



**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**15 NOVEMBER 2021**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ryan Fabbri (Town Administrator), Michael Fanning (Chief of Police), Preston Janco (Town Clerk).

**ABSENT:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**2. OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBERS**

Preston Janco, Town Clerk, gave Councilmember Ashley Carter the Oath of Office.

Preston Janco, Town Clerk, gave Councilmember Sarah Zimmerman the Oath of Office.

Preston Janco, Town Clerk, gave Mayor Brian Henry the Oath of Office.

Preston Janco, Town Clerk, gave Councilmember Rocky Holliday the Oath of Office.

Preston Janco, Town Clerk, gave Councilmember Guerry Green the Oath of Office.

**3. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ELECTION**

Guerry Green nominated Rocky Holliday as Mayor Pro Tempore. Ashley Carter seconded the nomination. All approved to appoint Rocky Holliday as the Mayor Pro Tempore.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed up for public comment.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. 10-11-2021 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the minutes for 10-11-2021. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

**6. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**A. Police Report**

Chief Mike Fanning stated that there was nothing out of the ordinary for the October Police Report. Chief Fanning discussed the King Tides from the previous weekend and how it is tough

to get people to stop plowing through the water. Rocky Holliday stated that he was surprised when he heard it was the 7<sup>th</sup> worst King Tide for Myrtle Beach and the 10<sup>th</sup> for Charleston.

#### **B. Building Report**

Ryan Fabbri stated that nothing stood out in the Building Report. Ryan discussed the Demolition permit; however, this permit was expected due to the ARB recently approving a new construction for this property.

#### **C. Financial Report**

Ryan stated that local A-Tax revenue is way up compared to last year. It is about \$200,000 higher than it was in the previous year currently. He stated that the State A-tax is lacking because the Town has not received its usual October check yet, which is usually the largest check from the State regarding A-Tax revenue. Guerry Green and Mayor Henry asked Ryan where we stand with the budget overall. Ryan stated that the overall budget is almost in a \$250,000 surplus which is great news. Guerry Green asked about the Pagliarini law firm payment. David Durant stated that this was for the expert witness that the judge agreed with.

- I. **Approve Payment to Belser & Belser, P.A. for \$7,463.48 (Invoice #23246)**
- II. **Approve Payment to Belser & Belser, P.A. for \$5,038.48 (Invoice #23376)**
- III. **Approve Payment to Pagliarini Law Firm for \$6,796.50 (Invoice #2106)**

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve Invoice 23246, 23376, and 2106. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Rocky Holliday seconded the motion. All approved.

### **7. BUSINESS**

#### **A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations**

Ryan discussed that this is the A-tax committees' recommendation for A-tax funds in which Town Council must approve. Ryan explained that since the Beautification Foundation is having the Town of Pawleys Island handle park maintenance now, the Beautification Foundation did not apply for the funds. Instead, the Town applied for funds to maintain the park and funds to offset tourism expenditures related to administrative and law enforcement duties. The Chamber of Commerce also asked for funds to create a new brochure with updated information for Pawleys Island. Sarah Zimmerman added that she wished some of the ads put out by the Chamber would be better. Ryan stated that their content creation is not too strong, but a Chamber representative could get in touch with Council and discuss possible options for advertising. Mayor Henry called for a motion to approve the A-tax committee recommendation. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

Mayor Henry added that there is still a vacant seat on the A-tax Committee and would like Council to bring some recommendations for the next meeting.

#### **B. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-10: An Ordinance amending the 2021 annual budget.**

Ryan stated that this is a housekeeping item for the budget. It is regarding the Underground wire project and Santee Cooper keeping the franchise fees to for the expenses. Ryan stated that the budget still needs to show the franchise fees coming in as revenue and then being paid to Santee Cooper so that during the yearly audit there is no confusion. This will keep the Town consistent with financial reporting. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the budget amendment. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-11: An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Annual Operating Budget.**

Ryan stated not much discussion is needed on the first reading of the budget ordinance due to Town Council having a budget workshop tomorrow. Mayor Henry asked if Ryan wanted to touch on anything to prepare Town Council for tomorrow. Ryan stated that the increase in local A-tax revenue and the funds from the ARP make the revenues much higher for the 2022 budget. Overall revenue is up 16.2%. Guerry Green and Mayor Henry expressed some confusion with government budgeting so they asked if Ryan could provide them with a flow chart to help them better understand how government budgeting works. Ryan stated that he would work on that. Ryan stated that some of the expenditures are up such as legal fees, a new patrol vehicle, and funds for creek dredging but all of this will be discussing at the budget workshop. Ryan stated that overall, the budget is like last year's budget. Some of the differences consist of legal fees, grant writing expenses, police vehicle, and creek dredging costs. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the 2022 budget ordinance. Guerry Green motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

**D. Town Council Budget Work Session – 11/16/2021 @ 5:00pm**

Mayor Henry reminded everyone of the Budget Workshop scheduled tomorrow at 5:00pm located at the Town Hall. Sarah asked Ryan if he expects to increase in local A-Tax revenue to keep increasing for the years to come. Ryan stated that he is unsure due to how unexpected this increase was and the way COVID factors into it.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act §30-4-70- (a)(2) legal advice or other matters covered 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. Rocky Holliday motioned to step down. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

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

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

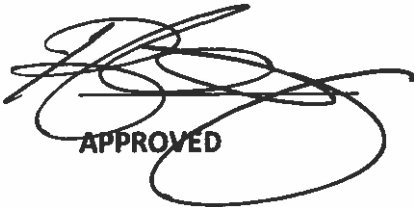
**9. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Henry asked for any additional comments. Rocky discussed the issue of commercial fishing at nighttime which is a topic that Ashley Carter has discussed in the past. Rocky stated that he has noticed boats with large lights in the middle of the night catching large amounts of fish. Rocky wanted to know if the Town had any jurisdiction to address this problem. Ryan Fabbri and David Durant stated that it would be DNR's jurisdiction.

Mayor Henry added that the Planning Commission met on Friday and vote to recommend the Town to take on administrative control over the building department, terminate the Town's contract with Georgetown County, and to seek other private building permitting companies. Mayor Henry stated that no action was needed right now he just wanted to give Town Council a heads up on the topic.

**10. 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

12/13/21

DATE



ATTEST

12/13/2021

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