

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: July 29, 2019
Pawleys Island Town Hall

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

ABSENT: Sarah Zimmerman

CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MARINEX CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR DREDGING AND PLACEMENT OF SAND REQUIRED TO THE COMPLETE BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT

Mayor Braswell stated that this meeting is for a discussion for consideration of awarding the beach renourishment project to Marinex Construction. They have recently given us a reduction in the original cost to us to do the project and they would be able to start this Fall. Also, due to the reduction in price we now can put more sand on our beach than originally planned. The Corps of Engineers are delaying doing our project due to directives coming from Washington, DC which could delay our project 1 or 2 years. CSE's, Steve Tranum told him that he believes the Corps estimate for doing our project is extremely low because Edisto Beach's project estimate came in 30% higher and Myrtle Beach's project estimate came in 50% higher than their original estimate. However, going with the Corps plan we will be assured that we will have renourishment every 9 years for the next 50 years and if we have any significant erosion after a storm they will replace it at no cost to us but we may need to go through 1 or 2 more hurricane seasons before they actually start our project. To go with Marinex, which estimate do we go with - 850,000 cu.yd. or 900,000 cu.yd for approx. \$200,000 more. For every cu.yd. over 700,000 cu.yd. the cost is approx. \$5.50 a cu.yd. The CSE engineers stated at the last meeting that we will probably not see this price for sand again so whatever we can afford to put on the beach now will be to our advantage. Once this project is done, we will have an engineered beach and as long as we maintain it, if we were to have significant erosion after a storm FEMA would cover 75% of the cost to replace the sand and the Town would cover 25%. If we did the 700,000 cu.yds project the Town is looking at borrowing approx. \$300,000 and if we did the 850,000 cu.yds. project the Town would borrow about \$1.2mil. and pay it out over ten years then at that point we would have approx. \$2.5mil. built up the beach fund. Rocky Holliday would like to go with the 850,000 cu.yd. project. Mayor Braswell, Guerry Green and Ashley Carter would like to go with the 850,000 to 900,000 cu.yd. project. The last renourishment the Town did was 20 years ago. The easements that were collected were necessary for the Army Corp of Engineers to do our project but if we decide to go with Marinex the easements are not necessary. If we choose to stay with the Corps to do this project any seawalls they encounter, may be removed but if we decide to go with Marinex, they will probably be buried as they have been for the last 3 storms. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to proceed with the Marinex contract at a minimum of 850,000 cu.yds. with the option to increase the cu.yds. as needed and to proceed as soon as possible once we determine the terms of financing. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned.