

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE/PLACE: August 08, 2016
Pawleys Island Chapel

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

ABSENT: Mayor Bill Otis

PUBLIC HEARING: FLOOD ORDINANCE ALLOWING SLATS, DRIVEWAY
ORDINANCE LIMITING PAVERS TO 100 SQUARE INCHES

No was in attendance to comment. Mike Adams closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leda McIntyre Hall suggested to explore the possibility of the Town purchasing 396 Myrtle Avenue (exact address was unclear – it is thought to be the Tyson house) to use that property for more parking and another beach access to alleviate some of the crowded parking areas that we currently have.

Leslie Norman stated her neighbor does not pick up their dog's excrement and wanted to have some kind of ordinance to mandate that. Chief Fanning stated that he had previously spoken to Ms. Norman and also spoken to her neighbor about this matter and asked Ms. Norman to go to his office to discuss it further.

APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Ashley Carter made a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 meeting. Rocky Holliday 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

Stacey Moree reviewed the 2015 audit report and issued a clean, unmodified report. Sarah Zimmerman previously reviewed the audit with Stacey and discussed with her the possibility of other council members to participate to familiarize themselves with our budget process as it can be fairly confusing. Stacey stated that it is a detailed document and suggested to have a 2017 budget workshop.

DOG ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DISCUSSION – DOG IN WATER

Mike Adams stated that Council received literature about a proposed amendment to the dog ordinance and asked Chief Fanning for his opinion to this as to whether the Town should deviate from the State law which is easily understandable and enforceable and a change that is less restrictive can be easily overturned if challenged. One of the proposals would allow a designated area for dogs to be off leash below the apparent ocean waters edge provided the remain subject to voice control of the person supervising them.

1. No dogs shall be allowed to run off leash outside these designated areas.
2. No person shall permit any excrement from any animal under a person's control to remain on the beach but shall dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

3. The designated areas are defined as ??? feet on either side of
 - a. A public beach access area walkway at Shell Road, Third Street, Second Street, Pearce Street, First Street, Hazard Street, Pritchard Street and the County Lot at the south end of the island.
 - b. Beach walkways from residences or Inns. These designated areas apply only to property owners and guests of those property owners.
4. Any person violating this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and must be fined \$50 for first offense and not more than \$100 for subsequent offenses.
5. All animals that are not kept confined to a private property shall have an identification tag that clearly states the name, address and phone # of the dog's owner or keeper.

Chief Fanning stated this amendment creates zones that allow dogs of property owners to run unleashed at water's edge but prohibits anyone else to do the same and stated that it would be difficult to enforce and to explain why one person would get a ticket but not to the other in the same area. The zones also make it difficult to enforce because every person on the beach would have to be questioned as to where their property was and if they were in their appropriate zone. Ashley Carter suggested that we have adequate signage stating a specific time allowing dogs to be unleashed, possibly very early in the morning, when there are not many people on the beach which would be a good compromise and it would be easier to enforce. Chief Fanning stated our previous ordinance allowed loose dogs during a specific time of year and between a specific time but we had complaints about dogs attacking other dogs, dog excrement not picked up and dogs knocking down elderly and children. Chief Fanning stated that if you deviate from the State law you will inevitably have people complaining about dogs being off leash. If we have enough complaints, we would have to have an officer patrolling the beach 24/7. Chief Fanning did not recommend that we revert back to the prior ordinance allowing unleashed dogs on the beach at certain times a day and at certain times of the year.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Second 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 content is exactly the same as discussed at the last Town Council meeting and that this change of allowing slats, changes 5 different sections within the UDO as listed above. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve second reading on allowing slats below base flood elevations. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Second Reading – Amend Driveway Ordinance to add size restrictions on pavers, Section 2-47 (A) Impervious Material: **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve second reading on size restriction on pavers. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

BEACH COMMITTEE -ROCKY HOLLIDAY

Rocky Holliday stated that Council received a copy of the Beach Committee power point presentation on July 25th. At this kick off meeting they reviewed the problems the island faces with beach erosion, understanding the impact of these problems and reviewing the history of the islands beach work. There was a good attendance and a lot of discussion. The second meeting will be scheduled for mid-September and the discussion will be on what the options for beach repairs are and understanding the permitting process for those repairs. Coastal Science Engineering will attend the next meeting and will go through the options for the committee. Rocky offered to Council, at their convenience, to keep them informed in more detail as the beach committee progresses and to keep them as part of the process.

