

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, February 18, 2016: The following members of Council were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Blank, Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor, Bill Woolsey, who presided. A quorum was present to conduct business. Also present: Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Merrell Roe, Senior Finance Clerk, Mark Johnson, Public Works Coordinator, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriffs’ Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order. He opened in prayer and followed with the Pledge to the Flag. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Public Comments: The following person addressed Town Council

Barbara Atwater, 834 Fort Johnson Road: Mrs. Atwater addressed flooding/drainage issues on her property from October’s flood. She said Mark Johnson gave her the timeline for the culvert at Eaglewood Retreat; but that is taking too long to begin. She feels she has been put on the backburner and asked the Town to help get things moving quicker. She is waiting on recovery from October’s flood and worries that another heavy rain will bring the waters into her house.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of January 21, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting: Councilman Blank moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Councilman Stokes seconded, and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Senior Finance Clerk, Merrell Roe reviewed the January Budget Report noting Public Works Projects, \$74,087 for Jerdone Sidewalk; \$6,860, Franchise Fees received from WOW; \$4,800 spent for boundary, topography, and tree survey work at Pinckney Park.
- b. Administrator’s Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan reported: Budget Workshop, March 3rd at 6 p.m.; Pinckney Park Public Meeting on February 22, 6 p.m.; Camp Road Sidewalk bid opening, February 16. The bid came in under the estimate and was awarded to AOS. The Town’s match is \$125,000 and County’s is \$85,000. RFQ opening for Public Works Engineering Services is February 19. The Town is looking to procure three engineering firms to work on miscellaneous public works projects. Repair Care Program is wrapping up. The Town in conjunction with Sea Island Habitat has helped eight homeowners with emergency home repairs. (Pictures provided: Siding on home donated by Buck Lumber Co.) Staff Emergency Training exercise on March 15 is on Earthquakes, with Consultant, Scott Cave. 315 Business Licenses processed, 118 Code Enforcement cases for the month, with 81 abated; 82 Building Permits issued.

Public Works: Public Works Coordinator, Mark Johnson, gave an update on the repairs to the pipe culvert under the sidewalk on Camp Road. Replacement of the culvert at Eaglewood Retreat will begin this month. AT&T will be moving their equipment box soon; this must be done first. Completion date is April or May. The culvert under Kentwood Circle is completed. Traffic Study on Schooner Road is delayed due to a resident accidentally running over the counter. New tubes are on order and once received, the study will resume. The antennae has been installed on the roof of the Town Hall to use the HAM radios.

- c. Island Sheriffs’ Patrol Report: Sergeant James gave the crime report. He urged residents to lock their vehicles. Statistics for January: 462 vehicle stops; 372.5 hours worked; 60 tickets issued; 424 warnings issued; 42 calls for service; and 13 arrests were made.

Requests for Approval

- Community Assistance Grant - Exchange Club Golf Tournament. \$500: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request for \$500 to the James Island Exchange Club Inaugural Heritage Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support James Island Outreach; James Island Charter High Student Scholarship; and other civic projects. The Town will have a team to play in the tournament, and have our name at one of the holes. Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Blank moved, Councilman Stokes seconded. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee: No report.
- Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken announced the James Island Pride trash pick-up on February 6. There were 25 volunteers who collected 45 bags of trash. Thank you to Bohemian Bull for providing lunch. James Island Art Auction will be held on Saturday, February 27, 5-7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Monies raised from the art show will assist James Island's Art Teachers to purchase supplies for their students. This is a juried Art Show; elementary, middle and high school students' arts will be on display and for purchase. Councilman Milliken encouraged everyone to attend.

Presentation of Community Hero Awards: James Island Pride Chairman, Grant Scurry announced the five persons nominated by family members, neighbors, and other residents as community heroes. He said James Island Pride wanted to do something each February to recognize island residents that do good work in the community. The "Golden Rake" is awarded to one outstanding resident for a year. The following is a synopsis of the persons nominated:

INEZ BROWN-CROUCH:

Inez was nominated by Carter MacMillan. Carter provided a long list of Inez's accomplishments and gifts to her community: she founded the Honey Hill Neighborhood Association in the early 1900s; is an active member of the Lighthouse Point Neighborhood Group; has served as JIPSD Commissioner since 1998; was a founding member of Keep James Island Beautiful which became James Island Pride when the Town was re-established; supported the creation of and actively recruits for the Town of James Island Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program; organized the nonprofit "Hope for James Island," a mentoring program for James Island Middle School students; assisted with a Thanksgiving Day Food Drive at The Citadel; serves on the James Island Arts steering committee; cheers on the JICHS football teams and attends all fine arts events at the high school. She inspires our young people to make our community a better place for everyone.

SALVATORE COLUCCIO

Sal is a senior at JICHS, a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in the JROTC at the high school and a member of numerous student organizations including the National Honor Society. Sal became involved with the James Island Pride Helping Hands program early last fall and has participated in every Helping Hands Service Day since then as a Team Leader. His willingness to give of his time and energy to this program has contributed significantly to its success and continuation. He looks forward to serving his country and hopes to begin that service by attending the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall.

ALAN LAUGHLIN

Alan was nominated by Lyndy Palmer because of his tireless focus on bettering his community. He serves as Chair of the Town of James Island Neighborhood Safety Committee, is involved with the Teen CERT program and the Adult CERT program. Alan is a constant, dependable presence at all public events of the Town and acts as liaison with the JIPSD making sure that everyone is kept informed of outcomes of public meetings. "He is a great example of a community hero."

