

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: November 18, 2019
Pawleys Island Town Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Henry, Ashley Carter, Guerry Green, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one signed up for public comment.

APPROVAL MINUTES

- a. 10/14/2019 Regular Meeting – **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 10/14/19 regular meeting minutes. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS INAUGURATION

Diane Allen, Town Clerk, swore in the new Mayor Elect Brian Henry for the next 2 years.

Diane Allen, Town Clerk, swore in Sarah Zimmerman as reelected council member for the next 2 years.

Diane Allen, Town Clerk, swore in Robert Ashley Carter as reelected council member for the next 2 years.

Diane Allen, Town Clerk, swore in Guerry Green as a newly elected council member for the next 2 years.

Diane Allen, Town Clerk, swore in Rocky Holliday as a newly elected council member for the next 2 years.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ELECTION

Ashley Carter made a motion to nominate and elect Rocky Holliday as the Town’s Mayor Pro Tempore. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS

- a. Police Report - Chief Fanning reviewed the October 2019 police report. (See Attached)
- b. Building Report – Ryan Fabbri stated that a new house is being built at 348 Myrtle and a lot of repair activity due to post Dorian.
- c. Financial Report – Ryan Fabbri stated that it looks good as we are taking more revenue than expected and below estimated expenses.
 - I. Approve Payment to Coastal Science & Engineering for the previous month’s expenses of \$35,151.16 – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the payment to CSE for \$35,151.16. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**
 - II. Approve Payment to Coastal Science & Engineering for their annual survey of \$10,838.96 - **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the payment to CSE for \$10,838.96. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**
 - III. Approve Payment to Durant Law for processing the bonds for renourishment \$6,000.00. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the payment to Durant Law for \$6,000.00. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

IV. Approve Payment to Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd for putting the amendment together regarding pursuing a potential local property tax for \$5,726.52. Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the payment to Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd for \$5,726.52. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

- d. Administrator's Report – Ryan Fabbri stated the flooding at the Bird's Nest area is happening more now since Dorian even with just a normal rain. That is because the drains are filled with sand. DOT contracts out for this work and claim that they only have 1 truck in the state that has the ability to do this kind of work. The contractor has been contacted to do this work who told Ryan that they would start cleaning all the DOT drains on Thursday. Rocky Holliday stated that he didn't think the creek side of the drains were not being cleaned and that they are filled with mud. He feels that needed to be addressed with these people. Ryan stated that the drains have been cleaned all the way to the outlets but the problem is that the pluff mud now 2 to 3 feet above the outlets and there is a radius around the outlets that they also clean but it is just a matter of time before it all fills in again. The solution is to dredge the accumulated sediment in those areas. That would be a massive project OCRM would have to be involved in. Mayor Henry stated that maybe we could have the cleaning people spend more time on just some of the drains with a higher priority to give them a more thorough cleaning than doing all the drains equally. Ashley Carter suggested that Ryan and Council meet with someone from DOT to discuss the flooding problems on the island and to see if there is a way those problems can be corrected. Ryan Fabbri will have someone from DOT come to our next Council meeting and review how the recent drain cleaning went and what their recommendations may be to remedy the problems. Rocky Holliday stated that Garden City has a problem with flooding and that the County is paying to have their problem resolved and feels that there should be another discussion on how we could also get County help for Pawleys. To hire a coastal engineering firm, we are not required to put that out to bid. CSE could be hired for our creek project but there may be other firms that specialize in creeks as CSE does mainly beach work.
- Our municipal judge had been appointed to the State School Board and could not hold two office positions so he resigned as our municipal judge after 17 years of service to the Town. We either have to appoint a new municipal judge or work out a negotiating agreement with the magistrate's office to have them handle it. That will be available for council to approve at the next council meeting.
- The beach renourishment project has had some snags with rough seas and with machinery breaking down but currently they have pumped 100,000 cu.yds. of sand over 1,000 linear feet of beach.

BUSINESS

- a. Final Reading of Ordinance 2019-10: An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Annual Budget – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve final reading of Ordinance 2019-10. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**
- b. First Reading of Ordinance 2019-11: An Ordinance Adopting the 2020 Annual Operating Budget – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve first reading on Ordinance 2019-11. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**
- c. Resolution 2019-05: A Resolution Adopting the 2019 Georgetown County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is needed to get FEMA funds and it needs to be updated every 5 years. The approval for this resolution is tabled until the next council meeting to give Council an opportunity to review the plan.

- d. Committee Appointments
 - I. Reappoint Betsy Altman to the Accommodations Tax Committee for a Two-Year Term which will expire on December 8, 2021.
 - II. Reappoint Ed Fox to the Planning Commission for a Three-Year Term which will expire on December 9, 2022.
 - III. Reappoint Robert Moser to the Planning Commission for a Three-Year Term which will expire on December 9, 2022.

Guerry Green made a motion to approve the reappointment of Betsy Altman to the Accommodation Tax Committee for a two-year term to expire on 12/8/2021; the reappointment of Ed Fox to the Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire on 12/9/2022; the reappointment of Robert Moser to the Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire on 12/9/2022. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

- e. Discussion and consideration of a motion to engage professional lobbyist to advocate for the passage of Act to amend Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code. Ryan Fabbri stated that he talked to Wayne Beam who was our lobbyist 3 years ago for our beach renourishment project state funding. He also talked to a lobbyist who works with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd. Rocky Holliday stated that he feels that council should think about all the options available and don't rush into it any decision. Ryan Fabbri stated that the General Assembly convenes in January and whoever we choose as our lobbyist, if we decide to go a lobbyist, they have to do some work before the GA convenes. They both said that they would have to start mid-December at the latest. If we don't make a decision by then we would be looking at resuming this in another year. Mayor Henry stated that Council has an obligation to solve this for the long term and this was one avenue to take and it would be fairly expensive to pursue it. He has spoken to Lee Hewitt about this and he is willing to help us, there is not a lot of political will to make this happen. There are other avenues that can be pursued but this is an important issue as a town and to our future that we will need to have active discussions whether it is during Town Council meetings or at scheduled work sessions. We have a-tax money that is accumulating and we may possibly have an option to do a general obligation bond to pay back what we have already borrowed for the renourishment project but it is something we need to consider to address this problem.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rocky Holliday stated that he is looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council. Mayor Henry stated that the past election was divisive. It was not easy for him or Mayor Braswell. Mayor Henry stated that it is time to unify this island. We are Pawleys Island and we don't need any divisions or factions such as north, south or middle of the island. He believes every property owner on Pawleys Island should have a voice and will ensure that they do on all important issues. We will communicate better with all property owner that includes emails, texts and mailings that accommodate all owners. That will insure transparency and real-time feedback on important issues. We will need a formal plan to fund our share of all future beach renourishments as well as creekside flooding and dredging projects. We will work with Georgetown County so that they not only share our beach but help us fund future projects. We all love this island so it is time that we all share in the cost to protect Pawleys Island for future generations. We will slow traffic on the island and make it more pedestrian friendly.

He ran for Mayor because he felt strongly that we needed new leadership, positivity and energy. Pawleys Island had given his family a great deal over the years and serving as Mayor provides him the opportunity to give back. He has received tremendous support by many people on the island and he will always be grateful and motivated to do right by Pawleys Island.

ADJOURNMENT

Rocky Holliday made a motion to adjourn. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

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