

MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2020  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
5:45 P.M.

Town of Edisto Beach  
Town Hall  
2414 Murray Street  
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Crawford Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer and Patti Smyer, Council Members, Councilmember Susan Hornsby joined the meeting via telephone; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order. Since Town Hall is currently closed to the public due to COVID19, comments/questions were requested in advance of the meeting. The Public Hearing was held to hear comments on the following:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-04 to Amend Section 82-33 to adjust the Rates for Water Service

Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-05 to Amend Section 82-139 to Adjust the Rates for Sewer Service

A property owner submitted a question regarding the water rate increase. Mayor Darby explained due to the bond for the Water Improvement Project, rates were scheduled to be increased 15% over the course of several years. This is the final 15% increase scheduled. A 5% increase is scheduled for the 2021/2022 budget year and the 2022/2023 and a 3% increase is scheduled for 2023/2024.

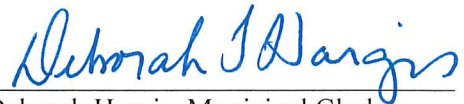
A resident commented on the salty taste of the water. Mayor Darby explained that Council and the Water and Sewer Committee had done a taste test and agreed that an 80/20 or 85/15 blend was best.

A resident asked for water meters to be checked for incorrect data. That information has been relayed to the Utilities Director.

The Public Hearing was adjourned by common consent.

*The media/public were informed of the location, date and time of the Public Hearing on Friday, May 8, 2020.*

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk  
June 11, 2020