

MINUTES
JULY 8, 2021
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, Jerome Kizer, Robert Renner, and Patti Smyer, Council Members. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilman Renner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

- A. **Public Hearing Minutes, June 10, 2021** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021, public hearing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore which was unanimously approved.
- B. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2021** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021, regular Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Renner which was unanimously approved.

Presentations and Proclamations

- A. Starfish Awards
 - a. Mayor Darby presented a Starfish Award to Angela Davis for developing a monthly insurance update to provide information to the Town employees.
 - b. Mayor Darby presented a Starfish Award to Assistant Fire Chief Chris Nash for pressure washing Town Hall. Chief Conley accepted on his behalf.
 - c. Mayor Darby presented a Starfish Award to Chief Conley for stripping and repainting fire hydrants to increase their longevity.
 - d. Mayor Darby presented Starfish Awards to Paul Otte, Marshall Horstmann, and Mark Aakhus for cordoning off beach plantings. Mr. Otte, Mr. Horstmann, and Mr. Aakhus were absent. Mayor Darby asked Ms. Davis to make sure the three Town employees received their award.
 - e. Mayor Darby presented a Starfish Award to Kelly Moore for coordinating the USS Edisto Dedication ceremony. Ms. Moore was absent, and Mayor Darby asked Ms. Davis to make sure Ms. Moore received her award.
 - f. Mayor Darby presented Starfish Awards to Addison Reeley and Tyler Phillips for assisting a person who fell into the water off Dock Site Rd. Mr. Reeley and Mr. Phillips received their award from Mayor Darby.
 - g. Mayor Darby presented Starfish Awards to Joan Petrucci and Julie Fisher for using a garden hose to put out a fire that started in a planter in Wyndham. Ms. Petrucci accepted her award and Ms. Fisher's award on her behalf.

- h. Mayor Darby presented a Starfish Award to Officer David McWatters for exceptional service.

Old Business

- A. **Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved.** - Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-13 temporary moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-20 to Repeal Section 82-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach entitled "Limitations of Water Use."** - Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-20 to repeal section 82-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach entitled "Limitations of Water Use." Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-21 to Amend Section 82-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach Entitled "Utility Fees" to add Subsection (h) entitled "Water Leak Adjustments."** - Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-21 to amend section 82-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach entitled "Utility Fees" to add subsection (h) entitled "Water Leak Adjustments." Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **US Army Corps of Engineers-Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project** - Mayor Darby read a letter that she wrote to Lieutenant Colonel Honderd from the US Army Corps of Engineers and asked for Council's approval of the letter. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve that the letter written by Mayor Darby to Lieutenant Colonel Honderd regarding the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. Councilman Renner seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Moore mentioned that this was the natural next move to proceed with the project. Chairman Dallas Lovelace of the Beachfront Management Committee also reported to the Council regarding the Beachfront Management Committee's suggestion on the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. Mr. Lovelace informed the Council that the Committee thought this was the best option for the Town and mentioned that the Committee had also moved to request that Town Council sign the agreement with US Army Corps of Engineers to advance the beach renourishment project without a referendum, which was approved in the Beachfront Management Committee meeting 6-1. Paul Oakley stood up and stated he was the one that made the original motion in the Beachfront Management Committee meeting on June 23, 2021. Mr. Oakley also told Council that the project may be an expense now but would be worth the preservation of the beach and the community. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

- A. **The Image and Design of Edisto Committee (TIDE)** - Mayor Darby stated that the Council had discussed the request for a Town APP at the work session that was held on July 6, 2021, and that the Council thought the chamber did a good job at promoting recreation, activities, and special events. Mayor Darby also discussed the upcoming constant changes in recreation due to the 2021 Recreation Plan and mentioned the issues of expense and maintenance that would come along with an APP for the Town. Mayor Darby asked Councilman Kizer as the liaison for the Chamber of Commerce if he would work with the Chamber of Commerce to collaborate on their website

and not an APP. Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to request that Councilman Kizer be involved in the collaboration along with the Chamber of Commerce to update the website. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- B. **South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice Memorandum of Agreement** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice Memorandum of Agreement. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Roll in/Roll out Garbage Service Extension** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the roll in/roll out garbage service extension with Lyons Contracting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- D. **Indigent Defense Extension** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the Indigent Defense extension. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- E. **Dominion LED Conversion Project** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Dominion LED Conversion Project, if an agreement could be successfully negotiated with Dominion. Councilman Renner seconded the motion. Councilwoman Smyer mentioned that the LED turtle friendly lights illuminated the streets well. Administrator Hill also informed the Council that the LED lights had been placed at 3207 Myrtle St., 1615 Lybrand St., and 107 Jungle Rd. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.
- F. **Memorials** – Mayor Darby asked for Council’s approval to defer the discussion of memorials until August. Mayor Darby explained that the Town needed more time to discuss planning and cost of items needed. Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to defer the discussion of memorials until August. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- G. **RFP No. 2021-07 Grading Contract Services Award** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve RFP No. 2021-07 grading contract services award to Westbank Construction and for the Town Administrator to execute the agreement. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- H. **Project Lifesaver** – Mayor Darby stated that Council made a distinction during the work session that was held on July 6, 2021, that the Project Lifesaver transmitters would only be given to those who had a medical condition or special disability. Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the funding of Project Lifesaver. Councilman Renner seconded the motion. Councilman Renner also stated that he thought the benefits to this project were well above the investment. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

- A. **Water and Sewer Committee – 1 vacancy** – Mayor Darby stated that one application was submitted for the vacancy and would be added to the August Town Council agenda for approval.
- B. **Town Hall Complex Design Committee – 1 vacancy** – The Town will continue to advertise for this position.

