

**MINUTES  
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: July 15, 2019  
Pawleys Island Town Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jimmy Braswell, Guerry Green, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: Ashley Carter

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one signed up to speak.

APPROVAL MINUTES, 6/7/19 SPECIAL MEETING & 6/10/19 REGULAR MEETING Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 6/7/19 and the 6/10/19 meeting minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OLD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

George Raftelis, OTH Chair, stated the committee consisted of 6 individuals that had varying skills and talents to have good suggestions and ideas as to what to do with the old town hall. They recommend as follows:

1. The committee be authorized to move to the next steps of addressing the proposed improvements to the interior and exterior of the structure and landscaping as presented in the Committee's report dated 5/29/19. These steps include finalizing the specific improvements to be done, confirming the related costs and contracting with an appropriate contractor. The scope of work considered will be that proposed in the Committee's report 5/29/19. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve authorizing the committee to move to the next steps of addressing the proposed improvements to the interior and exterior of the structure and landscaping as presented in the Committee's report dated 5/29/19 and FEMA compliant. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**
2. The concept of using the building initially as a display area for local artists be approved and the Committee be authorized to flesh out the details of displaying relevant art. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve of using the building initially as a display area for local artists. Sarah Zimmerman seconded it. All in favor.**
3. The use of the building be considered long term for educational display purposes by parties promoting causes compatible with the philosophy of Pawleys Island. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the long-term use for educational display purposes. Sarah Zimmerman seconded it. All in favor.**
4. The Committee be given authority to work through the details of financing and operating the building complying with Town ordinances. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the Committee to have authority to work through details of financing and operating the building. Sarah Zimmerman seconded it. All in favor.**
5. The Committee be given authority to work through miscellaneous operating details such as security, parking, hours of access by the public, etc. complying with Town ordinances. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the Committee having authority to work through miscellaneous operating details. Sarah Zimmerman seconded it. All in favor.**
6. The Committee be granted authority to solicit interested parties in providing donations to cover start-up and on-going costs associated with the concept identified in the Committee's report dated 5/29/2019. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the Committee to**

**have authority to solicit interested parties in providing donations associated with covering start-up and on-going costs. Sarah Zimmerman seconded it. All in favor.**

7. The Committee be established as a permanent Committee of Town Council and be authorized to establish by-laws and operating procedures for the use and maintenance of Old Town Hall with the approval of the Town Council at a later date. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve establishing this Committee as a permanent Committee of Town Council to be authorized to establish by-laws and operating procedures for the use and maintenance of Old Town Hall with the approval of the Town Council at a later date. Sarah Zimmerman seconded it. All in favor.**

#### RESOLUTION 2019-02 TO AMEND THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND PERSONNEL POLICY

Ryan stated that this policy had not been amended since 2004. Most of it is outdated and it doesn't reference things like our overtime policy, health insurance program, retirement plan, state and federal laws. The only proposed change in the policy is to increase the employee sick days from 7 to 12 days a year because it is the industry standard. Council recommended to table this to the next town council meeting to give them time to review.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-03 TO IMPLEMENT A FEE FOR BEACH FIRE PERMITS

Ryan stated that there are only 2 other towns in South Carolina besides us that allow beach fires and they are Seabrook Island (gated Community) and Sullivan's island (they charge a \$250 refundable deposit for residents with a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 – non-resident refundable charge of \$500 deposit with \$100 non-refundable fee). Many times, trash has been left on the beach where there was a fire the night before. The reason for Pawleys Island to implement a fee for beach fires is to make individuals more responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Charging a fire fee would pay for the time for whoever would inspect the beach for leftover trash. Chief Fanning suggested that we could put a curfew on having a fire on the beach. Town Attorney, Woody DuRant stated that we now have an ordinance with a fine for not having a fire permit but we could add to that ordinance that certain requirements needed to be followed when having a beach fire on Pawleys then we would have readings, etc. as we do with all other ordinances. Chief Fanning stated that that fine would have to be a civil fine and not a criminal fine so we wouldn't be able to enforce it. There are 2 charging instruments; the Uniform Traffic Ticket (UTT) or an Arrest Warrant. We can only use a UTT for "freshly committed offenses" which is generally committed within 2 to 3 hrs. Any offense committed beyond the 3 hrs. would have to go to Magistrate court where our police would need to go to their court to swear an affidavit saying that incident occurred and show why we believe that individual committed the offense. So, in that case, if someone left trash the night before, it would be very difficult for our PD to get an arrest warrant unless they personally witnessed it. Mayor Braswell asked Ryan to meet with Chief Fanning to put together a good procedure for beach fire permitting and bring it to the next Council meeting for discussion.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE

- a. Reappoint Robert Hendriks to Accommodations Tax Committee for a Two-Year Term which will expire on August 10, 2021. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the reappointment of Robert Hendriks to the Accommodations Tax Committee for another 2-year term to expire on 8/10/2021. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

### FLOODING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Braswell stated that we haven't had a flood committee meeting in a while but felt that they needed to meet again to discuss at least the easy problems we have with flooding such as hand digging a trench on Myrtle to relieve some of the flooding there. Currently we have Diane Stewart, Leda Hall, Sumter Moore and Ken Leach who want to stay in this committee but we need preferably 3 more members. Rocky Holliday stated that this committee needs to have some direction as to where to go with this issue. He will prepare some proposals for Council to present to the Flooding Committee as to the direction they need to work toward.

### APPROVE NEW 3 YEAR BEACH MONITORING AGREEMENT WITH CSE

Ryan Fabbri stated that Coastal Science and Engineering do a lot of our beach work and our annual monitoring and surveys to determine how much sand has been lost in certain areas of the island. This is the same agreement we signed with them 3 years ago for pricing not to exceed \$102,000 and the pricing on the new contract is almost identical with it not to exceed \$103,299. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve a new 3-year beach monitoring agreement with CSE for the cost not to exceed \$103,299. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

### APPROVE MOU WITH MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Fanning stated that the Myrtle Beach Police Department sent out Mutual Aid Agreements to all of the agencies in Horry and Georgetown County. This is for additional man power in case of an emergency and during the summer, agencies such as Georgetown County and City send officers to work weekends in Myrtle Beach. Also, if we needed any additional help, we could call on them. All the other agencies have signed on. We have not done this with Myrtle Beach before but we have with Georgetown. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve signing the MOU with Myrtle Beach Police Department. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

### BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Ryan Fabbri stated that the Army Corps was currently conducting a cost benefit analysis of our renourishment project to determine how it compares to the information found in the original 2004 Feasibility Study. We are told that it should be completed in September. Once completed, the project will go before a cost control board within the Army Corps of Engineers in order to justify the increase in cost. Original cost that was approved was \$10,000,000 and now the estimate is about \$18,000,000. Only after all of this is completed can the project get back on schedule and possibly go out to bid. CSE already has the design for this project and we have the permitting so we could put the job out to bid tomorrow and totally bypass the Corps if we decided to. Council decided to wait no longer than the September Council meeting to make a decision to bypass the Corps if there is no movement by them to start the project. Ryan and Mayor Braswell will put together a template letter with an address for property owners to mail it to expressing concern of going through another hurricane season to have the renourishment project done.

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning reviewed the June 2019 police report. (See Attached)

### BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that there was just one permit for a meter upgrade.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Approve Payment to David DuRant for \$18,620.00 – This is for easement acquisition work. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve payment to David DuRant for \$18,620. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**
- b. Approve payment to Jayroe Appraisal Company for \$8,500.00 – **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve payment to Jayroe Appraisal Company for \$8,500. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Financial statements are pretty much in line except for a few things that will need an amendment but they will be addressed later in the year so we can have a better idea how much to amend the budget.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- a. Town Donation to Eagle Scout Project – Ryan Fabbri checked with our liability insurance as to whether the life rings will affect it and he found that it does not affect it either way to make insurance cost to go up or if there was a discount. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Town’s donation to the Eagle Scout Project of \$250.00. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Ryan Fabbri stated that the Kayak Race is scheduled for 7/18/19 to start around noon and asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to help.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Guerry Green stated that at the Financial Committee Meeting, they voted to not recommend having the mid-island access and would like that to be put in the Financial Committee minutes. Ryan Fabbri stated that would be in the final report of the Financial Committee. Council requested a final report from the Financial Committee of their findings and decisions.

**Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

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