

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	01/04	10:00 am
Council WkSess	01/10	10:00 am
Public Hearing	01/11	1:00 pm
Municipal Court	01/12	2:00 pm
Town Council	01/12	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	01/18	4:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	01/23	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	01/24	5:00 pm

2012 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise posted, 2012 Town Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. You are encouraged to attend these meetings.

January 12	July 12
February 09	August 09
March 08	September 13
April 12	October 11
May 09	November 08
June 14	December 13

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RENTAL/BUSINESS LICENSE

Calendar Year 2012 Rental/Business Licenses renewal applications have been mailed. Completed applications are due on or before March 15, 2012. A 10% penalty per month applies after March 15th so please renew your license before penalty.

If you have any questions call Sara Simpson, Business License Clerk, (843) 869-2505 ext 203.

Water and Sewer 101

What we have.....

The Town operates a water system that consists of 6 groundwater wells, a 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank, a 200,000 gallon ground storage tank, 2 booster pump stations and approximately 26 miles of water lines. The Town serves drinking water to approximately 2,300 customers. The Town also operates a 350,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment lagoon, 13 individual lift stations, and approximately 13 miles of sewer lines. There are approximately 1,000 customers on the Town's sewer system.

Where the money comes from.....

Water and Sewer operate as Enterprise Funds. In governmental accounting, this is a fund that provides goods or services to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting. This basically means that all costs associated with operating and providing water and sewer are paid for by **user fees**. No property taxes or other taxes are used to support this utility. Because the Town has revenue bond debt from 1999, the utility is required by law to operate at a profit.

The Town of Edisto Beach bills every 6 months for water and sewer. Most utilities, like the electric company, bill monthly which makes the charges more manageable from a budget perspective. Charges are based on the amount of the service provided. Edisto Beach bills semi-annually because there are not enough staff to read meters monthly and operate and maintain the system. We are working on providing residents the option of paying the base rate monthly.

How are the charges calculated...

The Town uses a volumetric rate method for calculating water and sewer charges. Water meters are read and the sewer charges are based on the amount of water used. Sewer rates are only applicable if your residence is connected to the Town's sewer system. Septic customers do not pay for sewer. We recommend residents install an irrigation meter for lawn irrigation which is not charged for sewer if served by Town Sewer. Water rate is the same for this service.

The current water rate schedule is designed so that customers are billed for minimum usage of 24,000 gallons over a six month period. An increasing block rate is used for volumes over 24,000 gallons. The current sewer rate schedule is designed for a minimum semi-annual billing of 6,000 gallons. A uniform volumetric rate is used for any volume over 6,000 gallons.

Why is there a minimum charge? A base rate is charged because even if a resident does not use the utility during a billing cycle, there is a cost to maintaining the infrastructure that provides the utility. As a tourist community which has a fluctuating population, this ensures funds are available to provide this service.

Water

Water has a base rate of \$129.23 for 0-24,000 gallons of water which is equivalent to \$21.54 per month for 4,000 gallons of water. Additional thousand gallons of water are charged on a volumetric scale that increases with usage. Residential users pay \$1.44 for each additional thousand gallons of water up to 48,000; \$1.61 per thousand gallons from 48,000 to 72,000; and \$1.80 per thousand gallons over 72,000 gallons of water. Inclining volumetric scales are used to promote conservation. Other customer classifications such as businesses or docks have differing rates. In the most recent water rate study, the median cost for water based on 4,000 gallons of water used per month was \$23.50 for similar water systems.

Sewer

Sewer has a base rate of \$198.45 per 6,000 gallons. A rate of \$3.31 is charged for every 1,000 gallons over 6,000 gallons. For comparison purposes, Edisto Beach’s sewer rate based on a 4,000 gallon monthly equivalent is \$40.95 and the median cost based on the water study is \$30.00 for similar sewer systems.

Revenues and Reserves

Water and sewer rates are based on the total costs of the system, planned capital improvement projects, and anticipated system growth. Basically, on the water side, all residences inside the town limits are on the system. On the sewer side, most residences are not on the system.

Reserve funds are necessary to offset unexpected fluctuations in expenses or revenues. Industry standard recommends a general operating reserve fund that is equivalent to 3 months operating; however, since the Town only bills twice a year, 6-months reserve is prudent.

