

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2023. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Presentations

Ceremonial Swearing-In for Greg Poole, Police Officer

Mayor Moore officiated at the ceremonial swearing-in of Greg Poole, who graduated from the SC Justice Academy on August 25, 2023. Mr. Poole is now a police officer with the Edisto Beach Police Department.

Starfish Awards

Mr. Robert Pratt was presented with a Starfish Award for his work on the ATAX Committee. He served from July 2017 to August 2023. Mr. Pratt's contributions as a member of this committee have been invaluable, and he has given his time, expertise, and energy for the betterment of Edisto Beach. On behalf of Council, Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Pratt for his years of service and dedication.

Mr. Patrick Brown was presented with a Starfish Award for his planning, organization, and execution of a handicap ramp for an Edisto Beach resident. Patrick went above and beyond with his guidance and support to ensure the project was done in a timely manner. The Edisto Beach Mission Team extended a special thank you to Mr. Brown for his efforts and nominated him for a Starfish Award. On behalf of Council, Mayor Moore congratulated Patrick on his dedicated work on behalf of our residents.

Public Comment Period

Sharon Etheridge, 113 Palmetto Boulevard, addressed Council regarding McConkey’s Jungle Shack and the noise ordinance.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-13 Temporary Moratorium to be reviewed every 30 days until resolved. Construction of Pump Station B is complete. Pump Station A bid specifications have been prepared and are under preliminary review by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority. The Town received \$8,904,385 in SCIIP grant funding as well as \$500,000 from RIA grant funding to be used as matching funds for the SCIIP grant. The amount of grant funds received will be sufficient to allow the town to make the necessary upgrades to the Wastewater System which will allow the Town to lift the sewer moratorium.

New Business

Award of Contract to West Bank Construction for Beach Sandscraping. Council was asked to consider and approve for the Town Administrator to negotiate an agreement with West Bank Construction for beach sandscraping along portions of the front beach. Sand will be scraped from the low side of the beach and pushed toward beachfront houses to build a protective dune. This agreement is per the Town of Edisto Beach Emergency Procurement, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-223. This work will be paid from the General Fund Contingency Account which has a balance of \$212,452 and will not exceed \$20,000. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve for the Town Administrator to negotiate an agreement with West Bank Construction for beach sandscraping in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Award of Second Extension to DM’s Cleaning Service for Town Hall Cleaning. Council was asked to consider and approve a second extension to DM’s Cleaning Service for Town Hall cleaning. This contract extension period is from October 19, 2023, through October 20, 2024. This is the second of four extensions permitted under the current contract. Mr. Renner made a motion, to approve the second extension to DM’s Cleaning Service for Town Hall cleaning. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Award of First Extension to Lyons Contracting for Garbage Container Roll-out/Roll-In Services Contract. Council was asked to consider and approve the first extension to Lyons Contracting Service for Garbage Container Roll-Out and Roll-In for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. This is the first of four extensions permitted under the current contract. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the first extension to Lyons Contracting for garbage container roll-out/roll-in services contract. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Proposal for Deer Spotlight Survey. Council was asked to consider and approve an agreement with Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC, for three (3) nights of deer spotlight surveys, in the amount of \$1,500, in order to estimate the deer density in the Town of Edisto Beach. This expenditure will be paid from the Capital Improvements Project Account which has a balance of \$476,465. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the proposal for deer spotlight survey in the amount of \$1500. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Committees – Approval of Appointments

Town Council received application for the committee vacancies as noted below. Council voted by ballot, and the following individuals received majority votes. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the committee appointments as noted below. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts.

Yeas: Mayor Moore, Mr. Kizer, Mr. Watts, Mr. Bagwell

Nays: None

Recused: Mr. Renner

- Zoning Board of Appeals (Two Vacancies):
 - Stephanie Renner
 - Ron Scroggy

- Construction Board of Appeals (Two Vacancies):
 - Stanley Hergott
 - P. Kenneth Huggins, Jr.

