

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: January 9, 2018
Old Town Hall, 321 Myrtle Avenue

PRESENT: Mayor Jimmy Braswell, Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: Gary Green

REGULAR SESSION:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Henry Thomas stated that he needs help because he can't agree to things he doesn't understand. The more he tries to understand, the more confused he gets. The Municipal Codes, the State laws and the election code manuals confuse him. He feels that the type of Council he'd like to have should allow the people from the audience to ask questions and that he had been to other council meetings where he was allowed to do so. He feels the voters have the last say regarding agendas and public hearings, beach renourishment, etc. He feels there need to be rules that make the people of Pawleys Island comfortable with being able to communicate with Pawleys Island Town Council. He said he saw in a book that council members are permitted to answer questions without actually saying they have to but for 100 years or so, questions had been asked and answered at public hearings. He doesn't understand why that had changed.

APPROVAL OF THE 12/11/17 MINUTES

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 12/11/17 minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

COUNCIL REVIEW OF BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWN HALL FACILITY

Mayor Braswell stated that he and David Graham reviewed the final 4 bids and were very surprised that the lowest bid came in around \$800,400.00 and went up to \$890,000.00 which is considerably higher than expected. Mayor Braswell stated that those bids needed to come down. He met with David Graham, Guerry Green, Buddy Keller and Ryan Fabbri to review the bids and decided to rebid the project with deductions. David Graham stated that it was decided to re-bid and come up with a list of deductive alternates to then decide which deductions were acceptable ranging around \$100,000 to \$150,000 keeping in mind the aesthetics and the integrity of the building. Mayor Braswell stated that one thing that drove up the cost was a 4-foot, continuous concrete footings and pilings. Soil samples were taken but have not received the results yet to determine how deep the footings and pilings need to go. Also, the foundation is currently listed as 4 feet deep. The elevator shaft must have a 4-foot-deep pit. It was decided to limit the rebidding to the last 4 bidders because it would delay the construction of the building to start from the beginning and that the 4 final bidders already put in a lot of work, time and money – council agreed. It is possible to get a grant for a generator which is approximately \$7,000. but we would need to have a building in order for approval to be considered. After much discussion it was decided that we would get a list of deductions from the final 4 contractors then compile a deductive alternate list to then be submitted back to all four contractors to re-bid. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion for council to reject all bids and will put the job out for re-bidding with a list of deductions. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE

- a. Reappoint Betsy Altman to Accommodations Tax Committee for a Two-year Term which will expire on December 8, 2019. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to reappoint Betsy Altman to the Accommodations Tax Committee for another 2-year term that will expire 12/8/19. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**
- b. Reappoint Sassy Henry to Accommodations Tax Committee for a Two-year Term which will expire on January 1, 2020. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to reappoint Sassy Henry to the Accommodations Tax Committee for another 2-year term that will expire 1/1/20. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES:

- a. Reappoint Bill Doar to the Planning Commission for a Three-year Term which will expire on January 1, 2021. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to reappoint Bill Doar to the Planning Commission for another 3-year term that will expire 1/1/21. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS VACANCIES

Ryan Fabbri stated that these 2 vacancies need to be filled but they will not be meeting any time soon so there is no urgency but would like to have 2 recommendations by the next meeting.

- a. Robert Moser – Term expires December 12, 2019
- b. Sarah Irby – Term expires April 14, 2018

BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT & GROIN REPAIR PROJECT UPDATES

Ryan Fabbri stated that our hope to get it out to bid this week then get bids back in February, but the permit is not as far along as we had hoped. We are now looking at this project to begin in the Fall of 2018 beginning somewhere in October and finishing by March 2019. One of the reasons for the delay with the permit is that CSE submitted the documents via email to the Corps of Engineers but the Corps requires that they are to be physically delivered to them. We can still begin on the groin repair as that needs to be done beforehand anyway. Those bids will hopefully go out in January then get them back in March or April. As long as we get all this done in 2018, even if it runs 6 months into 2019, PRT is still on board with reimbursement.

ESTABLISH AD HOC COMMITTEE FOCUSED ON ADDRESSING ISSUES REGARDING ROADS & FLOODING

Mayor Braswell stated that we previously discussed establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on roads and flooding. He has talked to a number of people who have agreed to be part of the committee. Rocky Holliday spoke to an individual who spent most of his career at Hobcaw who has a tremendous knowledge and understanding of these issues and gave Rocky the name of a man who is even more knowledgeable at drain issues and knows all the government issues and requirements as to what you can and cannot do. He is with Clemson and he can provide this information to us free of charge. **Mayor Braswell made a motion to proceed to form the committee. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.** Some the names Mayor Braswell had were, Sumter Moore, Diane Stewart, Steve Ishmel, Robin Holliday, Doug and Sandra Hooks and Leda Hall. These people have all agreed to be on the committee. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the above names to form the Ad Hoc Committee to focus on roads and flooding on the island. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning reviewed the December 2017 police report. (See Attached)

BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated there are a few permits are for electrical service upgrades but would like to see more.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Harper, Poston and Moree Engagement Letter. Ryan Fabbri stated that Harper, Poston and Moree had given us a letter stated that they are getting ready to start their 2017 audit of our financial statements and our governmental activities.

On our financial report we show that we took in more revenue than anticipated and we spent far less than what we planned to spend. Our Balance Sheet shows that we have a beach fund that has \$5.5 million and a general fund with \$750,000. The town hall fund has about \$360,000 and if everybody pays what they pledged that would be another \$266,000 for the new town hall. Brick sales are not very successful so far. Council feels that people don't get interested in purchasing bricks until they are being installed and that some of the sales will come from vacationers. Flyers have gone out and have been advertised in the papers.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- a. Underground Wire Project – Ryan Fabbri stated that the southern phase or phase III is at a point where they can start to have meter conversions. There are 52-meter conversions to be done. The north-end still has 67-meter conversions to be done. Bill Otis will talk to the property owners that he knows to get their conversions done. Ryan will send the list of property owners who have not done their meter conversions to Council and they will contact the people they know to get it done.
- b. FEMA Reimbursement – Matthew & Irma – All we have left to get from Matthew is \$11,921.37 which was approved last week – we are just waiting for the check. When we get that check, the total amount will be approximately \$530,000 which will be a 100% reimbursement. All the paperwork was submitted for Irma before Christmas which equals \$279,328.
- c. A-tax Committee 2018 Marketing Budget – They had the meeting, but the budget was not formally approved and there was a discrepancy on the money they actually had to spend, and they didn't spend nearly as much as they should have last year so they are going to have a large marketing budget for 2018.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Braswell made a motion to adjourn. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

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