

The Edisto Beach Comber

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT TOWN HALL

Joe Hill *Lee Hester*
John B. Hill *Bob Hill* *Shane Pickett*
Madine Butts *Bill Murray Christmas!* *Kelly Burkett*
Ray Wadde *Burton & Lyons* *Pat Stearns*
Sharon Hargis *Tracy WFB* *Steve Simpson*
Shirley Simmons *Rebecca Brown*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	12/05	10:00 am
Council WkSess	12/11	10:00 am
Plann WkSess	12/12	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	12/13	2:00 pm
Town Council	12/13	6:00 pm
Zoning Brd Appeals	12/17	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	12/18	5:00 pm

SEMI ANNUAL UTILITY BILLING

The semi-annual utility billing for water, sewer, and garbage will be mailed out the first week in December. This billing is for service from December 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013. The garbage pick-up schedule for the upcoming year will be included in this billing.

SAND FENCING VOLUNTEERS

Sand fencing volunteers are needed for installation of sand fencing. For more information and to volunteer please call Town Hall at (843) 869-2505.

UPCOMING SURVEY

A survey will be included in the above mentioned Utility Billing. Please take the time to respond and return the survey along with your Utility Billing Payment.

Merry Christmas



In observance of the Christmas Holidays, Town Hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 24th, Tuesday December 25th, and Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The Mayor, Council, and Staff wish you all safe and happy holidays! We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

TOWN COUNCIL GOAL SETTING RETREAT

Town Council has planned their Goal Setting Retreat for Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Get with your representative on Town Council to give him/her your input for any goals you would like to see achieved in the upcoming year.

PURCHASE OF 2412 MURRAY STREET

The Town of Edisto Beach has purchased 2412 Murray Street which is the property in front of the Town Hall parking lot. The purchase price of this property is \$96,500.00.

MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2012
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Larry "Babe" Hutto, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Jane S. Darby and Tommy Mann, Council Members;
Quorum of Council Present.

Mayor Lyons welcomed guests and thanked all who served the Town of Edisto Beach.

Council Session opened with a word of prayer by Councilman Hutto, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of September 13, 2012. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2012. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Lyons announced the participation by Town Hall in the **Great American Shakeout** on October 18, 2012 at 10:18 am. The drill is being conducted to raise awareness for earthquake safety.

Tommy Sandel, on behalf of The Image and Design of Edisto, presented a TIDE beautification award to Jeanine Rhodes of Carolina One Real Estate for their seasonal decorations.

Old Business:

Approved:

Councilman Anderson moved to approve the extension of the Mobile Vendor Sunset Clause for one year. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business/Apearances

Failed:

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the change in Code Section 6-3 prohibiting the possession of chickens within the city limits with a limitation on the number of chickens to be owned. The ordinance failed for lack of a second.

Approved:

Councilman Mann moved to approve the special event application for the 3rd Annual Trick or Treat at the Creek to be held October 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Bay Creek Park. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approved:

Councilwoman Darby moved that the Council approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the Construction Fund and the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Capital Improvement Plan. Councilman Mann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approved:

Bill Andrews, Chairman of the Planning Commission appeared before Council to request assurance, direction and support so that the Commission could continue in its efforts to correct identified ordinances. Seven areas of concern were noted by the Planning Commission. Councilman Hutto moved that Council encourage the Planning Commission to revisit ordinances and bring them up to date. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Councilwoman Darby added that the previous version was not in finished form and the new version should be to not change but to improve.

Approved:

Councilman Mann asked Police Chief Bill Coffey to address Council concerning the 2013 Beach Patrol. Chief Coffey stated he believed the beach patrol should not only be utilized for public relations, but for safety, information exchange, assisting visitors and overall cleanliness of the front beach. He admitted that the 2012 Beach Patrol had experienced problems with personnel and equipment and that there was room for improvement, but stated that with the right people, training, supervision, equipment and personnel, the 2013 Beach Patrol would continue to be a valuable resource. Chief Coffey asked Council to consider training Beach Patrol personnel in order to issue citations for ordinance violations. Councilman Mann moved that the Beach Patrol continue in the year 2013 with the stipulation that the town attorney draw up a document authorizing beach patrol employees to enforce town codes. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved:

Councilwoman Darby moved that the Council accept the special events application from the Edisto Beach Chamber of Commerce for the Fall Festival to be held October 20, 2012 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Jungle Road in front of the

Palmetto Plaza. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hutto, and after discussion between Councilman Mann and Dan Carter, Chamber President, on the issue of parking, the motion passed unanimously.

Approved:

Councilwoman Darby moved that the Council approve funding in the amount of \$2,000 from General Fund Contingency for a Town Employee Christmas party. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Approved:

Councilman Mann made a motion to have the Town Administrator make contact with the appropriate SCE&G personnel and explore the use of non-service revenue and matching funds from SCE&G to use for underground electric service for the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Tabled:

Councilman Mann moved that Council table the bid award to GEL Engineering for the observation platform at Bay Creek Park. He suggested the building department get proposals for both the platform and the electrical work that needs to be done at the park. After a second by Councilman Anderson and discussion between Council and Patrick Brown about gathering further bids, the motion carried unanimously.