Finances...

The water budget for FY2011-12 is \$566,816. The water fund has:

Operating and Maintenance Checking Account	\$47,222
Revenue Fund	\$110,174
Local Government Investment Pool Water Revenue (Reserve)	\$305,580
Debt Service Reserve	\$94,935
US Bank Debt Service	\$122,039

Historically, the Town has maintained 6-months operating in reserves or \$283,408. The current balance in reserves is \$305,580. As revenues are received from the semi-annual billings, they are placed in the revenue fund and transferred into the O & M fund as needed for operations. The debt service funds pay for the current revenue bond debt.

Water Renewal and Replacement Fund

LGIP Water Renewal and Replacement	\$58,387
Water Renewal and Replacement Checking	\$39,387

Water R&R funds are used for renewal and replacement to the water system. This fund is used to repair the system and funds are drawn from the R&R fund as repairs or replacements occur. Currently there is a \$97,774 balance in this fund. Typically \$30,000 to \$50,000 is used from this fund annually for renewal and replacement. As the water system ages these expenses are expected to increase.

Equipment/Vehicle Replacement Fund

Water and Sewer Equipment/Vehicle Replacement Checking	\$135,384
Local Government Investment Pool Replacement	\$102,355
Certificate of Deposit	\$151,126

The last fund is the utilities equipment/vehicle replacement fund. This fund has a balance of \$388,866. This fund was established in 1998 so equipment and vehicles could be depreciated annually over the life of the equipment or vehicle. The benefit of having this type of fund is to prevent major impacts to the operating budget for unanticipated equipment replacement.

The Sewer budget for FY2011-12 is \$527,817. The Sewer Fund has:

Sewer Checking Account	\$113,212
LGIP Sewer	\$356,203

The recommended reserve for this utility is \$263,908. Currently the total fund has \$469,415, half of which is considered reserve and half is operating.

Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund

Sewer Renewal and Replacement Checking	\$54,450
LGIP Sewer Renewal and Replacement	\$144,904

Sewer R&R funds, like water R&R funds, are used for renewal and replacement to the sewer system. Currently there is \$199,354 in this fund. According the Capital Improvement Plan for both services, there are needed repairs and projects totaling over \$1.7 million that need to be budgeted and completed.

EDISTO RECIPES



**Eggnog
Cheesecake
Bars**

Crust:

- 1 ¼ cups crushed graham crackers
- 1 ¼ cups crushed gingerbread cookies
- 8 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar

Filling:

- 1 pkg (.25 ounce) unsweetened powdered gelatin
- 2 ½ Tbsp rum
- 2 ½ Tbsp brandy
- 2 cups granulated sugar, divided
- 4 extra large egg yolks
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup whole milk
- 1 8 oz pkg cream cheese
- 1 8 oz container mascarpone cheese
- ¼ tsp nutmeg

Garnish:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp granulated sugar
- Freshly grated nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°. Line 9X13 inch baking pan with parchment paper leaving overhang to allow for easy removal. In bowl of food processor, pulse the graham crackers and gingerbread cookies until finely ground. Add melted butter and brown sugar and pulse to combine. Press

mixture into the prepared baking pan and bake for 15 minutes. Cool to room temperature.

In a small bowl sprinkle gelatin over rum and brandy and set aside. In a separate bowl, whisk together ½ cup granulated sugar and egg yolks. In a medium saucepan, heat cream, milk and remaining 1 ½ cups sugar over medium heat until sugar is dissolved and steam begins to rise. Temper the egg yolk mixture by slowly ladling half of milk mixture into the yolk mixture, whisking constantly. Slowly pour milk-yolk mixture back into saucepan. Continue cooking until the mixture thickens and coats the back of spoon, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk gelatin into milk-yolk mixture. Cool to room temperature, stirring constantly.

Beat cream cheese and mascarpone in bowl until smooth. Gradually add cooled milk-yolk mixture, beating until smooth and whisk in the nutmeg. Pour mixture over cooled crust and chill until set.

Using parchment paper overhang, gently remove and transfer to a cutting surface and cut into 24 bars. In a bowl, beat heavy cream and sugar until soft peaks form. Dollop or pipe whipped cream onto bars and sprinkle with freshly grated nutmeg. Serve chilled. Enjoy!