Special Event Applications

Trick or Treat on the Creek (Town of Edisto Beach), October 31, 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve the Trick or Treat on the Creek event on October 31, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach. Approximately 400 individuals are expected to attend this event. Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the Trick or Treat on the Creek event on October 31, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

Edisto Island Triathlon, November 11, 2023. Request Council consideration and approval of the Edisto Island Triathlon, sponsored by The Tri Guys, on November 11, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. The event course will be on Edisto Beach and Edisto Island. Post-event festivities will take place at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 250 individuals are expected at this event. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the Edisto Island Triathlon on November 11, 2023. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

2023 Edisto Beach Road Race (Edisto Chamber of Commerce), November 18, 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve the 2023 Edisto Beach Road Race sponsored by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce on November 18, 2023, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. The event will begin and end at Wyndham Recreation Center. Approximately 100 participants are expected at this event. Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the 2023 Edisto Beach Road Race on November 18, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

Community Social Event at Bay Creek Park, November 24, 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve a community social event, organized by Gloria Randall and Jamie Drayton, on November 24, 2023. The event will be held at Bay Creek Park from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. Approximately 400 individuals are expected at this event. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the community social event for November 24, 2023. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

33rd Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade (Edisto Chamber of Commerce), December 9, 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve special event application for the 33rd Annual Edisto

Beach Christmas Parade sponsored by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce on December 9, 2023, from 2:00-2:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the 500 block of Palmetto and will end past the EnMarket Convenience Store. Approximately 200 participants are expected for this event. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the special event application for the Edisto Beach Christmas Parade on December 9, 2023. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

McConkey’s Jungle Shack, Fall Live Music Series, October 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve the special event application submitted by McConkey’s Jungle Shack for the Fall Live Music Series, to be held weekends at the restaurant during the month of October 2023 from 5:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the special event application request from McConkey’s Jungle Shack for the October 2023 Fall Live Music Series, and Mr. Kizer seconded the motion. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion, and the motion was defeated as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Bagwell

Nays: Mayor Moore, Mr. Kizer, Mr. Renner, Mr. Watts
(Motion defeated.)

Council Time

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bagwell who welcomed new granddaughter Ramona into the family!

Mr. Watts reported the Vaccine Clinic held earlier in the day was very successful, and the next one is scheduled for October 12 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Moore expressed the Council’s condolences to Mr. Patrick Brown whose sister Deb passed away earlier in the week.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

Building

	August 2022	August 2023	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$13,187.59	\$16,298,68	\$33,481.19
New Construction Permits	1	0	9
Other Permits	26	35	67
Permit Fees	\$7,714.00	\$6,558.50	\$27,311
Inspections	100	119	171

Fire

	August 2022	August 2023	YTD
Calls			
Medical	20	32	70
Fire-Related	3	1	8
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	33	19	30
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	28	52	97

Police

	August 2022	August 2023	YTD
Miles Patrolled	8,151	9,223	19,949
Incidents & Calls for Service	195	224	527
Property Checks	1014	1,418	2759
Town Parking Tickets	163	99	342

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	August 2022	August 2023	YTD
Pumped MG Water	20.8	21.2	47.7
Treated MG Wastewater	3.3	4.9	10.6
Water Line Repairs	2	5	6
Work Order Repairs	24	56	93

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	18.36%	17.33%
Water Fund	17.41%	20.41%
Wastewater Fund	18.86%	15.82%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	August 2022	August 2023	YTD
Number of Requests	20	8*	67

*4 Building Requests, 4 Administration/Fire Dept Requests

Administration

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

- The Town submitted an RIA grant application in the amount of \$1 million for automated meter readers. This will supplement the \$500,000 earmarked by the General Assembly this year.
- We conducted a pre-construction meeting with our Jungle Road Park Bathroom contractors.
- We are approximately 65% complete on the Arc/Billow Street Project and substantial completion is expected mid-October if the weather cooperates.
- The Lagoon Study is progressing and the water flow in the lagoons is being monitored. One of the next steps will be to arrange a public engagement meeting on the subject.
- The revised floor design of the Town Hall/EOC Project is due on September 22nd; the sprinkler system for the Fire Department is out for bid.
- We are working on a schedule for public meetings in late October or early November regarding the USACE project.
- Extra debris from the storm is being picked up over the next couple days by Republic Services.
- Mosquito spraying will begin on September 14.
- The Town's Administration replied to four (4) FOIA requests during August.

Executive Session

Mr. Kizer made a motion to go into Executive Session for the following item and this item only: *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 S C Code §30-4-70(A)(2)*. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously. Council entered into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

Open Session

At 7:06 p.m., Mr. Kizer made a motion to exit Executive Session and enter Open Session. Mr. Renner seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.


No further action was taken in Open Session.

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 adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
October 12, 2023