

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE/PLACE: July 11, 2016
Pawleys Island Chapel

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Otis, Mike Adams, Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: None

OPEN SESSION, PUBLIC INPUT- LEASH ORDINANCE OR OTHER

Guerry Green stated that he has six generations of Labrador Retrievers that he enjoys throwing his dog toy in the water for his dogs to retrieve. He can feel his blood pressure drop as soon as he is out with his dogs. One of the PIPD stopped to talk to Mr. Green to give him a warning for having his dogs unleashed on the beach and told him that next time it will not be a warning. Mr. Green asked council to develop something in our ordinance that would allow the simple pleasure of letting dogs loose to retrieve a ball.

Bank Hipp stated that he agreed with Guerry Green to ask council to develop something in our ordinance to allow letting dogs loose to retrieve a ball.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the June 13, 2016 meeting. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

APPEAL OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY GROIN PERMIT AS AN INTERVENER

Town Attorney, David DuRant, stated that there has been no response.

2015 AUDIT REPORT – STACEY MOREE/HARPER, POSTEN AND MOREE

Deferred to next council meeting.

ANNETTE PERREAULT – DIRECTOR OF THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – 2017 PAVILION REUNION

Ms. Perreault thanked council for allowing them another successful Pavilion Reunion and asked permission to be allowed to have it again in 2017 on May 20th instead of the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. **Rocky Holliday made to motion to approve the Pavilion Reunion on May 20th 2017. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

DOG ORDINANCE REVISION, SECOND READING

The dog ordinance became effective with first reading that council passed at the last council meeting. **Ashley Carter made a motion to approve second reading on the dog ordinance. Sarah Zimmerman seconded.** The one item that can be revised for second reading would be to take out 4-1(4) leashes on cats, and take out the word "cat" in 4-3(1). Rocky Holliday made a motion to amend the dog ordinance to remove the word cat as discussed. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor. Chief Fanning spoke of the historical issues that defined the dog ordinance as it is today. We had this leash law, to have a dog on a leash 24/7, in effect for about 6 or 7 years and still have had a number of complaints from people that have had unleashed dogs jump up on children and the elderly and also biting them.

The police department used their discretion about unleashed dogs in the water but people started letting their dogs run loose everywhere. Town Attorney DuRant stated that there are ordinances that have provisions to allow well trained, service dogs that are under voice control/command that are allowed to be off leash but it is difficult to enforce. We cannot pass an ordinance that is less protective than the State ordinance but we can pass one that is more protective than the State. Mayor Otis stated that Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach have ordinances that don't allow dogs on the beach at all during the summer months and a few beach towns have a time period during certain months when dogs are allowed on the beach. The State Law says that municipalities and counties in South Carolina have the authority to implement laws on the beach for public safety. Attorney DuRant stated that in this state it does not matter if a dog never bit anyone before; the first time a dog bites someone the owner is liable. Council agreed to look into developing something in ordinance form to possibly allow well trained dogs that are under voice control/command to be unleashed on the beach. **Ashley Carter made a motion to give second reading to the dog ordinance as amended. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

First Reading – Amend Flood Ordinance to Allow Slats below Base Flood Elevations with 40% open space. Section 5-2.3(H) Building Inspector; 5-4.1 (M); (S); (U) and (V) General Standards: Jim McCants stated that the Planning Commission met to discuss allowing slats below base flood elevation. The town flood hazard ordinance only allows breakaway walls, open lattice work or insect screening below design flood elevation, but for years wooden slats have been allowed to surround the area below elevated homes. The NFIP allows the use of slats below DFE if at least 40% of the area is open and they are no thicker than 1". The Town currently receives 78 CRS points for our more restrictive ordinance, but the criteria for these points is whether one can see through the lower part of the structure from the street. The town can either begin enforcing the flood ordinance as written and no longer allow wooden slats below DFE or add wooden slats as one of the allowed items and potentially risk losing points under this category in the future. The Planning Commission decided they like the look of slats, and visibility through the lower part of the structure shouldn't be an issue if at least 40% of the area is open. The Commission recommended amending the flood ordinance to allow the use of slats below DFE if at least 40% of the area is open and the slats are no thicker than 1". **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve 1st reading amending the flood ordinance to allow the use of slats below DFE if at least 40% of the area is open and the slats are no thicker than 1". Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