BEACH COMBER TREASURES



OYSTERS

The word oyster is used as a common name for a number of distinct groups of bivalve mollusks which live in marine or brackish habitats. The valves are highly calcified. Some kinds of oyster are commonly consumed, cooked or raw, by humans. Other kinds, such as pearl oysters, are not. A group of oysters is commonly called a bed or oyster reef.

Oysters are filter feeders, drawing water in over their gills through the beating of cilia. Suspended plankton and particles are trapped in

the mucus of a gill and from there are transported to the mouth where they are eaten and digested. An oyster can filter up to 1.3 gallons of water per hour.

The hard surfaces of oyster shells and the nooks between the shells provide places where a host of small animals can live. Hundreds of animals such as sea anemones, barnacles, and hooked mussels inhabit oyster reefs. Many of these animals are prey to larger animals, including fish such as striped bass, black drum and croakers. An oyster reef can increase the surfaced area of a flat bottom 50 fold. An oyster's mature shape often depends on the type of bottom to which it is originally attached, but it always orients itself with its outer, flared shell tilted upward. One valve is cupped and the other is flat. Common oyster predators include crabs, sea birds, sea stars, and humans. Some oysters contain live crabs known as oyster crabs.

Jonathan Swift is quoted as having said, "He was a bold man that first ate an oyster", but evidence of oyster consumption goes back into prehistory, evidenced by oyster middens found worldwide. Middens testify to the prehistoric importance of oysters as food. Today's popularity of oysters has put ever-increasing demands on wild oyster stocks. This scarcity increased prices, converting them from their original role as working class food to their current status as an expensive delicacy. Oysters are harvested by simply gathering them from their beds. In very shallow waters, they can be gathered by hand or with small rakes. In somewhat deeper water, long-handled rakes or oyster tongs are used to reach the beds.

RENTING YOUR EDISTO BEACH VACATION HOME?



An annual rental business license is required if you receive rental income from your property. The license is required whether property is for rent by owner or if rented through a rental agency. Your agency does not automatically pay this fee for you, so please check with your agency or Town Hall to obtain an application.

Applications are based on the calendar year and expire December 31st of each year.

Also, the Town collects a Local Accommodations Tax Fee for short term rentals; contact Town Hall for details.

MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 P.M.

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Larry "Babe" Hutto 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.*

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2011. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2011. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

Susan Spell from the Edisto Beach State Park thanked Council for the accommodations tax funding the Edisto Beach State Park received to upgrade one of the exhibits at the Environmental Learning Center.

Mayor Lyons informed the audience that he presented Starfish Awards in Wednesday's Council Work Session to Rebecca Brown for receiving her Residential Plumbing Inspector Certification and Chief Bill Coffey for implementing the after-hours phone number at the Police Department.

Mayor Lyons recognized Town employees for the completion of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) 300 & 400 Certifications. These are certifications required for the Town to qualify to receive federal funding in the event of a natural disaster. The following Town employees completed the NIMS 300 Certification in August: Rebecca Brown, Nick Cave, Meagan Chaplin, Bill Coffey, Del Dennis and Councilwoman Susan

Hornsby. The following Town employees completed the NIMS 400 Certification in September: Patrick Brown, Rebecca Brown, Nick Cave, Meagan Chaplin, Bill Coffey, Del Dennis and Councilwoman Susan Hornsby.

Old Business

Approved: Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2011. Request Council consideration and approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2011. These minutes were not approved in the October 13, 2011, Council meeting. Councilman Mann moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2011. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: First Reading of Ordinance #2011-32 to amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code relating to Solid Waste Fees. During the September 8, 2011, Town Council meeting, Council requested Administration look into curbside recycling prior to making a decision on the solid waste rates. Additional direction included that Council wanted to continue to offer residents the option to use the convenience station rather than closing the site.

Republic Services can provide every other week curbside recycling service via a 95 gallon cart at a blended rate of \$4.90/home/month or \$58.80 annually. Republic would provide every other week curbside recycling service during the off-season and every week curbside recycling during the season. This option would also be available for commercial entities within the corporate limits. All recyclables would be placed together in the cart.

