

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
JANUARY 11, 2024
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 p.m.

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

This Regular Town Council Meeting was properly advertised and posted and met all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

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

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2023. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

Mr. Jeb Smoak was recognized with a Starfish Award for his assistance to individuals on December 17, 2023, during the coastal storm. The Town Council recognizes Jeb's selfless actions and his commitment to helping others.

Arc/Billow Lagoon Study Presentation by Davis & Floyd

Michael Horton, Principal, as well as two other individuals from Davis & Floyd, presented at the January 10, 2024, Town Council Work Session. Davis & Floyd representatives provided an update on the lagoon Study, as well as next steps. They will offer recommendations following a final presentation to Council and residents.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were given at this meeting.

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. Contract documents have been signed, and a notice to proceed will be issued for January 22, 2024.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-01 to Amend Section 58-161 of Article VI-Noise. Council was asked to consider and approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-01 to Amend Section 58-161 of the Town's Code of Ordinances to permit outdoor entertainment between the first day of March and the thirty-first day of October of each year. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024- 01 to Amend Section 58-161 of the Town's Code of Ordinances to permit outdoor entertainment between the first day of March and the thirty-first day of October each year, and to strike the word "phonograph" from the draft document. Mr. Kizer seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Contract for Deer Management Services to Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC. Council was asked to consider and approve the awarding of the contract for deer management services to Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$9,800, and as a term of this contract, the Town would also agree to pay Long's Deer Processing an amount not to exceed \$7,000. This will be paid from the Capital Improvement Projects account which has a balance of \$338,522. Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the awarding of the contract for deer management services to Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$9,800, and as a term of this contract, the Town would also agree to pay Long's Deer Processing an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment for Professional Services Agreement with Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc. for EOC/Town Hall Project. Council was asked to consider and approve the Amendment for Professional Services Agreement with Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc., for an additional compensation of \$2,520 for additional time in cost estimating during the development of the schematic design for the EOC/Town Hall. This expense will be reimbursed through the Colleton County Capital Project Sales Tax fund. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the Amendment for Professional Services Agreement with Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc., for an additional amount of \$2,520. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Application: Whaley's Restaurant Chili Cook-Off, January 13, 2024. Council was asked to consider and approve the Special Event Application from Whaley's Restaurant for a chili cook-off to be held on January 13, 2024, at the restaurant. This event will feature live music from 4-6 p.m. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Special Event Application from Whaley's Restaurant for a chili cook-off to be held on January 13, 2024. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval to Advertise for One Vacancy/TIDE Committee. Council was asked to consider and approve the advertisement of one vacancy on the TIDE Committee due to the resignation of committee member Virginia Stephenson. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the advertisement

of one vacancy on the TIDE Committee. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council Time

- All members of Council wished the residents a “Happy New Year!”
- Mr. Watts announced a Covid Vaccine Clinic will be held on February 7, 2024, from 12 – 2 p.m. at Town Hall.
- Mr. Moore noted the Town Council’s Annual Goal Setting Retreat will be held on January 23, 2024. The public is welcome to attend.
- Mr. Moore thanked Ms. Sue Keith for attending the meeting and reporting on Colleton County Legislative Delegation updates.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	December 2022	December 2023	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$6,076.40	\$4,529.74	\$57,494.36
New Construction Permits	1	1	10
Other Permits	35	33	216
Permit Fees	\$8,776.50	\$8,683.00	\$76,756.00
Inspections	186	82	484

Fire

Calls	December 2022	December 2023	YTD
Medical	8	14	139
Fire-Related	3	1	12
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	16	9	68
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	49	16	214

Police

	December 2022	December 2023	YTD
Miles Patrolled	8,523	10,592	61,470
Incidents & Calls for Service	68	173	1464
Property Checks	528	1,679	9,204
Town Parking Tickets	8	5	452

Chief Seyle reported December was a typically quiet month.

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	December 2022	November 2023	YTD
Pumped MG Water	13.0	10.2	101.7
Treated MG Wastewater	3.0	4.1	26.6
Water Line Repairs	2	7	25
Work Order Repairs	119	27	210

Mr. Zemp reported on the extensive cleanup after the recent storms, with a focus on beach accesses and sidewalks. New signs have been ordered with upgraded and tamperproof hardware.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	54.39%	51.28%
Water Fund	59.66%	39.15%
Wastewater Fund	63.31%	41.14%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	December 2022	December 2023	YTD
Number of Requests	2	4	78

Administration

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

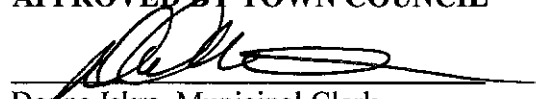
- An emergency sand scraping permit is expected to be issued by OCRM. Westbank contractors will schedule sand scraping on approximately 36 properties that qualified for scraping.
- The Town is on SCDOT's schedule to clear sand from Palmetto Blvd. due to the January 9 storm.
- Pump Station A contract documents have been signed, notice to proceed will be issued, and a Substantial Completion is scheduled for August 19, 2024.
- Overall timeline for all SCIIP grant projects: All work must be completed by June 30, 2026. All remaining projects will be bid together as one project and are expected to be bid later this year.
- Digital Budget Book is now published on the Town's website.
- Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project
 - Survey work continues and is 50% complete.
 - USACE intends to have their 65% design completed by the end of February.
- The concrete pad has been poured and the masonry walls are currently being constructed at Jungle Park Road Bathroom.
- Jenkins Street was repaved today, and various potholes were filled in.

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 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
February 8, 2024