

MINUTES
September 11, 2014
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Jane S. Darby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Council Members. Absent: Pete Anderson; *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 Councilwoman Darby, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2014. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Award – Mayor Lyons presented Mr. Joe Dreher an award in recognition of his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

B. Edisto Beach Baptist Church 50th Anniversary Proclamation – Mayor Lyons invited those in attendance to join the Edisto Beach Baptist Church for its 50th Anniversary celebration on September 28, 2014.

Old Business

Animal Rescue – The Administrator met with Lindsey Young who is in the process of opening a kennel on Edisto Island. She was not able to accommodate the Town due to the unknown vaccination status of lost pets. ALOE does not have any volunteers on Edisto Beach that can provide this service. Until another solution is forthcoming, the Municipal Clerk and Town Administrator have kennels at their homes and will temporarily hold pets until returned to the owners. Mayor Lyons expressed his gratitude to Iris Hill and Deborah Hargis for volunteering. Councilwoman Darby moved to gratefully accept the services of Iris Hill and Deborah Hargis and that any expenses incurred with the housing and feeding of lost pets be reimbursed by the Town. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business

A. Causeway/OCRM Critical Line Survey at a cost of \$1,750 - The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee would like to beautify the causeway. Part of the process is delineating the critical line through OCRM. Lee Frank has submitted a quote for this work at a cost of \$1,750. Councilwoman Smyer moved to transfer \$1,750 from the General Fund Contingency to General Fund Professional Fees to cover the cost of the causeway line survey. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Beach Patrol Code Enforcement Officers – On February 14, 2013, Council passed Ordinance 2013-01 authorizing beach patrol to enforce ordinance violations and issue citations. Recent issuance of citations has generated public discussion. Councilwoman Darby moved to defer action until after the Council retreat held in February 2015 so that Council can receive input from the Chief of Police and Town Administrator. That way, Council will be fully informed and able to make decisions based on all information. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-19 to Enact and Establish a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance and Approval of Building Permits and Record Plats for the Big Bay Creek and Scott Creek Property Owners sewer line project in the Town of Edisto Beach for (1) New or Additional Connections for Properties Situated Inside the Municipal Boundaries to the Town Sewer System through the Big Bay Creek and Scott Creek Property Owners sewer line project and (2) Additions to Existing Structures that access the Town Sewer System through the Big Bay Creek and Scott Creek Property Owners sewer line project if additional sewer capacity would be required for the addition. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-19. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

D. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-20 to Amend Section 78-35 of the Town's Code to Adopt Subsection (4) – Boats, trailers and Recreational Vehicles are a safety hazard when left for extended periods of time on Palmetto Boulevard. This ordinance would restrict how long vehicles and equipment of a certain length can be parked on Palmetto Boulevard. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-20, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. In discussion, Councilwoman Smyer said that if someone is cited for this, she would want them to be told an appropriate place to park their boat or trailer for no fee so that they will not be fined. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Beach Nourishment Fund Raisers – During the August ATAX meeting, several ideas were floated to raise money for beach nourishment. Chamber Director Dan Carter told Council that the Chamber has been working on ideas for fund raisers, but suggested a steering committee be appointed. Mayor Lyons suggested the steering committee be comprised of Chamber members. Mr. Carter suggested all businesses on the beach and the island contribute part of their proceeds to beach nourishment.

F. Special Event Application 2014 Shrimp Fest – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Edisto Chamber's application for the 2014 Shrimp Fest to be held September 27, 2014 from

