



# TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Town Hall – Conference Room | 323 Myrtle Ave | Pawleys Island SC 29585  
8-8-2022 – 5:00 pm

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Newquist (Town Administrator), Mike Fanning (Chief of Police), Daniel O'Hara (Town Clerk)

**ADDITIONAL PRESENT:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. 7-12-2022 REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve or amend the minutes. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve the minutes. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**4. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**A. POLICE REPORT**

Chief Fanning stated that it was a busy July they received 78 total calls. Sadly, there was a drowning on the beach a week and a half ago. Chief Fanning said it was unfortunately unpreventable and seemed to be caused by some sort of medical episode. Chief mentioned that since the first week of July there had been no serious criminal incidents, citing a string of car break-ins on the north end of the Island. Chief explained that Officer Fairfield has been working hard on the case and has issued search warrants for phone data of potential suspects of the crime. The Chief stated the information from the phones will help the officers figure out if the suspects were on the Island during the time of the crime. Sarah Zimmerman asked the chief if the suspects were locals, chief stated that one individual was and the other two were not. Chief reminded Town Council that he went over the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the previous meeting. Chief mentioned that the camera reads were up 5% on the year and 2.8% on the month. Chief noted that a suspect wanted for burglary was arrested as well. The police officers had to go up to J Ruben Long to pick up the individual. He was picked up in Horry County selling stolen goods at a Pawn Shop. Rocky Holliday asked the chief if the cars that were broken into were parked on the street or the property. Chief stated that they were parked in driveways. With the camera footage,

the police department was able to see them in the act and track down a vehicle of interest.

**B. BUILDING REPORT**

Mayor Henry stated that there were two building permits issued this month, one at 374 Atlantic and one at 122 Atlantic. Mayor Henry requested to see the list of active permits in the building reports. Mayor Henry also asked if we receive notice when permits close. Daniel O'Hara stated that we do not. Mayor Henry asked how we would know how many active permits are out. Daniel Newquist stated that we need to communicate with the County Building, Planning, and Zoning Department. Daniel Newquist stated that we have been finishing up the current CRS report for the town and that staff has had meetings with the County and gone around the Island to check on the status of certain properties. Daniel Newquist stated that any other suggestions would be welcomed. Mayor Henry mentioned that the Planning Commission had a meeting with a company called SAFE Built. They provide services to municipalities to outsource building departments for a fee. Mayor Henry stated that the Planning Commission is actively working to see if this company would be a good fit for the Town. Daniel Newquist stated that structuring the contract is important based on the fee schedule whether they take an hourly rate or by permit. Daniel Newquist stated that he believes the per permit route is a more viable option. Sarah Zimmerman stated that one of the terms that the Town Council discussed was requesting priority during hurricane events. Daniel Newquist stated that staff and the planning commission will continue to discuss the needs of the town regarding the service.

**C. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mayor Henry stated that the financial report was not in the original email sent out to Town Council and the residents. It was added this morning due to a delay in reports. Mayor Henry asked Daniel Newquist to discuss the report. Daniel Newquist started by going over the A-Tax revenue. Daniel Newquist stated that the year to date the town received about thirty-eight thousand more dollars in revenue compared to last year through June. Daniel Newquist referenced page two of the report showing the revenues. Sarah Zimmerman questioned why the State A-Tax revenue was lower this month than what had been observed. Mayor Henry stated that it was due to the timing of payments. Mayor Henry mentioned that when meeting with the Town Auditors they had mentioned that the payments received from the state were sporadic. Daniel Newquist spoke about strengthening ties with other organizations to further his knowledge and understanding of when to expect payments and how much they will be. Daniel Newquist brought to the Council's attention that the Town operated significantly under budget for special events including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, at about five thousand dollars under budget. Mayor Henry gave a brief update on the Town audit and stated that it is almost completed but the report needs analysis from staff on why there are certain discrepancies. Mayor Henry stated that since both

administrative staff members are new on the job this will require time for them to familiarize themselves with the information.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **A. Update on the status of the Tyson property- 338 Myrtle Ave**

Mayor Henry opened the discussion by referring to the decision made by the council to have Mayor Henry reach out to the owners. Mayor Henry mentioned that he was successful in making contact and spoke to the son of the current owner. Mayor Henry stated that he was going to provide details on some of the circumstances of the home. Mayor Henry cited that there have been family disagreements prohibiting the family from making any major decisions on the home. Mayor Henry located a letter from Steven Elliot, Georgetown County Building Inspector, to Santee Cooper requesting they remove the electrical meter from the home due to exposed wires. The letter was from 2018 and it has since been removed. Mayor Henry mentioned that the home has suffered vandalism and storm damage affecting the appearance of the residence. Mayor Henry cited that there has been tension between neighbors regarding the loss of access to the beach. Also, some anger from the underground wire project, stating that Santee Cooper created infrastructure on the property that makes it prone to the collection of water. Mayor Henry stated that they have a few options for the home. The home has a value of about forty thousand dollars, which limits what they can do to the home. If they make any improvements valued at twenty thousand dollars or higher the home will be required to be brought to current building and zoning regulations. The other option would be to tear down the home. This led to a discussion about whether they would be able to build the home back due to new building requirements and standards. It was agreed that if the home were torn down the footprint of the home would have to significantly change. Sarah Zimmerman asked where they received the forty-thousand-dollar value of the home. Mayor Henry and Ashley Carter both responded that it was gathered from the county accessor's office. Ross Durant asked whether they would be willing to sell the property. Mayor Henry stated that there could be an interest, but he was not able to confirm that information. David Durant asked if the mother was the sole owner or whether there was a power of attorney. Mayor Henry stated that he believes that the family member he contacted is the power of attorney. Mayor Henry wrapped up the discussion by stating that he asked the family member what the town could do to help the situation. The family member mentioned to Mayor Henry that he was having a hard time finding a contractor for the work. But also stated that in the fall he was planning to get a dumpster to clean out the home and talk with the family about the next steps. Mayor Henry stated that he'd like to follow up with the family in November to check on the status.

**B. Executive Session**

- I. S.C. Code 1976, 30-4-70(a)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.
  - a. Mayor Henry reiterated that the purpose of the executive session was for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.
  - b. Mayor Henry requested a motion to move into executive session. Guerry Green motioned to move into the executive session. Rocky Holliday seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
  - c. Mayor Henry requested a motion to step out of the executive session. Rocky Holliday made a motion to step out of the executive session. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mayor Henry stated that no decisions or votes were taken in the executive session.


**6. COMMENTS**

Mayor Henry stated while he is at the beach, he noticed that the dunes have taken shape, noting that the sand fencing seems to be working. Mayor Henry also mentioned that the sand texture of the beach has improved from a coarse shelly surface to more of a softer surface. Mayor Henry also observed that there are distinct tiers on the beach.

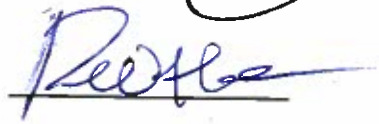
Daniel Newquist mentioned that the South End parking lot will be resurfaced on the morning of Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The lot will close Tuesday night and we should put out a notice on social media.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Henry requested a motion for adjournment. Rocky Holliday started the motion for adjournment. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor



**APPROVED**



**ATTEST**

10-10-22

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