

January 19, 2016

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem
Sarah Church, Councilmember
Mark Howard, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember
Susan Middaugh, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were six members in the audience, including one member of the media. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilmember Clark. After the invocation, Mayor O'Neil read the list of seventeen Islanders who passed away in 2015, and asked for a moment of silence. Those who passed away in 2015 were: Lawrence Logan Dodds, Lucas Bennett Cavanaugh, Joy Truesdale, John Hiers Kizer, June Smith Schirmer, Raymond Stokes Soubeyroux, Roven Jones Hazel, Arthur I. Sarnoff, Lt. Col. William "Bill" David Booth, Nicholas "Nick" Varney Murphy, Edward Theodore Grisillo, Harold Wade, Wilbur Frank "Butch" Benton, Hugo E. Tezza, Helen C. Spell, William "Red" J. Wood, Jr., and Della McGoldrick Zeigler.

I. FORMAT – Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for comments.

Scott Hansen, 2420 Jasper, stated his one year old puppy was killed over the weekend by coyotes. He urged Council to consider more aggressive action toward the coyotes.

Steve Poletti, 1771 Atlantic Avenue, stated he heard packs of howling coyotes last night. Part of the problem is the non-management of the underbrush in the accreted land; and the current accreted land management plan is inadequate.

Council agreed to discuss Public Safety Committee items at this time, due to the nature of these comments.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered. Councilmember Clark stated the Police Department put out box traps, cameras to track coyote movement, and allowed private trapping to property owners. Police Chief Howard stated the box traps were unsuccessful, shooting was not recommended because it is unsafe; and the leg hold method could possibly endanger small pets or children. Councilmember Clark suggested the Town could offer property owners the option to use a trapper on their private property, to be funded by the Town.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Council Minutes – Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to have Second Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2015-11, An Ordinance Amending Section 2-27 Administration, of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan’s Island, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Administrator’s Report

General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received from Scott Hansen and Danielle White concerning the coyotes, and from Laura Dargan regarding the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center grant application for structure assessment.

Construction Projects – The Town Hall/Police Station Building framing will soon be complete, and a topping out ceremony will be held. The Town processed pay application six from Hill Construction in the amount of \$159,774.72.

Parking Plan – Staff will be using data provided by Stantec to complete the 2016 summer parking plan.

Boardwalks – Boardwalk repairs necessitated by October flooding at Stations 18, 22 and 25 have been completed. The boardwalk installation at Sullivan’s Island Elementary School, funded by Charleston County, began on January 18, 2016 with a 10 day construction period.

DHEC-OCRM Grant Application – A grant application was recently submitted for an award of \$12,500 for coastal access improvement. These funds could be combined with other grant funds for boardwalk construction at Station 29 Street.

Brick Program – The brick program has been widely advertised and is experiencing modest success.

Mediation – Mediation was held on January 15, 2016 for defendant Vince Graham. The attorneys are preparing consent orders for Town Council to review. There will be a Council Special Meeting for executive session on February 1, 2016 after the Workshop.

Accreted Land Management Plan – A Special Meeting of Town Council will be held on January 25, 2016 from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall at Sunrise Presbyterian Church.

2. Mayor’s Report – Mayor O’Neil recapped the events of the Town during 2015. These include: January – Successful Polar Bear Plunge, Mayor O’Neil sworn in to complete unexpired term of late Mayor Mike Perkis; the Town joined other coastal municipalities, SC Senator Chip Campsen and US Representative Mark Sanford in opposing offshore seismic testing and drilling.

May – Fire Department accepts delivery of much-needed 95-foot ladder truck; New Councilmember Sarah Church sworn in to complete the unexpired term of Councilmember O’Neil. The entry road to Sullivan’s Island Elementary School was named Mike Perkis Place, in memory of Mayor Mike Perkis. June – Three new Councilmembers were sworn in – Mark Howard, Rita Langley, and Bachman Smith, IV; ground was broken for the new Town Hall; Phase I of Protected Land nature trail opened on Station 16 beach path; Phase I of the Sewer Collection System Grouting Project completed to reduce stormwater infiltration and inflow. July – Fire Department accepts delivery of 29 foot offshore rescue boat; Sullivan’s Island Bird Banding and Environmental Education Program opens banding station in Protected Land. October – Hurricane Joaquin stays off SC coast but epic rains (24 inches in 3 days) cause severe flooding throughout the State and on Sullivan’s Island – heroic efforts by Water & Sewer Department staff were made to keep the plant from being overwhelmed. November – Town Council meetings go paperless, the bulky meeting folders were replaced with iPads. December – Protected Land Phase I invasive vegetation eradication program poisoned over 600 invasive non-native plants; 900 feet of waterline was replaced.

3. Attorney’s Report – No items to report.

4. Boards and Commissions Reports – Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson stated the Planning Commission re-elected Gary Visser as its Chair, and elected Sydney Cook as the Vice Chair. The Commission has resumed its review of the Comprehensive Plan.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor O’Neil. Monthly report rendered. The December financial statement will be reviewed at the February Workshop. In preparation for the fiscal year 2017 budget, Comptroller Blanton stated he would like to receive requests for capital items and large items to be submitted by February 5, 2016.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilmember Langley. Monthly report rendered. The Special Meeting of Council for the Accreted Land Management Plan will be held on January 25, 2016 from 5-7pm at Sunrise Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. A date for the next ALMP meeting is currently being coordinated.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered. No items to report.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilmember Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered. The FEMA grant is in the application review pool but has not yet been assigned to a reviewer. Councilmember Middaugh explained the Phase II of the I&I Reduction Project for work in Subsection #3 and CIP work in Subsections #5 and #6, estimated at \$2.2 million. **Motion was**

made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Smith, for Council to authorize Staff to proceed with an application to the South Carolina State Revolving Fund for Phase II of the I&I Reduction Project for work in Subsection #3 and CIP in Subsections #5 and #6 estimated at \$2.2 million, carried unanimously. Councilmember Middaugh noted that the application will not be submitted until Council approves the funding. Three methods to fund will be presented at the next Workshop.

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered. The coyote issue was discussed earlier in the meeting. A Public Safety meeting will be scheduled and announced after confirming the date.

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Farmer's Market – Thirteen events will be scheduled beginning April 7, 2016 and ending in late June. Councilmember Church and Comptroller Blanton will meet concerning the business license needed for vendors.

Island Club – The Island Club was inspected, and a report is expected in early February.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center – Building Official Robinson will contact the electrician again, as well as follow-up on the sump pump for the building.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

The Committee was assigned a new item at the Workshop regarding cleaning up the view corridor adjacent to Star of the West. There is a tentative meeting scheduled for next week Wednesday 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., with the focus on the non-functioning Station 18 pump station, and easy, low-impact ways to address unwanted vehicle access and use of the dump area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller