

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2023**  
**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Mayor Crawford Moore, and Council Members Jerome Kizer, Robert Renner, and Joey Bagwell. *Quorum of Council Present.*

**Absent:** Jay Watts (excused)

**Call to Order**

Mayor Crawford Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mr. Renner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2023. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment Period**

1. Kim Moredock, resident of Jungle Shores Drive, commented on a Colleton County offer to take over fire protection from Edisto Beach. She is requesting a response from Town Council and expects transparency.
2. Tonya McIntyre, Director of Community Outreach Charleston, thanked the Town of Edisto Beach for their support of Jane Edwards Elementary School.

**Old Business**

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B is complete. Construction of Pump Station A has been awarded to Babcock Construction, LLC.

**New Business**

Government-wide Financial Statements and Other Financial Information for Year Ended June 30, 2023. Mr. Bill Hancock from the Brittingham Group, LLP, presented the financial statements to Council. He noted the audit was a "clean audit," and showed no issues, no deficiencies, and no instances of non-compliance. Council was asked to consider and approve the Government-wide Financial Statements and Other Financial Information for year ended June 20, 2023, as presented.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the financial statements for year ended June 20, 2023. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

2024 Additional Twice-Weekly Trash Collection Schedule. Council was asked to consider and approve the twelve weeks for twice-weekly trash pick-up by Republic Services, as per the Town’s agreement. This is not for additional service; we must identify these twelve additional weeks for twice-weekly pick-up annually. The suggested weeks are: 7 weeks from April 7, 2024, through May 25, 2024; 4 weeks from September 8, 2024, through October 5, 2024; and the week of December 22, 2024. Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the twice-weekly trash collection schedule, but begin the 8 weeks from March 31, 2024, through May 25, 2024; 3 weeks from September 8, 2024 through September 28, 2024; and keep the week of December 22, 2024, as originally proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Third Amendment to Water Tower Attachment Communication Site Agreement with Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless. Council was asked to consider and approve the Third Amendment with Alltel Corporation, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, as per the original agreement effective November 19, 1999. The initial rental extension period shall commence January 1, 2025, in consideration of \$42,508.80 per year with four (4) optional five-year (5) extension periods each with a twenty percent rate escalation. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Third Amendment with Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless, as per the original agreement effective November 19, 1999. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Council Time**

All members of Council wished the residents a “Merry Christmas!”

**Department Reports**

The following reports were presented to Council:

**Building**

	<b>November 2022</b>	<b>November 2023</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Business/Rental License Fees	\$6,560.58	\$6,336.18	\$52,964.62
New Construction Permits	3	0	9
Other Permits	39	31	183
Permit Fees	\$17,076.70	\$5,099.00	\$68,073.00
Inspections	121	79	402

**Fire**

<b>Calls</b>	<b>November 2022</b>	<b>November 2023</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Medical	13	9	125
Fire-Related	3	0	11
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	25	8	59
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	5	24	198

Chief Conley reported the Cascade system has been certified and new floors have been installed in the fire department. The fire hydrant painting project has begun.

Police

	November 2022	November 2023	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,068	10,137	50,878
Incidents & Calls for Service	101	287	1291
Property Checks	541	1,541	7,525
Town Parking Tickets	21	21	447

Chief Seyle reported Lt. Herring attended FBI Institute classes last week. Chief Seyle attended MASC Chief's Meeting last month. The final report for the coronavirus has been submitted for the grant received. Motorola radios have not yet been received; an inquiry will be made as to the anticipated delivery date since it has been over one year since the order was placed.

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	November 2022	November 2023	YTD
Pumped MG Water	11.8	11.7	91.4
Treated MG Wastewater	3.8	3.1	22.4
Water Line Repairs	3	7	18
Work Order Repairs	27	27	183

Mr. Aakhus presented the utility report in Mr. Zemp's absence. Mr. Aakhus mentioned the Christmas decorations, tree, and the nativity were completed by Public Works. The ditches at Billow Street, Nancy Street, and Pompano Street have all been cleaned. Right-of-way clearing and the removal of limbs in the way of bike paths have been completed on Jungle Road.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	47.23%	45.15%
Water Fund	39.66%	33.64%
Wastewater Fund	40.58%	33.68%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	November 2022	November 2023	YTD
Number of Requests	12	3	74

Administration

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus presented updates to Council on the following items:

- The contract for Pump Station A to Babcock Corporation was approved by the Rural Infrastructure Authority and is now awaiting signature from Babcock Corporation.
- The Arc/Billow Street drainage work has been completed and paperwork is being finalized.
- Lagoon Study update will be presented at the January 2024 Town Council meeting.
- The real estate team meeting for the USACE Beach Renourishment Project was held on December 7, 2023, and the Town's attorney, the Town's easement attorney, the surveyor, and the appraiser all are engaged. The surveyor began his work on December 11, 2023.

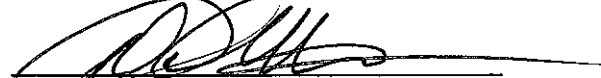
- Jungle Road Park bathroom is a bit behind schedule; however, the footer and rebar are being completed, and the concrete pad should be poured very soon.
- The gravel has been laid for the parking lot at the tennis/pickleball courts, and the striping will be corrected.
- Track M entrances will also be cleaned up in the coming weeks.
- One FOIA request for Administration response last month.
- Mr. Aakhus thanked the department heads for being good stewards of their funds and contributing to a clean audit.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL**



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk

January 11, 2024