First Reading – Amend Driveway Ordinance to add size restrictions on pavers, Section 2-47 (A) Impervious Material: The town's UDO prohibits driveways from being constructed out of impervious material except when installing concrete or brick pavers in a permeable paver system. Permeable paver systems enable storm water to drain through voids between pavers and a crushed stone base, eventually filtering to the soil below. The original ordinance allows use of the permeable paver system giving specific details about spacing between pavers, stone to be used, minimum depth of the paver but it fails to mention anything about limiting the size of the pavers. This oversight has led to the construction of driveways with pavers much larger than what the Town had in mind when the ordinance was created. At their June 30, 2016 meeting the Planning Commission discussed this omission and decided they would recommend each paver be restricted to 100 square inches of surface coverage. **Mike Adams made a motion to amend the UDO to limit pavers to 100 square inches. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

BEACH COMMITTEE -ROCKY HOLLIDAY

Rocky Holliday stated the first Beach Committee meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2016. He is working up a presentation, slide show and agenda. Most of the committee members openly acknowledge that they don't have a lot of experience in this field, so the first few meetings will be educational meetings. The three issues on the agenda for the first meeting will be understanding the problem that they are faced; to define the problem and the impact of the problem; to take a look of the history of any beach work from the 1940's and forward to look at what has been done on the island.

BOARD OF APPEALS VACANCIES – HUGH BUYCK AND WORTH JOHNSON – FOR AUGUST MEETING

Mayor Otis stated that there are vacancies for Hugh Buyck and Worth Johnson. The term is for a three-year term. Council will discuss any potential openings and any recommendations council may have at the next council meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning reviewed the June 2016 police report. See attached.

July 4th Weekend – Mike Adams stated that we should start the float lineup 1 hour before the parade start time and be sure the first floats line up closer to Myrtle Avenue at the end of the South Causeway next to Myrtle Avenue to prevent a large gap in the parade. Chief Fanning stated we had an officer from the Sheriff's office who should have closed the South Causeway earlier than he did.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Otis stated that we are a little below budget for the month and year to date on A-tax revenues. We are running ahead on underground wire payments. Overall revenues for the month are within \$1,000 of budget and expenses are within \$200 of budget.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Ryan Fabbri stated that the \$4,175 budget amendment is for the cost and installation of the Davis Drive cameras for the last 5 months of 2016. The \$1,600 budget amendment is for the cost of a plumber to repair a broken water line in the park and for our cost of having new signs made and installed in the park – we split the cost of the signs with the Pawleys Island Beautification Foundation. The \$2,800 is for R.H. Moore to vacuum drain lines on Myrtle between 1st and 2nd Streets for the SCDOT to do their work, and for DDC Engineering. Ryan stated that we will work on all the drains on the island to keep them clean and working. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

BUILDING REPORT

Mayor Otis stated that mostly everything had to do with underground wire except some new windows and deck repair.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Underground Wire Project – Start date for Phase 2 and 3: Ryan Fabbri stated that Santee Cooper is close to choosing a contractor for phase 3 so we may be able to start in August if council agrees. The first part of phase 3 will start at the south end lot and make their way north. There are 35 properties to work on before they reach the area where the wire is already underground so those easements are needed. There are 10 that we do not have. Ryan will forward these 10 property owners names to council for their help to retrieve those easements.

Drainage Solutions South of Second Street to the Pearce Street Right of Way: This was covered in “Budget Amendments”.

Road Paving SCDOT: Myrtle Avenue is scheduled to be paved mid-July from its north end to the North Causeway.

Golf Cart Permits: Ryan Fabbri stated that he had not had a lot of time to work on this because of the July 4th activities. The Chief and officers are in favor of this being implemented. Ryan stated that he would like to possibly get this in place by the end of this summer so we could get word out to those who do bring their golf carts to the island. It could then be enforced next year. There will be a document that lists all the rules for golf cart use on the island. Ryan will have something for council for the August meeting.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Adams stated that he received comments about the logo on this year’s t-shirts not having a turtle on the front of the t-shirt. Ryan stated that this is the new website the A-tax Advisory Committee is spending money on for marketing and tourism, so we felt that the new logo was a good way to advertise the new website and most people liked it. Mike stated that maybe the turtle could be incorporated in the new logo, or on the shirts. There was positive feedback on the t-shirts having more color on them and the design.

Meeting was adjourned.

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