

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: November 13, 2018
Pawleys Island Chapel

PRESENT: Mayor Jimmy Braswell Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday & Guerry Green

ABSENT: Sarah Zimmerman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane Stewart, Chairperson of the adhoc Flood and Roads Committee, stated that that the Town will need money to correct the problems for the flooding and the road conditions so she asked that when the 2019 budget is put together to have some money allocated to that.

Henry Thomas stated that our Town Attorney told him that he is not a parliamentarian and attended the council meetings only to offer legal opinions. He feels that we should have a Communications Committee to keep everyone in touch with what was going on. He stated that last year there was a decision made that questions would not be answered at the budget meeting and feels that a copy of the budget should be sent to every property owner and tell them when the meetings are and that the Town should do a better job of letting people know what's going on.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting - Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the October 8, 2018 minutes. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

October 16, 2018 Council Budget Work Session –Ashley Carter made a motion to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

October 31, 2018 Special Council Meeting – Guerry Green made a motion to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED FOR RFP #2018-03, GROIN REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Ryan Fabbri stated that he talked to 7 or 8 contractors but received bids from only 2 contractors. Their numbers are about the same with the exception of the mobilization numbers. CSE will talk to Crowder to ask why their mobilization number was so high. Crowder quoted \$480,000 for the mobilization and Blue Tide quoted \$14,000. Groins #1 through #10 and #21 through #23 are in the public area so we will get ½ the cost to do that work from the County's Parks and Recreations. Groins #11 through #20 are not in the public area. Each groin has a varying degree of work needed. #1 groin does not need any work. He estimates that PRT will contribute around \$100,000 to \$125,000 to the project, but we won't have concrete number until we're able to determine the total cost of work on groins eligible for state funding and those that are not. There was no definitive start date but it was specified that the job needed to be completed in April 2019

NEW TOWN HALL REPORT:

- a. Review Project Finances –Ryan Fabbri stated we made a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Town Hall Fund of \$120,000 but with the addition of the landscaping and the conference room furniture has brought us over again so another transfer will be needed later.

- a. Approve Payment of \$40,357.12 to BEC Construction – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve payment of \$40,357.12 to BEC Construction. Jimmy Braswell seconded. All in favor.**
- b. Approve CO #12 Move Elevator Equipment before Hurricane Florence – This was in a pod right next to the creek so it needed to be moved. There was a question as to whose responsibility it was to move it but BEC moved it inland as they were responsible for putting it there in the first place. BEC is asking for a change order to cover that cost to move it. Ryan will ask BEC what they could do for us in covering at least part of the cost.
- c. Approve CO #13 Credit for Cabinet Allowance – \$5,000 allowance Credit. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the credit of \$5,000. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**
- d. Approve CO #14 Fill Dirt – This is for 8 loads of fill dirt around the building for \$5,000. **Ashley Carter made a motion to approve change order 14 for fill dirt for \$5,000. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**
- e. Approve CO #15 Move Sewer Cleanout - The cleanout was right in the middle of the walkway so it had to be moved. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve CO #15 to move the sewer cleanout for \$540.18. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**
- f. Town Hall Furniture Needs - This is for Ryan Fabbri's office for a table, desk and bookcase and is from the same company the conference room furniture came from, for \$3,100. Council asked Ryan to look for other furniture that is less expensive. Ryan Fabbri asked if he could get approval to purchase furniture for his office for a total price not to exceed \$1,500 and it was not approved. It was decided that Ashley Carter will approve the furniture purchase.

DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-09 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

The General Fund and the State A-tax Fund are the two funds we use to operate all the functions of the Town so they were combined together in the budget. The second fund is the Local A-tax Fund that takes our local a-tax payments from which we pay all of our beach management, beach renourishment costs and costs for our tourism promotion. The third fund is our Capital Projects Fund for our new Town Hall. This is to accept any future donations and to pay back what was borrowed from the General Fund. Mayor Braswell stated that Chief Fanning requested an increase in his officer's salaries and felt that discussion on this should include all council members as Sarah Zimmerman was not in attendance. The increase would be approximately \$23,000 over our current budget not including the increase in pensions, payroll taxes, etc. Rocky Holliday stated to compare our officers with the various surrounding county is not a fair comparison in that our officers do not encounter what other county officers encounter such as murders and crime that the mainland officers encounter on a daily basis. Chief Fanning stated that his officers bring experience and determination to make sure the island is safe which warrants the increase in salary. Rocky Holliday suggested that a special meeting may be needed to discuss this issue to get a better understanding of the budget salary figures. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the 2019 budget. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE DOG LEASH ORDINANCE ON PAWLEYS ISLAND

Mayor Braswell stated that the request to go back to the old leash law which was all dogs must be leashed from May 1 to September 30 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chief Fanning stated that he would prefer to have the leash law stay as is because as many people who want to go back to the old leash law there are just as many people who are against it. **Ashley Carter made a motion to go back to the old leash law. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Ryan Fabbri stated that the Accommodations Tax Committee met and reviewed 2 requests for A-tax funds. One request was from the Beautification Foundation requesting funds to maintain the Birds Nest Park, the triangle at the South Causeway and the entryway to the south parking lot and now no longer need to maintain the pocket park which now occupied by the new Town Hall building. This request is much more than what it had been in the past. The amount requested is \$17,520. The amount requested in the past was approximately \$10,000. The A-tax committee felt that the Beautification Foundation should get competitive bids as this request was considerably higher than past years. Rocky Holliday suggested that a representative from the Beautification Foundation should be in attendance to present their reasoning for the price increase. Mayor Braswell stated that the scope of work performed by Waccamaw Landscaping or any landscaper should include the landscaping for the new Town Hall and it should be competitively bid. The Beautification Foundation will make a presentation at the next special Council meeting on November 28th.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FORMING A COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE FUTURE USE OF OLD TOWN HALL BUILDING

Mayor Braswell stated that a property owner approached Ryan and said he would love to form a committee to determine the use of the old Town Hall and make recommendations to council.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning reviewed the October 2018 police report. (See Attached)

BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that we had some basic renovations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that we are pretty much in line with the budget.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- a. Army Corps of Engineers Pawleys Island Storm Damage Reduction Project – Ryan stated that the Army Corps will be here next week to meet to introduce the project, introduce the team and what their plans are and they will tour the entire site. They will meet monthly until the project actually starts which they think will be in November 2019.
- b. Underground Wire Project Update – Ryan Fabbri stated we have about 7 property owners who have not paid. Still have 1 pole that is still up but it should come down soon.
- c. Flood Committee Meeting– Ryan Fabbri stated that the meeting will be in December to have the Clemson engineer to give an update as to what needs to be done to solve this problem.
- d. Planning Commission Meeting- They plan to meet in early December and they plan to address the roof pitch.

- e. New Town Logo – Ryan Fabbri stated that the original logo was a turtle that did not appear very professional or polished. Then we created a logo with the old Town Hall in it but now we are no longer in that building. Guerry Green suggested that we present it to the public to come up with ideas or possibly have a contest for the best logo idea.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Braswell stated that our Planning Commission suggested that we take over our building inspection and permits. There are companies that will do this for us for a percentage of the permit fee and would like Ryan to make a presentation on that.

He also stated that sometime in the near future, have the MASC make a presentation to us regarding a business license. We are the only coastal town in South Carolina that does not have that.

Guerry Green stated that at the last meeting he suggested that we get a committee together to discuss what we could do better before and after major storms. He will head the committee.

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

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