Planning Commission –

- A. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 To Amend Section 86-3 and Sections 86-212 through 86-215 of Article V Entitled “Signs” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach** – item was deferred for discussion in executive session.
- B. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-14 To Amend Section 86-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach to Include the Definition of “Recreational Vehicle” and to Repeal and Replace Section 86-183 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach.** – item was deferred for discussion in executive session.

Departmental Reports

Administration

| | Received | Spent |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| General Fund | 86.80% | 82.74% |
| Water Fund | 80.77% | 93.44% |
| Wastewater Fund | 79.67% | 86.64% |

Freedom of Information Act Requests

During the month of June 2021, the Town of Edisto Beach received two (2) Freedom of Information Act requests. One request was directed to the Building Department and one request was directed to the Police Department.

Chamber of Commerce

| | June 2020 | June 2021 | YTD |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Visitor Packets Mailed | 500 | 1562 | 3934 |
| Newsletter Subscribers | 38 | 22 | 1328 |
| Website – New Users | 3912 | 6004 | 44473 |

Building

| | June 2020 | June 2021 | YTD |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Business/Rental License Fees | \$109,135.87 | \$55,626.49 | \$403,986.03 |
| New Construction Permits | 0 | 4 | 29 |
| Other Permits | 21 | 30 | 378 |
| Permit Fees | \$2,170.50 | \$13,714.50 | \$132,379.00 |
| Inspections | 52 | 88 | 833 |

Fire

| Calls | June 2020 | June 2021 | YTD |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Medical | 29 | 24 | 172 |
| Fire-Related | 3 | 2 | 15 |
| EMS/Misc. | 37 | 21 | 208 |
| Beach Wheelchairs | 10 | 21 | 60 |
| Water Rescue | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Welfare Checks | 3 | 0 | 41 |

Police

| | June 2020 | June 2021 | YTD |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Miles Patrolled | 9,945 | 8,521 | 115,329 |
| Incidents & Calls for Service | 187 | 322 | 3172 |
| Property Checks | 935 | 600 | 10,743 |
| Town Parking Tickets | 262 | 119 | 816 |

Utilities

| | June 2020 | June 2021 | YTD |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Pumped MG Water | 22.98 | 23.9 | 206.05 |
| Treated MG Wastewater | 3.22 | 3.86 | 43.76 |
| Water Line Repairs | 6 | 1 | 44 |
| Work Order Repairs | 41 | 41 | 407 |

Public Works

During the month of June 2021, the Public Works Department worked on cleaning beach accesses and the Civic Center. The department had 30 trash can work orders and 25 street sign work orders. Public Works continued their summer mowing schedule.

Special Projects

| | June 2020 | June 2021 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Edisto Civic Center | No activity reported in June 2020 | \$2,041.50 |
| Bay Creek Park | No activity reported in June 2020 | \$2,700.00 |

In the month of June 2021, the Edisto Civic Center had 5 events. The Edisto Civic Center Facebook page has received 1,145 likes and 1,203 followers.

In the month of June 2021, Bay Creek Park had 1 event. The Bay Creek Park Facebook page has received 3,610 likes and 3,750 followers.

The Keep Edisto Beautiful Facebook page has 931 likes, and 991 followers. The Edisto Beach Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival Facebook page has 1,610 likes and 1,662 followers.

Public Comment

Mayor Darby asked Sue Keith to introduce herself to the audience. Ms. Keith works for the Legislative Delegation Office in Colleton County. Ms. Keith informed the audience that if anyone had any general questions, whatever it may be, to please contact her and she would do her best to get an answer. Ms. Keith's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Mayor Darby also asked Chelsea Ward Harrison, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, to give an update on the Chamber summer progress. Ms. Harrison discussed the year end Chamber success and mentioned the upcoming events, Movies in The Park, and the Edisto Art Guild.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to enter into executive session. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

- A. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to Census Count Resolution, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)**
- B. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to Carla DuPre and Jasper Varn, III v. Town of Edisto Beach, Board of Zoning Appeals, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2).**
- C. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to Ordinance No. 2021-01, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)**
- D. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to Ordinance No. 2021-14, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2)**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to exit executive session. Councilman Renner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Darby stated that no items discussed in executive session needed action.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Renner, and unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk

August 12, 2021