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. Lot Line Abandonment – 1507 Jungle Road – Jim and Charlotte Heaton made application to abandon the lot line between property they own at 1507 Jungle Road (Lot D, Block 38) and the adjoining lot (Lot E, Block 38). The Planning Commission recommends this lot line abandonment. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation, seconded by Councilwoman Darby. Councilwoman Hornsby asked Town Attorney Duffie what the advantages were to abandoning a lot line. Mr. Duffie said that it makes the two lots one tract, which gave the homeowners a tax advantage. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Lot Line Abandonment – 5 Heron Court – Michael and Nancy Salas, owners of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 on Heron Cove, made application to abandon the lot lines of the four lots to make one lot. The Salas' house currently sits on Lots 4, 5, and 6, with Lot 7 serving as their yard. Property taxes are currently combined for Lots 4, 5 and 6. The Planning Commission recommends this lot line abandonment. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 vacancy – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application of Joe Dreher for the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals – 5 vacancies – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve advertising the five vacancies on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. This Board appeals decisions made by the Building Code Administrator. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Councilwoman Darby told those in attendance that on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 10:30 – 12:00, volunteers are needed to remove infected leaves from the prickly pear cacti in the State Park. Please meet at the front entrance of the park and wear long pants, long sleeves and gloves and bring bug spray and snips. Please call the State Park if you would like to volunteer. Beach Sweep will be Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Please meet at Beach Access 1. After the Beach Sweep, Councilwoman Darby will be cooking lunch at Picnic Shelter 1 at the State Park. Councilwoman Darby asked that Council hold a special meeting on Wednesday, November 12 beginning after the worksession (approximately 11:00 a.m.).

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the financial report for August, 2014.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	12.54%	16.06%
Water Fund	10.88%	20.87%
Wastewater Fund	11.85%	19.81%

Building

Nancy Fitzgerald, Code Enforcement Officer, gave the report for the month of August 2014.

	Aug-13	Aug-14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$1,078.50	\$1,413.00	\$5,113.50
New Construction Permits	1	0	2
Other Permits	30	15	33
Permit Fees	\$4,577.50	\$901.00	\$7,793.00
Inspections	49	37	105
Bay Creek Park	\$2,290.00	\$2,940.00	\$4,450.00

Fire

Fireman Billy Callahan gave the report for August 2014.

Calls	Aug-13	Aug-14	YTD
Medical	33	44	93
Fire-related	4	5	7
Public Assistance	51	79	162
Beach Wheel Chairs	21	20	46
Water Rescue		4	8

Police

Police Chief Bill Coffey gave the report for August 2014.

	Aug-13	Aug-14	YTD
Citations	39	32	59
Speeding	32	15	24
Warnings	70	146	276
Alarm Calls	16	7	24
Calls for 2 or More Officers	19	11	27
Miles Patrolled	8,845	7,535	15,978
Assaults	0	0	4

Larcenies	7	11	24
Burglaries	1	1	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	139	122	311
Golf Cart Violations	0	3	5
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1743	1791	3198
Open Container	-	4	7
D.U.I.	-	1	2
CDV Arrest	2	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	3

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for August 2014.

	Aug-13	Aug-14	YTD
Pumped MG Water	22.90	22.86	49.71
Treated MG Wastewater	7.29	6.30	14.21
Water Line Repairs	4	3	8
Work Order Repairs	151	120	255

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for August 2014.

	Aug-13	Aug -14	YTD
Mowed Acres	139	100	140
Cleaned Ditches	2754 ft	6,855ft	9,548ft
Roll Carts Delivered	5	16	30

Councilwoman Darby thanked Mr. Doub and Mrs. Hill for their prompt attention to concerns that she and other citizens on the beach have pointed out on the beach.

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Chamber Director, gave the Chamber report for the month of August 2014.

- Mr. Carter thanked Town Council for their support of Business After Hours.
- CNN Travel recently awarded Edisto Beach as one of the "Can't Miss U.S. Beaches"
- Vendor fees for the Shrimp Fest have increased 20% and there will be a \$3.00 per person admittance charge after 5:00 p.m.
- On September 16, 2014 there will be a blood drive at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church in honor of Robert Ruff, father of Councilwoman Patti Smyer.
- The Beach Sweep is September 20th.

- September 22, 2014 is the Unknown Soldiers of Otter Island overview at the Presbyterian Church
- The Art Guild Players will perform at the Civic Center on October 10th and 12th.
- On October 11, 2014 the Art Guild Show and Sale will be held at the Edistonian.
- The Fall Festival will be October 18, 2014.

Public Comment Period

Ida Tipton addressed Council, reminding those in attendance of the Beach Sweep on September 20, 2014. Mrs. Tipton thanked Councilwoman Darby and FRESpace for providing the food for the volunteers. Mrs. Tipton will be stepping down as Director of Keep America Beautiful effective December 31, 2014. An ad has been placed in the Edisto News for a new Director.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Darby moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday, September 5, 2014.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
October 9, 2014