

MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2019
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 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, Susan Hornsby, Jerome Kizer and Patti Smyer, Council Members. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Pledge and Invocation

Councilwoman Smyer led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2019 - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes from the November 14th meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards – Mayor Darby recognized Corey Merritt for sand blasting and painting the streetlight Christmas decorations at no charge. The following Town Hall employees were recognized for their help in getting the Christmas lights and decorations prepared and erected: Morgan Viars, Iris Hill, Mark Aakhus, Deborah Hargis, Paul Otte, Marshall Horstmann, Pete Lala, Alfred Meggett, Julian “Hoss” Meggett, Axavier Wright and Patrick Zemp.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-26 to Grant to Dominion Energy, South Carolina, Inc., its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right, power and authority to erect and to install, maintain and operate on, along, across, in, over, above, upon and under the streets, alleys and other public places of the Town: (1) Electric Lines, poles, wires, guys, push braces, transformers, appurtenant facilities; and (2) communication lines and facilities for any purpose and any use by the company or any designee, together with any necessary right of access thereto, for such period as the same is needed by the company to render service to its customers in the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina, from those facilities; to set the amount of franchise fees to be paid by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. to the Town; if so required, to levy franchise fees on third parties selling electricity using the company’s electric systems; to allow for the establishment of a fund and underground utility districts for electric non-standard service; be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Edisto Beach in Town Council assembled – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-26, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-27 to Grant to Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., the non-exclusive right, power, and authority to erect and to install, maintain, and operate in, over, under, and upon the streets, alleys, and public places of the Town of Edisto Beach, its electric lines, poles, wires, guys, push braces, and appurtenant electric distribution facilities, whether used to

render service to the Town or not, together with any necessary right of access thereto, for such period as the same are needed by the cooperative to render electric service to its customers in the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina; also to set amount of the franchise fee to be paid by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., to the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-27, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved unanimously.

C. Deer Study Results – Mayor Darby told those in attendance that the study done last month by Folk Land Management, Inc. showed that “from a biological perspective the deer are in good health and there is an absence of any signs of a major habitat destruction from over-population. Public safety issues by professional officials are not...at a high level of concern. Based upon our conversations, landscape damage by deer in certain areas of the town is a homeowner concern...I recommend that the Town discourage (or prohibit) the feeding of deer and other wildlife (except bird feeders) and encourage homeowners to landscape with plants that are resistant to deer browsing. These two steps could help alleviate some problems. I also recommend that the Town continue to monitor the deer herd on a routine basis through annual (or biannual) spotlight surveys.” Councilwoman Smyer moved to continue to monitor the deer population as recommended, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Bank Depository Agreement – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve extending the bank services agreement with Enterprise Bank of SC for an additional two years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

B. Award of RFQ 2019-06 Parks Recreations Trails Master Plan – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the award of RFQ 2019-06 to Toole Design Group, LLC and to authorize the Assistant Town Administrator to negotiate and execute said agreement for a cost not to exceed \$59,375. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus thanked Sue Keith, who was in attendance, for her assistance in securing grant support from the Legislative Delegation.

C. Coastal Water Level Monitoring System for South Carolina – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Town’s participation in the South Carolina Beach Advocates partnership with Schmidt Marine Technology Partners to fund half the cost of five (5) water level gauges to achieve increased coverage of water level (tide) gauges along the SC coast to supplement the NOAA gauges improving water level predications. The cost to participate is \$500 to be paid from local accommodations funds. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

D. 2020 Red Cross Blood Drive Date Requests – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the request from the Red Cross to hold blood drives at the Edisto Beach Civic Center with fees waived on the following dates: January 21, May 19, July 14 and October 13, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

A. The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Elizabeth Daise to fill the vacancy on the TIDE Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial, FOIA and Facebook reports for the month ending November 30, 2019.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	23.44%	35.09%
Water Fund	3.53%	32.69%
Wastewater Fund	2.28%	32.93%

There was one Freedom of Information Act request during the month of November from Jimmy King. The Facebook page has 17,081 followers.

Building

Building Official Patrick Brown gave the Building Department report for the month of November 2019.

	November-18	November - 19	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$3,200.88	\$3,825.40	\$5,697.88
New Construction Permits	2	1	4
Other Permits	28	22	121
Permit Fees	\$7,345.50	\$3,680.00	\$25,697.88
Inspections	60	67	243

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the Fire Department report for November 2019.

Calls	November - 18	November -19	YTD
Medical	24	14	107
Fire-related	18	7	73
EMS/Misc	46	27	214
Beach Wheel Chairs	3	5	65
Water Rescue	0	0	6

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2019.

	November -18	November - 19	YTD
Miles Patrolled	10,567	11,389	44,600
Incidents & Calls for Service	40	69	626
Property Checks		1,019	4,115
Town Parking Tickets	1,410	9	305

Utilities

Utilities Director Patrick Zemp gave the Utilities Department report for November 2019.

	November-18	November -19	YTD
Pumped MG Water	8.90	11.53	58.21
Treated MG Wastewater	3.83	2.98	10.3
Water Line Repairs	4	3	19
Work Order Repairs	45		123

Public Works

Patrick Zemp gave the Public Works report for the month ending November 30, 2019. The Public Works Department has been busy with routine maintenance of all town roads, rights-of-way, sidewalks, bike paths and parks. They assisted with the Christmas decorations and performed regular trash can work orders. They also cleaned up the town convenience station after it was misused after Thanksgiving.

Edisto Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Lisa Harrell gave the Chamber report for November 2019.

- The Christmas Market & Mingle has been relocated from Bay Creek Park to the Civic Center due to the weather. It will be Friday, December 13, 2019 from noon – 7:00 p.m. There will be 35 vendors, food, music, and Santa will be there.
- On Saturday, December 14th the Christmas Parade will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Palmetto Boulevard. There are 27 entries.
- The Annual Benefit Auction & BBQ Buffet will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ella & Ollie's to benefit Ellie Wilson.
- The works of artist Dianne Leake are on display at the Edisto Island Museum through December 28th.
- The first blood drive of 2020 will take place on January 21, 2020 at the Civic Center from 10:00 – 6:00.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

The media/public was notified of the date, place and time of the meeting on Friday, December 6, 2019.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

January 9, 2020