This does not address the projected shortfall in revenues for the current solid waste operations. It is projected that expenditures will exceed the budgeted revenues by \$30,000. This in part is due to fuel surcharges that have been higher than anticipated and condominiums converting to curbside waste service.

According to our contract, \$147.60 per unit (house) is charged annually for curbside service. This fee includes municipal solid waste (household garbage), yard trash, white goods and bulky items. Additional units (cans) are billed at half the cost for household garbage collection or \$56.00. In addition, a fuel surcharge is added per month.

The Town's solid waste rate for all units (houses, condos, etc.) is \$137.00. This is a difference of -\$10.60. This rate was maintained in 2010 because 400 condominium units were not receiving curbside service, but were provided access to the convenience station. Over the past 6 months these units have been converting to curbside service.

Currently, the convenience station has:

- 1- 30 yard compactor for household waste @ \$250 monthly rental
 - 1- 40 yard container for yard waste @ \$60 monthly rental
 - 1- 30 yard container for yard waste/construction and demolition @ \$60 monthly rental
 - 1- 40 yard container for cardboard @\$60 monthly rental
 - 1- 20 yard container for metal @ \$40 monthly rental
 - 2- 30 yard containers for recyclables (glass/plastic) (paper) @ \$140 monthly rental
 - Oil recycling (free)
 - 3- 8 yard overflow containers for household waste at no charge
- Each Haul is charged at \$130.00 plus fuel.

In 2010, it cost \$49,817 to operate the convenience station.

Administration met with Republic and are seeking options to scale down the operational costs of the convenience station. According to the finance department, to continue to operate at the same level of service the adjusted rate should be \$162.71 annually (\$13.56 monthly fee) or \$81.35 semi-annually. The difference between the current rate and adjusted rate every six months is \$12.85.

If the public desires to add curbside recycling, the cost would be adjusted to add \$4.90 per month for a new total of \$221.51 (\$18.50/month or \$110.76 semi-annually). The difference between the current rate and total rate every six months is \$42.26. With the Town's online payment, we can offer the public the option to pay monthly.

Option 1 of Ordinance #2011-32 increases the annual rate for garbage service to \$162.71.

Option 2 of Ordinance #2011-32 includes the cost for curbside recycling in the annual rate for garbage service totaling \$221.51.

Councilman Anderson moved to approve option 1 of the first reading of Ordinance #2011-32 to amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town's Code

relating to Solid Waste Fees. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Audit. Ms. Eve McCoy of K. Eve McCoy LLC presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Ms. McCoy began by directing Council to the Independent Auditor's Report. This report is her opinion of the Town's financial statements. Ms. McCoy stated that she gave the Town an unqualified opinion, or a clean opinion of the financial statements, which is the highest opinion that can be given. Next, Ms. McCoy directed Council to page 23, which was the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets for the water and sewer fund. The change in net assets was \$177,313. The Town's bond ordinance requires the water and sewer department to operate at a profit, and the Town was in compliance with this ordinance. Next, Ms. McCoy directed Council to page 19, which is the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for governmental funds, or funds other than the water and sewer funds. She stated that all funds had a good bottom line, and the Town is in good financial shape. Then, she directed Council to page 32, notes to financial statements. Here she describes new categories added to the Town's fund balance. Next, she directed Council to page 50, which is the independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with *Government Auditing Standards*. This states that the Town is in compliance with state and federal laws. Finally, Ms. McCoy directed Council to pages 52 and 53, which is a schedule of findings and responses. Here she discussed the budget amendment due to Colleton County's reassessment and the South Carolina State Budget and Control Board Retirement Systems liability.

Approved: *\$10,000 for Sand Fencing Supplies from Hospitality.* Councilman Hutto moved to approve the use of \$10,000 from the Hospitality Fund for sand fencing supplies and plants. Sand fencing has been instrumental in building dunes during the winter to provide beachfront storm protection. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Councilman Mann was opposed.

