

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Henry, Guerry Green, Ashley Carter.

ABSENT: Sarah Zimmerman and Rocky Holliday

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up for public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 9-13-2021 Regular Meeting
- 9-27-2021 Special Meeting

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the minutes for 9-13-2021 and the minutes for 9-27-2021. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Police Report

Chief Mike Fanning stated that there was nothing out of the ordinary for the September Police Report. It was a typical September report. Guerry Green commented that the traffic was down compared to last year and Chief Fanning stated that is due to the influx of traffic during Covid last year.

B. Building Report

Ryan Fabbri stated that nothing stood out in the Building Report. Ryan discussed the new construction in the report and how that permit was submitted three weeks before the ARB was approved. That is why it did not have to go before the ARB. Ashley Carter spoke about how several property owners came up to him inquiring about a boxy house being built currently. Ryan stated that they got the permit before the ARB as well and the house will be going in the exact footprint of the previous house.

C. Financial Report

Approve Payment to Belser & Belser, P.A. for \$5025.00 (Invoice #23246)

Ryan stated that this is the typical bill from Belser & Belser. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

II. Approve Payment to Coastal Science & Engineering for \$8431.50 (Invoice #21-08-2507)

Ryan discussed that this is one of the payments the Town gets from CSE every year for the past three years due to the annual beach/sand survey done on the Island. The agreement has a stipulation that the bill will not exceed a specific amount. Ryan hopes that if there are any more bills from CSE regarding the survey that the total amount will not exceed \$20,000. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

5. BUSINESS

- A. Appointments to Board, Commissions and Committees.
 - I. Reappoint Buddy Keller to Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring October 29, 2024.

Mayor Henry stated that Buddy Keller has accepted to be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

II. Reappoint Betsy Altman to Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring December 8, 2023.

Mayor Henry asked Ryan of Betsy Altman's status of being reappointed. Ryan confirmed that she would like to be reappointed. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

III. Appoint new member to Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Hendricks. New appointee will fill the unexpired term expiring on December 8, 2022.

Mayor Henry stated that he does not have a name yet and discussed that Council needs to put a word out to any prospective property owners wanting to fill this seat. Mayor Henry stated that they will bring this up again in the next meeting.

B. Approval to waive requirement for competitive bids and award contract to Sanders Construction to provide materials, labor, and equipment to install storm drain check valves.

Ryan discussed that this was for the purpose of installing the drain valves associated with Rocky Holliday's pilot program. Ryan stated that Rocky found these contractors and that they were offering a good price, so Council has the authority to waive the bid requirements if the bid is reasonable. Ryan also discussed that even though Council has the authority to do this it is not good to get into the habit of waiving bid requirements. Ryan and Chief Fanning stated that it was hard to see if the drain valves made a difference so far due to the excess of rain this week. Mayor Henry and Guerry Green stated that at first glance they noticed a difference in the water

levels. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

C. Approval of contract with Coastline Electric Inc. to install additional electric outlets around Town Hall and Nature Park for an amount to exceed \$4901.48.

Mayor Henry discussed that this has already been budgeting for this year. It is for the purpose of installing additional electrical outlets around Town Hall and the park to allow better access points for lights, events, and sound systems during special occasions such as Christmas. Guerry Green expressed some concern about installing outlets and the possible aesthetic of them around the porch of Town Hall. Preston Janco stated that during his walk around with the electrician they stated the additional outlets on Town Hall would be the easiest due to being able to pull electric from the outlets on the inside of Town Hall. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

D. Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-09: An Ordinance amending the 2021 annual budget.

Ryan Fabbri stated that this is the second reading of the budget amendment approved by Council last month. It is changing the legal fees line item to \$100,000 which is an estimate of the final legal expenses at the end of the year. Ryan stated that all legal fees have been approved by Council. Mayor Henry discussed making the legal fees a topic of debate in the budget workshop. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

E. Coastal Science & Engineering - Creek Dredging

Ryan stated that the purpose of the CSE proposal is to do a feasibility study on all the elements needed for Creek Dredging and to pinpoint the exact locations that are needed the most for dredging. Ryan stated that it will be an uphill battle because of push back from environmental organizations. Mayor Henry discussed the environmental impact and would like to know the locations that would be prioritized. Guerry Green asked about the likelihood of Creek Dredging and asked if Chief Fanning remembered where the Creek Dredging was done in the past. Chief Fanning stated that he remembered some spots near the Causeways that were prioritized in the past. Ryan discussed the possibility of having CSE come and meet with Council to further discuss this topic and all the elements that would be included.

F. Council Work Session – 2022 Budget

Mayor Henry asked how soon the budget needs to be passed. Ryan stated that it will need to be passed in December. Mayor Henry discussed the possibility of having a budget workshop to discuss the budget more in depth. Mayor Henry stated that November 16th at 5:00 PM might be a good time for the workshop. He stated he would check with everyone to be sure that would work.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

<u>Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act §30-4-70- (a)(2) legal advice or other matters covered</u> by the attorney-client privilege. Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to step down into executive session for legal advice covered by the attorney-client privilege. Guerry Green motioned to step down. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to step out of executive session. Guerry Green motioned to step out. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

Mayor Henry stated that no decision had been made in executive session.

7. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Guerry Green motioned to adjourn. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

ATTEST

11-15-21

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