

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
OCTOBER 12, 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. Watts led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2023. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and unanimously approved.

Presentations

Starfish Award

Ms. Marie Bost was recognized with a Starfish Award for her work as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, having served from September of 2016 to September 2023. Her diligence and participation are commendable. Mayor Moore mentioned that Ms. Bost was unable to attend the meeting and presented the award to Councilman Kizer on her behalf.

Rosenblum Coe Architects, New EOC/Town Hall

Mr. Ryan Lewis, with Rosenblum Coe Architects presented an update on the new EOC and Town Hall. He presented a video of the project, and photos showing the appearance of the interior and exterior of the building. He noted they are working on several design options during this preliminary phase and are open to input from Council members and the Administration prior to finalizing the plans. In an effort to utilize the Town's space the existing Town Hall will be renovated to mirror the new facility and will house the Police Department. The Fire Department will expand into the existing Police Department. Safety, cost, and workability are all being considered. A cost estimate is done at the end of each phase in order to keep costs within budget. The money for this project was approved by a referendum for the Colleton County Capital Project Sales Tax. This was an extension of the penny sales tax which was approved in 2014.

Public Comment Period

Sue Keith, the Colleton County Delegation Director, commented that 2024 will be a busy year and even though the delegation is out of session they are still working.

Tonya McIntyre, the Director of Community Outreach for Charleston County, presented the inaugural issue of the CCSD D23 Community Connection newsletter. She commended and thanked the Town of Edisto Beach for their support of Jean Edwards School.

Councilman Handy Miles, Jr. and Ms. JohnQuetta Mungin from the Town of Hollywood, S.C., remarked that the small towns of the St Paul District need to collaborate together for the betterment of these communities.

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

Approval of Bid for Jenkins Street Resurfacing. Request Council consideration and approval for the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Steed Paving for Jenkins Street Resurfacing in the amount of \$47,000 to be paid from General Fund Capital Improvement Projects, which has a balance of \$322,181., Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Steed Paving for Jenkins Street Resurfacing, in the amount of \$47,000 Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Sales Order and Lease Agreement for Copier. Council was asked to consider and approve for the Town Administrator to sign a Sales Order and Lease Agreement with Carolina Business Equipment for a new copier for Town Hall. The lease and monthly service fee will be \$311.40 plus tax, for a term of 60 months, and will be paid from the Office Machines and Software Account. This product and service was procured under South Carolina State Contract. Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve for the Town Administrator to sign a Sales Order and Lease Agreement for a new copier for Town Hall for the monthly fee of \$311.40 plus tax, for a term of 60 months. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Committees-Approval of Vacancy Advertisement. Town Council was asked to consider and approve the advertisement of one vacancy for the TIDE Committee due to Gary Cantrell's term expiring on November 1, 2023. Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the advertisement for the vacancy on the TIDE Committee. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Applications.

Christmas Tree Lighting, November 26, 2023, Bay Creek Park. Council was asked to consider and approve the Christmas Tree Lighting to be held on November 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach, and held at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 150 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the Christmas Tree Lighting at Bay Creek Park. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market, November 22, 2023. Council was asked to consider and approve the Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market to be held on November 22, 2023, at Bay Creek Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. This event is sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach and approximately 150 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market, to be held on November 22, 2023. Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Holiday Mix & Mingle. Council was asked to consider and approve the Holiday Mix & Mingle, sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach. The event will be held at Bay Creek Park on December 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and approximately 100 individuals are expected to attend. Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the Holiday Mix & Mingle event on December 8, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Time

Mr. Watts reported the Vaccine Clinic held earlier in the day was very successful, and the next clinic will be scheduled in a few weeks.

Mayor Moore stated that last weekend’s Fall Festival was a huge success. The turtle auction raised over \$97,000 for local charities. He thanked the Town and staff for working together to make this so successful. He also mentioned everyone is looking forward to the upcoming BBQ Festival, and he is anticipating a large turn-out.

Mayor Moore mentioned that due to the upcoming election, the November 7, 2023, Work Session will be moved to November 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Department Reports

The following reports were presented to Council

Building

	September 2022	September 2023	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$10,930.42	\$6,234.73	\$39,715.92
New Construction Permits	3	4	8
Other Permits	33	31	98
Permit Fees	\$15,173.50	\$20,601.50	\$47,912.50
Inspections	102	80	251

Fire

	September 2022	September 2023	YTD
Calls			
Medical	14	21	91
Fire-Related	4	1	9
EMS/Misc. (includes alarms, hazmat, public assist, water rescue, etc.)	30	10	40
Public Service (includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)	20	54	151

Chief Conley also reported the following items:

- There were 43 station visits with children.
- Assistant Fire Chief Sallenger and Fire Engineer Kizer attended the Marine Rescue Crew Member School.

Police

	September 2022	September 2023	YTD
Miles Patrolled	9,687	9,769	29,718
Incidents & Calls for Service	160	194	721
Property Checks	944	1,638	4,397
Town Parking Tickets	67	59	401

Chief Seyle also reported on the following items:

- Officer Poole has completed his training and is working independently.
- Chief Seyle recently attended the MASC meeting in Columbia where he was asked to serve on the MASC Law Enforcement Risk Reduction Guidelines Committee.
- Chief Seyle reminded everyone to secure their property in light of the recent break ins.

Utilities

MG (Million gallons)	September 2022	September 2023	YTD
Pumped MG Water	16.8	17.0	64.7
Treated MG Wastewater	3.7	4.6	15.3
Water Line Repairs	7	2	6
Work Order Repairs	37	41	134

Mr. Zemp also reported on the following items:

- Mr. Paul Otte attended Waste Treatment School.
- The quarterly inspection and clean out is complete and they continue to assist Republic picking up the remaining debris from hurricane Idalia.
- They are looking at street signage and ways to make them more tamper resistant.

Fund Information

Fund	Received	Spent
General Fund	28.28%	26.22%
Water Fund	24.98%	25.26%
Wastewater Fund	26.13%	21.84%

Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

	September 2022	September 2023	YTD
Number of Requests	8	8*	75

*4 Building Requests, 4 Administration/Police Dept Requests

Administration

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

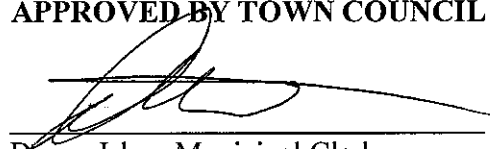
- We held a pre-bid meeting with interested vendors on October 11 for Pump Station A. The bids are due by October 25, 2023.
- The Arc/Billow Street project is nearing completion.
- The Lagoon study is still progressing, and there is nothing new to report at this time.
- The sprinkler system bid for the Fire Department had no response so we will look to rebid the project.
- The USACE informational meeting with beachfront owners will be held on October 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., and the public meeting will be held on November 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m..
- The ospreys have vacated the Verizon tower so they can begin working on it to improve the reception on the island.
- The contractor is mobilizing for the Jungle Road bathroom project.

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 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
November 9, 2023