Approved: *Public Meeting and Holiday Schedule.* Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Public Meeting and Holiday Schedule for 2012. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: *Dissolution of Bay Creek Park Committee.* In the Bay Creek Park Committee Meeting on November 1, 2011, the committee unanimously approved the dissolution of the Bay Creek Park Committee. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the dissolution of the Bay Creek Park Committee. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: *GEL Engineering, LLC. Technical Service Change Order in the amount of \$6,067.* This Change Order is for additional services related to the Bay Creek Park Voluntary Cleanup Contract which includes: services for a longer construction phase than were originally stated in the contract, services involved with certifications of project close out have taken longer than scheduled, and grant application required more time and effort than was anticipated. This cost is offset by a reduction in the amount paid to Dock and Marine who did not finish the work. The Bay Creek Park committee voted unanimously to approve this change order. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the GEL Engineering, LLC Technical Service Change Order in the amount of \$6,067. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: *First Reading of Ordinance #2011-36 to Repeal, Rescind and Cancel Ordinance #2011-28 Related to Sewer Moratorium.* Ordinance #2011-28 was adopted to halt any new or additional connections to the sewer system that flows through Lift Station B until problems and deficiencies could be evaluated and corrected. This ordinance repeals, rescinds and cancels Ordinance #2011-28, and terminates the sewer moratorium. The Utilities Department has re-evaluated Lift Station B to see how much sand has accumulated since the previous vacuuming and there was only a small accumulation of sand indicating that infiltration is not in sufficient amounts to impact the pumps. The Department will proceed with checking the pipes and the work is going to be performed in-house. Councilman Mann moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2011-36 to Repeal, Rescind and Cancel Ordinance #2011-28 Related to Sewer Moratorium. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approved: *Coastal Science and Engineering for Post-storm Evaluation at a cost of \$7,650 from the Hospitality Fund.* CSE will conduct a land based survey to low tide wading depth along the front beach in order to compare the new numbers to their August survey. This will give the Town an idea of the volume lost over the past three months, including losses due to Hurricane Irene. With this information, CSE can include

recommendations and alternatives regarding what can be done to restore the dune areas that were impacted. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the use of \$7,650 from Hospitality for Coastal Science and Engineering for a post-storm evaluation. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board

Approved: *Lowcountry and Resort Islands Tourism Commission-Promotion of Edisto Beach and the Lowcountry-\$7,500.* The Lowcountry and Resort Islands Tourism Commission requested \$16,200, but after much discussion, the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board unanimously approved funding in the amount of \$7,500. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Accommodations Tax funding application from the Lowcountry and Resort Islands Tourism Commission for the promotion of Edisto Beach and the Lowcountry in the amount of \$7,500. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Approved: *3601 and 3602 Dock Site Road- Lot Line Re-establishment.* Mr. Mike Hutto submitted application for lot line re-establishment at 3601 and 3602 Dock Site Road. Per Chapter 71 of the Town’s Code, the Planning Commission must review and Council must approve plat containing a lot line re-establishment. The Planning Commission passed this item unanimously. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application for lot line re-establishment submitted by Mr. Hutto at 3601 and 3602 Dock Site Road. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Councilwoman Hornsby was opposed.

Approved: *101 Jungle Road- Palmetto Moon Gallery.* Ms. Guilherme submitted an application to open an art gallery at 101 Jungle Road. Per section 86-141 of the Town’s Code, each application for a building permit for new construction, remodeling, or a change in floor plan or for a change in use permit or in change in parking requirements in an area zoned C-3 shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by Town Council. The Planning Commission passed this item unanimously with the understanding that four parking spaces be designated for the Palmetto Moon Gallery. Councilman Mann moved to approve the application submitted by Ms. Guilherme to open an art gallery at 101 Jungle Road. Councilman

Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mayor Lyons stated that the Trick-or-Treat at the Creek was a success, and there were a lot of children and parents that attended. Everyone had a great time.

Financial Report

This report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator for the month ending October 31, 2011.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	25.91 %	34.85 %
Water Fund	24.04 %	32.62 %
Wastewater Fund	19.55 %	29.94 %

Administrator Hill told Council that the South Carolina State Budget and Control Board will be changing the employer retirement contribution rates for 2012 beginning in July 2012 from 9.35% to 10.45% for regular employees and from 11.563% to 11.90% for police and fire employees. The State Budget and Control Board is doing this as a way of reducing the liability they have with the retirement system.

Administrator Hill informed Council and the audience that newly elected officials will take office at the December 8, 2011, Town Council meeting.

Administrator Hill also informed Council and the audience that the Town has found Beach Vitex on the beach. Beach Vitex is an invasive plant, and the Town has an ordinance that prohibits Beach Vitex. The grant to remove Beach Vitex has expired so now it is homeowners’ responsibility to remove the plant. The Town is including information in the November Utility Billing, and sending letters to the homeowners where the Beach Vitex is found. The Town also has a high school student looking for the plant as part of her community service for a school organization.

Police Department Report

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Coffey for the month of October 2011.

	October-10	October-11	YTD
Citations	2	8	50
Speeding	2	4	46

Golf Cart Violations	0	0	5
Property Checks	0	1,571	5,755
Calls for Service	42	84	415
Calls Requiring 2 Officers	7	10	32
Burglary	1	2	5
Larceny	5	3	13
Assaults	0	0	2
Alarms	5	22	84
Traffic Warnings	0	77	454
Patrolled Miles	3,264	8,274	30,380
Criminal Domestic Violence	0	0	3

Medical	13	19	92
Fire-related	5	0	18
Public Assistance	6	7	80
Beach Wheel Chairs	3	3	24

Chief Waddle informed Council and the audience that the Fire Department enjoyed helping out at Trick-or-Treat at the Creek. The Fire Department has responded to several lockouts over the past month. Chief Waddle read a letter from a gentleman from Spartanburg regarding beach wheel chairs. His daughter broke her leg before their vacation in July, and he said the Town's generosity in lending them a beach wheel chair made her vacation much more enjoyable. Repairs on the Town's fire trucks are 90% complete. Chief Waddle told Council that Del Dennis and Nick Cave recently attended some very difficult engineering classes and passed their tests with flying colors. The Fire Department recently had the new air unit delivered, and it is in service at fire station.

Building Department Report

The Building Department Report was presented by Patrick Brown, Building Codes Administrator, for the month of October 2011.

	Oct 10	Oct 11	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$2,784	\$1,650	\$7,275
New Construction Permits		1	2
Other Permits	36	31	88
Permit Fees	\$3,018	\$4,603	\$12,885
Inspections	79	103	369

Mr. Brown informed Council and the audience that all commercial businesses with a storefront within the Town are required to have an annual fire inspection, and this inspection has to be completed in order for them to renew their business licenses. When business license renewals were mailed, all businesses received the fire inspection letter, but it only applies to people with a storefront within the Town.

Councilwoman Hornsby stated that the TIDE Committee is planning a work day at the Jungle Road Park at beginning of year. She also stated that the TIDE committee is planning a sand fencing day that is yet to be determined.

Edisto Chamber of Commerce

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

Fire Department

The fire department report for the month of October 2011 was given by Fire Chief Larry Waddle.

Calls	October-10	October-11	YTD
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Utilities Department

The Utilities Department report for the month of October 2011 was given by Bob Doub, the Utilities Director.

	Oct-10	Oct-11	YTD
Pumped MG Water	17.77 MG	15.52 MG	94.31 MG
Treated MG Wastewater	4.16 MG	3.89 MG	25.38 MG
Water Line Repairs	108	105	218
Work Order Repairs	63	105	284

Mr. Doub reported that the Utilities Department has been busy reading meters. He also reported that Holiday Services completed the Town's annual fire hydrant flow testing and maintenance, and that all hydrants are in good working order with sufficient flow to fight fires. The Utilities Department is working on monthly maintenance of lift stations, generators, wells and equipment.

Public Works

This report was presented by the Utilities Director, Bob Doub for the month of October 2011.

	Oct-10	Oct-11	YTD
Mowed Acres	32.31	57.60	149.56
Cleaned Ditches (miles)	1.37	4	10,607
Roll Carts Delivered	6	4	37

Mr. Doub reported that during the month of October the Public Works Department replaced one sign, repaired one pot hole and cleaned all beach accesses. They have been getting ready for the holiday season by checking and replacing light bulbs in the pole lighted decorations and the Nativity scene.

Signed in to Speak

There was no one signed in to speak.

Councilman Hutto moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, November 4, 2011.