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

Mike Adams stated that Hugh Buyck has agreed to continue on as Chairperson on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The term is for a three-year term. Worth Johnson has not responded to Sarah Zimmerman yet. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the appointment of Hugh Buyck as Chairperson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Council reviewed report. No comments were made.

SANTEE COOPER – APPROVAL TO SIGN REIMBURSABLE/BILLABLE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION FOR UNDERGROUND WIRE PHASE 3, PAYMENT OF PHASE 3 ESTIMATE, \$892,000 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Ryan Fabbri stated that we always pay for each phase in advance of the work being done, so we will be paying \$892,000 for Phase 3 soon. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to amend the budget for the 3rd payment of \$892,000 to Santee Cooper. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

BUILDING REPORT

Mike Adams stated that there was no new construction for the month of July.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR TOWN PERMITS AND DECALS

Mike Adams read the proposed amendment: Application for a Town permit shall be made to the Police Department before a golf cart may be driven on any street within the Town limits. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be required before obtaining the permit. The permits shall be valid from January 1 to December 31 each year. The following must be presented to the Police Department to obtain or renew a permit: 1 – Proof of registration with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. 2 – The address on the registration must be within 2 miles of the town limits. 3 – Proof of liability insurance for the golf cart. 4 – The golf cart owner must certify that he/she has read a town-prepared document that explains the golf cart laws and that the owner will not allow anyone to operate the golf cart until that person has also reviewed the rules. Town Attorney DuRant will review this proposed amendment and make any necessary revisions including the golf cart owner providing a valid driver's license.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Underground Wire Project – Start date for Phase 2 and 3: Ryan Fabbri stated that the underground wire project will resume on September 6th at the north end and Phase 3 at the south end of the island after we pay Santee Cooper. There are 2 easements needed to start at the south end.

Road Paving SCDOT: The paving company told us that they would pave Myrtle Avenue 3 to 4 weeks ago but haven't started it yet. Drains are done and ready for paving. There is a depression area on Springs Avenue that seems to be more pronounced. Ryan will look into it with DOT. Sarah Zimmerman asked what happens to the telephone poles that are taken down. Ryan stated that Santee Cooper takes them to their yard and sells them.

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Rocky Holliday asked Ryan to give Council his list of drains on the island that need work. Council will prioritize the list as to which needs more attention. The next one to be worked on is a catch basin that is between 360 and 362 Myrtle Avenue that just collects water, has a foul odor and breeds insects. DOT has looked at it and told Ryan that they don't know what it is there for so they have agreed to take it out and put in another catch basin that is much smaller that will be grade level. DOT wants to do that in September.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ashley Carter stated that Leda Halls suggestion of looking for areas on the island for more beach access is a good idea. Mike Adams stated that there have been a number of people that have been carried out into the ocean by the rip currents and that there are a number of beaches around the country that use a flag system. He felt that a flag system would not be as labor intensive or as costly as some other means of making people aware of the rip current danger. He suggested that the Police Department could put out a yellow flag when conditions are normal and when they are dangerous they could put up a red flag at the access points on the island. Signage could inform people what the different colors mean. Chief Fanning felt that they could handle that. Ashley Carter stated that that could create a possible liability as rip current conditions can change quickly where we could have a yellow flag up meaning no dangerous currents then have someone drown because the rip current quickly changed and the Town didn't have the red flag up. Town Attorney DuRant will look into that.

Meeting was adjourned.

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