

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, March 21, 2019: The following members of Council were present: Leonard Blank, Mayor Pro-Tem, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, presided. Absent: Councilmember Garrett Milliken, (recovering from surgery). Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Attorney Brandon Reeser (for Attorney Bo Wilson), Merrell Roe, Finance Director, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriff’s Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order and led Council in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Comment: The following persons addressed Town Council.

Larry Fisk, 1819 Biltmore Drive: Mr. Fisk stated that he has lived on Biltmore Drive since 1971. He addressed Council about drainage. He said the drainage on his street ran from Yorktown to Folly since 1971, that the flow has always gone towards the end of the street. He said during the last two years, the flow is going in the opposite direction, towards Yorktown. There is a basin on Yorktown. He does not know if the Folly and Camp Road improvements has messed up the flow. He looked on the map and could not tell where the flow is supposed to go. The Nativity Church is building a Parish Hall behind the church and he is the project engineer. He knows that the problem is not on the church property; it is downstream. Mr. Fisk said that no matter what is done about drainage on the site, the downstream needs to be improved. He does not know who to go. He has called the County but his call was not returned. He is frustrated because of this upcoming project and wants to see what can be done by the County, City or Town to help the drainage in that area. Mayor Woolsey commented that this issue would be looked into.

Bob Westfall, 818 Jordan Street: Mr. Westfall asked the status of speed bumps on Jordan Street because there is a lot of speeding and the street is used as a cut thru. He also asked about a crime spree in the neighborhood. Mayor Woolsey commented that his concerns would be reported on later tonight.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes: February 21, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Presentation of Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2019-2020 and reviewed the changes recommended at the Budget Workshop. The proposed annual budget for FY 2019-2020 is \$4,034,000. Mrs. Kellahan said the budget is in keeping the Town in a healthy financial position. Copies of the proposed budget were made available for the public and is available on the Town’s website (www.jamesislandsc.us)

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Director, Merrell Roe presented the Finance Report and reviewed the franchise fee collected, projects, and repair care expenditures for Pauline and Camp Rd.
- b. Administrator Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan reviewed the written report provided to Council. She informed Council that she would begin to share the number of community meetings that are held at the Town Hall on a monthly basis. Thirty-three (33) meetings were held in February; 13 of which were Town meetings. The Town Hall Lease Purchase Bonds was defeased this month. Brantley Park negotiations is ongoing. If it moves forward, the County will award it at the May meeting.
- c. Public Works Report: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson reviewed the written report provided to Council. He responded to the question Mr. Westfall asked during Public Comments regarding

speed bumps on Jordan Street. Mrs. Kellahan added that the Plan for speed humps was presented to the neighborhood and had been approved by Town Council. The Plan is in the permitting process with the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Westfall asked who represented the neighborhood and Mrs. Kellahan said 18 people attended meetings that were publicized and she would update him after this meeting.

Both Mr. Johnson and Mayor Woolsey responded to the drainage at Nativity and Biltmore asked by Mr. Fisk. Mayor Woolsey said he believed the property around Nativity is Town. Mr. Johnson added that the Town has done vegetative maintenance. Mayor Woolsey said he believed the water would drain across Yorktown behind the neighborhood and the Town would look into this more.

- d. Island Sheriffs' Patrol Report: Sergeant James presented the Island Sheriff's Patrol and the monthly crime reports. He addressed Mr. Westfall's question regarding crime on Jordan St. and gave an update on speeding, break-ins, warrants, and the arrests that were made.

Requests for Approval:

841 Santee Street Drainage Improvements: Mrs. Kellahan presented a proposal from Stantec for conceptual design for drainage improvements at 841 Santee Street and the immediate surrounding areas. The proposal is based on designing improvements for Option 2 of the drainage assessment prepared for the Town in January. Cost of service is \$9,000. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Stormwater Ordinance Revision Study: Mrs. Kellahan presented a proposal from Weston & Sampson to look at our drainage standards and policies. The Town is looking to revise its Stormwater Ordinances to help alleviate some of the flooding in older neighborhoods due to construction. Cost of service is a lump sum of \$15,000. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No Report.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Mayor Woolsey announced that Councilman Milliken is recovering from surgery and hopes he will return soon.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the Annual Easter Egg Roll would be held on Saturday, April 20 from 10–1 p.m. at the Town Hall. This annual event is held with the Town Market.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced the next meeting of Neighborhood Council is Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey announced that the History Commission did not meet in March.

Rethink Folly Road Committee: Mayor Woolsey announced that the Steering Committee would meet on Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Appointments and interviews were held today for the Program Manager position and a decision will be made soon.

Drainage Committee: Councilman Stokes announced that meetings of the Drainage Committee are held quarterly and the next meeting will be held in May. The Committee is working on the Island-wide drainage study.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

Resolution #2019-05: Adoption of Revised Public Information Plan: Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mr. Johnson shared the Town's outreach methods: The Town through Charleston County Stormwater has dog-waste bag dispensers for leashes that we distribute to the public. The Town partners with Ashley Cooper on community programs regarding Stormwater management with rain gardens, rain barrels and sponsors Boy Scout Eagle Projects to mark Stormwater drains. The Town has dog-waste bag dispenser stations at Pinckney and Dock Street Parks.

The Town is repairing and restoring neighborhood drainage systems to their original design conditions with the use of the original, approved subdivision plans.

The Town uses on-call contractors to analyze underground infrastructure through video technology. This is used to evaluate the conditions and prioritize repairs and system upgrades.

The Town is working on James Island Drainage projects with Charleston County and the City of Charleston.

The Town is repairing outfalls and backflow tidal check valves to prevent inland tidal flooding. The Town has these installed on Teal Avenue and Relyea Drive and will install on Valley Forge and Tennent Street this year.

Motion in favor was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2019-06: Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the Year, 2018: Mayor Woolsey recognized and congratulated Deputy Jesse Leszczynski as the Officer of the Year. Mayor Woolsey read a resolution in honor of his service to the Town. Sergeant James complimented Deputy Leszczynski for being proactive and doing a great job; going beyond the call of duty. Deputy Leszczynski received a plaque and a check for \$100.00. Motion in favor was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2019-07: Camp Road Library Building: Mayor Woolsey stated that a proposed intergovernmental agreement between Charleston County and the Town regarding the Camp Road Library Building was received a week ago. He said the agreement seems good but he wanted to propose an amendment. Mayor Woolsey moved that under Section III A. Authorized Use, line 2, to add the word *limited* before library and the word *solely* before funded. Councilman Mullinax seconded and it passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading: None

Ordinances up for First Reading: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Frances Simmons, Town Clerk