Approved:

Councilman Hutto made a motion for Council to approve the purchase of 2412 Murray Street for \$96,500 with funds from the Reserve Fund and to consider selling one or more of the lots on Jungle Road owned by the town. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion. After discussion from the Town Administrator, who stated the septic permit had not been delivered to the Town, the motion passed unanimously. The purchase of the property for reserve funds will require the budget be amended.

Committee Vacancies:

The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee

There are two upcoming vacancies on the TIDE committee – Bill Davies and Charlie Boozer, Jr. Councilwoman Darby moved that council approve the Town Administrator’s request to advertise these positions. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

3128 Palmetto Boulevard, Plantation Edisto LLC, Property Line Abandonment

Councilwoman Darby moved that Council approve the application to abandon the property line located seaward of 3128 Palmetto Blvd. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

219 Palmetto Boulevard, Barr, Unger and McIntosh, Property Line Abandonment

Councilman Hutto moved that Council approve the application to abandon the property line located at 219 Palmetto Blvd that was previously omitted in error. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates:

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator, for the month ending September 30, 2012.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	32.52%	32.23%
Water Fund	23.56%	29.37%
Wastewater Fund	19.21%	29.72%

Administrator Hill asked for volunteers for the Trick or Treat at the Creek on October 26th. She also announced that Commissioner Rearden of the Transportation Commission would be at Town Hall on October 16th to discuss future needs of the Town.

Building Department Report:

The Building Department report was presented by Patrick Brown, Building Official, for the month of September 2012.

	Sept 11	Sept 12	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$1,706.50	\$2,175.50	\$9,408
New Construction Permits	1	1	5
Other Permits	20	21	77
Permit Fees	\$4,317.50	\$4,674.50	\$15,902
Inspections	72	147	263

Patrick Brown also asked for volunteers for Trick or Treat at the Creek.

Fire Department Report:

The Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Larry Waddle for the month ending September, 2012.

Calls	September-11	September-12	YTD
Medical	19	34	115
Fire-related	2	3	23
Public Assistance	19	68	207
Beach Wheel Chairs	12	17	61

Chief Waddle stated a card had been received from the MUSC Burn Center thanking the Town for its contribution and notifying the Town that it is the 3rd largest contributor.

Chief Waddle thanked Councilwoman Darby and Jeanine Rhodes for their contributions to the Shrimp Fest, and announced that over \$500 in donations had come in because of their efforts.

Police Department Report:

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Bill Coffey for the month of September, 2012.

	Sept-11	Sept-12	YTD
Citations	10	22	101
Speeding	8	12	33
Warnings	96	56	226
Alarm Calls	19	9	33
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Calls for 2 or More Officers	5	6	23
Miles Patrolled	11,037	21,466	19,987
Assaults	1	0	2
Larcenies	2	4	21
Burglaries	1	0	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	87	79	359
Golf Cart Violations	2	2	13
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,267	1400	3400
Open Container	-	2	-
D.U.I.	-	2	-
CDV Arrest	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	-	-	-
Animal Control Call	-	4	-

Chief Coffey stated the contract with the Property Owners' Association of Ocean Ridge had been implemented and is going well. A new deputy

sheriff, Montana Wilbur has been with us for about 3 weeks.

Utilities:

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for the month of September, 2012.

	Sept -11	Sept -12	YTD
Pumped MG Water	20.36	20.98	78.95
Treated MG	MG	MG	MG
Wastewater	5.04 MG	3.57 MG	16.46 MG
Water Line Repairs	113	7	315
Work Order Repairs	0	133	474

Public Works:

This report was presented by Utilities Director Bob Doub for the month of September 2012.

	Sept -11	Sept -12	YTD
Mowed Acres	16.36	67	213
Cleaned Ditches	1,724 ft.	6,604 ft.	11,451
Roll Carts Delivered	16	11	40

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce report for the month was given by Dan Carter.

- Girls golf tournament October 13
- Art Guild Show and Sale October 13
- October 13 – Plantation and Homes Tour
- "Beach Notes" play by Art Guild
- Fall Festival October 20 with 44 vendors
- Trick or Treat at the Creek October 26
- October 27th – Bridge Walk with Edisto Belles benefiting breast cancer research
- McConkey's, October 27th, donating \$1.00/burger sold to breast cancer research
- October 31st, costume contest at McConkey's

Signed in to speak

David Cannon

Mr. Cannon stated that in the August 5, 2012 issue of The State newspaper, there was an article about increasing the statewide property tax so that every student in the state would have the same expenditure (\$5,700/pupil). The burden appears to fall on owner occupied properties. There is another group out raising money to oppose this move.

Mr. Cannon stated he supports an increase in the sales tax but does not believe the entire burden should be on the 4%.

Tom Tindall

Mr. Tindall addressed the Council and thanked Councilwoman Darby for her support of changing the ordinance pertaining to "urban chickens". He said he also supported the change due to the historic precedent of fowl at Edisto Beach.

Councilman Hutto moved that the meeting be adjourned with Councilman Mann seconding and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, October 5, 2012.