	12,000.00
Total 6420 · Repair & Maintenance	17,900.00
Total 6400 · Property Services	105,500.00
Total Purchases Services	398,440.00
Supplies & Materials	
6610 · Supplies	16,000.00
6611 · Chemicals	68,000.00
6620 · Fuel	7,500.00
Total Supplies & Materials	91,500.00
Other Expenses	
6998 · Miscellaneous Costs	500.00
6919 · Bank Fees & Adjustments	175.00
Total Other Expenses	675.00
Debt Service	
7100 · Principal	
7123 · Graybar Financial - phones	1,600.00
7150 · USDA	18,360.00
Total 7100 · Principal	19,960.00
Total Debt Service	19,960.00
Total Expense	742,320.00
Net Income	-

	2025/2026
Income	
411400 · Hospitality Tax	49,600.00
Total Income	49,600.00
Expense	
6001 · Salaries & Wages	100.00
6104 · Payroll Taxes	8.00
6110 · Retirement Expense	20.00
6317 · Grounds Upkeep (com ctr, ball fields, main st & town entrances)	33,600.00
6412 · Electricity @ Community Center	15,872.00
Total Expense	49,600.00
Net Income	-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Blackville Council will hold a public hearing on the Municipal Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Date: June 30, 2025
Time: 6:15 p.m.

Location: Town of Blackville, Blackville Community Center
19464 Solomon Blatt St, Blackville, South Carolina 29817

Current Fiscal Year Revenues	Projected Revenue 2025-2026	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
$1,654,525	$1,560,191	-5.6%	79 Mills

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2025-2026	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Current Millage for 2025-2026
$1,654,525	$1,560,191	-5.6%	81.3 Mills

Estimated Millage Equals $81.30 per $1,000 of Assessed Property Value