

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: November 28, 2018
Pawleys Island Chapel, 391 Myrtle Avenue, Pawleys Island, SC 29585

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

ABSENT: Guerry Green

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Henry Thomas thanked Chief Fanning for everything he does for the island.

COASTAL EROSION CAUSED BY KING TIDES OVER THE WEEKEND

Ryan Fabbri stated that the king tides was more of a coastal erosion event than compared to damages from a hurricane. We did have sand washed over Springs and DOT was out the next day to move that sand to the south parking lot then we will need to hire someone to transfer that sand back to the beach after we get permission from OCRM to do so. Coastal Science and Goodson Construction to access that area to see if scaping is necessary. They told us that there is no more sand to scrape and that it would do more harm than good. This is not a FEMA event so we wouldn't get financial assistance to move that sand. The only option is to have sand trucked in which would be very expensive and the next high tide would probably take that sand away or we could use sand bags. Mayor Braswell stated that Tom Rice was on the island after the king tides to tour the island and said that he would do what he could to see if we could get help to pay for expenses once we decide what we want to do. Chief Fanning stated that there was 2 to 3 inches of water in the old Town Hall and in the pod that has our files and office furniture stored and that there may be a lot of furniture damage.

PAWLEYS ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION'S 2018 REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS

Mayor Braswell stated that at the last A-tax meeting it was decided to have the Beautification Foundation to get other competitive bids. He also stated that whoever is awarded the Town's landscaping job, that the landscaping around the new Town Hall be included in that bid. The Beautification Foundation Chairperson, Elizabeth McNiel, donated a \$4,000 check from the Beautification Foundation for the newly poured walkways then recited her transcript of remarks. The Beautification Foundation Treasurer, Robin Holliday, stated that many of the local landscapers are small and they don't have the manpower or the interest in doing large landscaping jobs on routine maintenance. She talked to a number of landscaping companies that never turned in a bid. We also need a full-service company that we can rely on doing everything that needs to be done without the Foundations constant supervision. Ryan Fabbri stated that we pay this money to the Beautification Foundation from the State A-tax money we get and wanted to go on record that we did everything we could to get the best quote for this service. After much discussion it was decided to approve Waccamaw Landscaping's quote to do the Town's landscaping. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the quote that the Beautification Foundation received from Waccamaw Landscaping without competitive bids for \$17,520.00. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

FY 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Braswell stated that a previous special council meeting, Chief Fanning presented to council a proposal to bring the Town’s police department up to the level that matches Georgetown County’s police salaries and asked for comments from council. The Pawleys police were praised for the work they do to protect the Town and believes they should be compensated in an appropriate way however the comparison to other police departments that are more in line with what our police department does should be done and that Georgetown County is not necessarily a good basis for comparison. Another thing that needs to be looked at is the coverage that is provided. Ashley Carter and Rocky Holliday will meet with Chief Fanning and Ryan Fabbri and look at the level of coverage that the Town currently has. Mayor Braswell stated that we are the only coastal community that does not require business licenses for businesses to operate on our island and that this would create good revenue for the Town. We should also handle our own building permits which would also be another source of revenue. Rocky Holliday felt that business license fees would be passed down to the home owner and considers it to be a tax. Chief Fanning stated that he would be willing to remove his own raise and that the officers would be willing to staggering their raises to spread it out so it wouldn’t be one large lump at the beginning of the year or spread it out over two years. It was agreed to have a representative from MASC to make a presentation regarding business licensing.

NEW TOWN HALL OPENING EVENT FOR MAJOR DONORS – DECEMBER 8, 2018

Mayor Braswell stated that the Fund Raising Committee felt that December 8th would be a good time to have this as a good number of donor would be around at this time at 3:00 p.m. not to exceed \$1,500. Brian Henry will be asked to do the catering. He also felt that on the weekend before New Year’s Eve would be a good time to have a grand opening for the new Town Hall.

Weather permitting there will be Christmas Caroling in the park on December 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Braswell seconded. All in favor.

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