MINISTER RUTH WILLIAMS

Minister Ruth was nominated by Evelyn Marion who describes Minister Ruth as "always there, helpful, kind, professional and thoughtful." She was instrumental in organizing a successful Community Outreach Festival at First Baptist Church last fall. She carries out her ministry at First Baptist Church with dedication and a particular concern for encouraging the growth of a sense of community spirit among the church young people.

SANDYE WILLIAMS

Sandy Williams was nominated by three people, a testament to the scope of her gifts to our community. Jay Hudson, principal of James Island Middle School, cited Sandye's service as president of the JIMS PTA for the past two years, going the extra mile to meet with all teachers at the school to determine and try to meet their classroom needs, seeking support for JIMS from the business community and establishing the "Children in Crisis" PTA fund to support families in need. Krystal Overmyer told us of Sandye's dedicated participation to the Red Cross blood drives. She has donated over 80 times, which puts her in a rare group of blood donors.

Paula Byers knows Sandye as a leader in fund raising for the Special Olympics. She has given hundreds of hours over the past five years to make the annual Special Night for Special Olympics a success.

Councilman Milliken presented each nominee a certificate of appreciation and Chairman Scurry announced Inez Brown-Crouch as the winner of the 2016 Golden Rake Award.

- Proclamation Honoring Community Heroes: Mayor Woolsey read the Proclamation and asked for a motion in favor. Councilman Stokes moved, Councilman Mullinax seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the Children's Commission is working on an end of year festival in May. Fort Johnson Baptist Church is hosting WinShape Camps for Communities. These camps are non-denominational and are open to the community. A kick-off meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Interested persons may contact Robin Crisp to RSVP for lunch by March 1st. Next meeting of the Children's Commission is March 10 at 5:00 p.m.
- James Island Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that we have 40 Crime Watch signs. Please contact Mark Johnson if you would like a sign for your neighborhood. The next Neighborhood Council meeting is February 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Sheriffs' Office, Forensic Lab, on Leeds Avenue.
- History Commission: Mayor Woolsey brought forth a request for the reappointment of Commissioner Hollingsworth to the Historical Commission. He said Mr. Hollingsworth had contacted the Chair, resigned, and later called back because he had changed his mind. Mayor

Woolsey said he is bringing this forth to see if there is a motion to reappoint Mr. Hollingsworth. Councilman Mullinax moved, and Councilman Milliken seconded. Discussion followed. Councilman Stokes asked the reason for the resignation; to which Mayor Woolsey answered conflicts between the Town and the PSD. Motion failed for reappointment. Councilman Milliken voted in favor.

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2016-01: Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the Fourth Quarter: See Officer of the Year.
- b. Resolution #2016-03: Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the Year: Mayor Woolsey congratulated Deputy Corey Shelton, Officer of the Fourth Quarter, and Officer of the Year. Deputy Shelton was presented with a plaque from the Town for his service. Sergeant James described Deputy Shelton's accomplishments, work ethics, and his willingness to go beyond the call of duty. This is the second year that Deputy Shelton has received the Officer of the Year recognition.
- c. Resolution #2016-04: Reimbursement Resolution – James Island Town Hall: Mrs. Kellahan reported that we are working with our Bond Attorney and Financial Advisor on the financial structure for Town Hall. She said an ordinance will come to Council in March or April. A Resolution must be adopted first to be reimbursed for expenses already incurred. Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor.

Councilman Milliken moved to refer this item to the Land Use Committee for study and brought back to Council for recommendation at the March meeting; Councilman Mullinax seconded for consideration. Councilman Milliken said he feels the costs we originally projected for Town Hall has been increasing at a pretty rapid rate and would like to see a better accounting for those monies. He wants to have a clearer understanding of how this mechanism will work towards the purchase of the Town Hall. No further discussion. Mayor Woolsey called for the vote. Motion failed; Councilman Milliken voted in favor. Main Motion: Councilman Blank moved to approve Resolution #2016-04; Councilman Stokes seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading: None

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New Business:

- a. Reconsideration of Council Action of January 13, 2016 Pertaining to 1122 and 1126 Dills Bluff Road: Withdrawn by Councilman Milliken.

Executive Session: Mayor Woolsey moved to enter into an executive session to discuss a real estate purchase; Councilman Blank seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council entered the executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Return to Regular Session: Council returned to regular session at 8:13 p.m. Mayor Woolsey stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

- b. Action to Authorize Purchase of 1.75 acres of Parcel identified as TMS #428-03-00-027B: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion in favor of authorizing the purchase of 1.75 acres of the parcel

identified as TMS #428-03-00-027B for the price discussed in the executive session; Councilman Stokes moved; and Councilman Blank seconded.

Councilman Milliken rose to a point of order. He referred to Ordinance #2012-07 (9) under New Business; that implies no votes can be taken. Mayor Woolsey said that refers to the deadline when an item of New Business can be placed on an agenda. He said there is nothing in our rules that items properly placed on an agenda within the timeframe cannot be voted on. Motion passed; Councilman Milliken voted no.

- c. Discussion of MOU/Correspondence received from James Island PSD Commissioners (February 2, 2016): Mayor Woolsey read the last paragraph of a letter from the PSD dated February 2nd. He gave a synopsis of an email he sent to the PSD which all councilmembers were copied. Mayor Woolsey stated his opinion about the information contained in the February 2nd letter. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk