

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, October 18, 2018. The following members of Council were present: Leonard Blank, Mayor Pro-Tem, Garrett Milliken, Joshua P. Stokes, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, presided. Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Director, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriff’s Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk. A quorum was present to conduct business.

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.

Presentations of Community Assistance Grant Requestors:

Reverend Rob Dewey, Lowcountry Community Crisis Chaplaincy: Rev. Dewey is requesting \$1,500 for his ministry, the Lowcountry Crisis Chaplaincy. Tonight he spoke with two women that lives on Seaside Lane that remembered a fire that took place there 25 years ago and how the Chaplaincy supported the family. Rev. Dewey stated that Sergeant Shawn James could attest to the services the chaplaincy provides and he thanked Council for its support.

Traci Greer, James Island Outreach: Thanked Council for its past support and offered a tour of the new Outreach facility. Ms. Greer spoke briefly on the new programs implemented. A wellness pantry offering low-sugar and low-salt substitutes and a client choice pantry. Ms. Greer said they have seen a significant increase in the clients they serve. She said with a new facility comes added costs and the Town’s assistance is appreciated.

Shannon Moore, Remember Niger Coalition: Ms. Moore stated that this organization is dedicated to improving opportunities for quality education in Niger, Africa. The third annual spirit run will be held on Saturday, November 3 at James Island County Park. Two hundred (200) students from local schools will participate by wearing their school colors in celebration of the run for the children in Niger.

Julie Hall, James Island Charter HS Band Backers, thanked the Town for its support in previous years. Band Backers is a parent volunteer group that seeks support for the band’s programs. This group helps students in Band who otherwise could not participate. Last year the Band had 58 students and 85 students this year with the likelihood of 100 students next year.

Michelle Gray, Race for Achievement, thanked Council for providing its first scholarship in memory of TyWanza Sanders who died in the Emmanuel Church shooting. Race for Achievement is now able to offer scholarships up to \$1,000. Funds received is used to tutor and educate students with the SAT and ACT.

Dawn Kahley, Pet Helpers: Pet Helpers is celebrating 40 years on James Island and it was the first no-kill shelter on James Island. She said 50% of the clients they serve is from James Island. With the recent hire of a new Vet, they hope to expand the clinic to perform 5,000 spay and neuters by next year.

Rowdy Floyd, James Island Youth Soccer Club, the Soccer Club’s history on James Island dates to 1976 and 100% of the funding they receive is directly invested into improving and maintaining the athletic facilities. He said soccer would enhance the lives of the players for years to come.

Public Comments:

Bob Westfall, 818 Jordan St., showed Council a picture of a house on Kemper Street (east of Kemper and Jordan). He believes from talking to the neighbors that lived in the community longer than he has, that the house has been abandoned for at least 8 years. He said there are rodents in the house and every night when he walks with his dog, raccoons sits on the porch and watch as they walk by. He is afraid this is going to get worse before anything could be done and want to make Council aware. This is dragging the value of the homes in the neighborhood down. He spoke about the Charleston Sports Bar and the parking issues. A couple months ago, a variance for the lot was not granted, and people continue to park there. He does not know what can be done, but something needs to be done because cars pull into the lot all the time. Mayor Woolsey asked Mr. Westfall if he knew the address of the house on Kemper. He said no, there is no mailbox at the property or a visible address.

Kenneth Johnson, 427 Lindbergh St., Eagle Scout, Troop # 50 is making two donation boxes for his Eagle Scout project. One box will be in the reception area at Town Hall and the other in Council Chambers. These boxes will be permanent fixtures used as drop-off points for toys and food for community outreach. Kenneth will promote a Thanksgiving food drive in November.

Robert Whaley, 1167 Pauline Ave., addressed flooding issues on Pauline Ave. that sometimes the road is impassible. He would like the Town to help with this.

Jenny Honeycutt, 926 Parrot Creek Way: Ms. Honeycutt stated that we have a very important election coming up on November 6. If she were privileged to win the seat of District # 9, County Council, she would work with the Town, and especially on flooding issues. She thanked Mayor Woolsey for what the Town is doing. She made everyone aware that there is a Countywide Flood Prevention Task Force. The Task Force will meet in January to address flooding issues where anyone at any address within Charleston County can bring their issues and it will be addressed by the municipality or governmental entity responsible for that area. Information will be made available to the public.

Joe Walters, 928 West Oceanview, responded to a statement about the Sports Pub and the parking. Commented that an individual cut the cable and they chose not to press charges; the cable will be fixed. Residents have his and his brother's cell phone numbers. Spoke about attending a meeting about flooding hosted by Senator Sandy Senn and the DOT came out the next day and improved their ditch.

Julius Pettigrew, 1596 Ft. Johnson Rd., informed Council that he applied for a permit to build a house at the back of his house.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of September 20, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Finance Director, Merrell Roe reviewed the Finance Report and it was accepted as information. Ms. Roe announced a Community Shred event on Friday, November 9, 10-1 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- b. Administrator's Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan reviewed the Administrator's Report adding that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be held on Monday, October 22 for the CARTA Bus Shelter on Folly Road. The Greenhill/Honeyhill community meeting will be held on Monday at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

2017-2018 Annual Report: Copies of the Annual Report for 2017-2018 was distributed to Council. The report depicts the activities and events of Council and staff including goals and objectives, revenues and budgetary information. The Annual Report will be placed on the website.

- c. Public Works Report: Public Works Director, Mark Johnson presented the Public Works Report and it was accepted as information. Councilman Milliken complimented Mr. Johnson and the PW staff for their outstanding work. Councilman Milliken said a tree fell this morning on Ft. Sumter Drive. Mark and Douglas were on the scene within ten minutes and had the road cleared by 9:30 a.m. Mayor Woolsey asked about the flooding issues on Pauline Dr. Mr. Johnson replied that the SC Department of Transportation (DOT) has been put on notice and will be digging out the roadside ditches. The DOT has asked the Town for help in getting the County to clean the outfall ditches.
- d. Island Sheriffs' Patrol (ISP) Report: Sergeant James gave an update on the violence on Greenhill Road. He commented that 90% of the people who live there are good citizens. He reviewed the Crime Statistics and Island Sheriff Patrol reports, which were accepted as information. Sergeant James announced a new program of ISP and the Town, called "Coffee with Cops". The first event will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Requests for Approval:

- Tallwood Drainage Improvement Project: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request for approval for drainage improvement on Tallwood. She said the Town recently took ownership of Canopy Cove and the drainage pond. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.
- James Island Watershed Basin Delineation – IGA with Charleston County and City of Charleston: Mrs. Kellahan reported the Town has been working on this project with the City and County. Thomas and Hutton will provide the proposed scope and fee for design related services. The project's liability is \$56,856 and includes a 20% contingency of \$9,476. The Town's portion to the County is 24% or \$13,645.44; City is 50%. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mrs. Kellahan answered Councilman Stokes' question about delineation. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jordan Street Traffic Calming: Mrs. Kellahan reported that Johnson, Laschober and Associates' proposal is for planning, design and permitting for traffic calming in the Jordan St. neighborhood. The cost is \$9,300. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.
- Acoustical Panels: Mrs. Kellahan presented a request for acoustical panels from Warco Construction for Council Chambers. She showed samples of the options available. The proposal is for 2" on the sides and 1" behind the Council tables. Councilman Stokes recommended looking into having the Town's logo printed on the screen so we can do a 2" instead. Councilman Milliken asked if this company could also look into the microphone system because it is difficult to hear. Mayor Woolsey responded that the audio visual is handled by different people. Mrs. Kellahan said she has had meetings regarding the microphones and audio visuals and is looking into different options. Motion passed unanimously.
- Community Assistance Grant Requests: Mrs. Kellahan announced that this year's awards was challenging because we received more requests this year. In previous years, \$20,000

were allotted for the awards and this year's requests totaled \$37,300 so she tried to make the awards as equitable as possible. Mayor Woolsey requested that the award for the James Island Outreach be done separately because he has a family member that serves on the Board. The request was honored without objection. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.

- James Island Outreach: Mayor Pro-tem Blank asked for a motion to approve the award for the James Island Outreach and moved to approve, Councilman Milliken seconded. Councilman Milliken commented that it is good that so many organizations applied and perhaps next year this budget could be increased. Motion passed. Mayor Woolsey recused from vote and provided a statement for the record.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No report

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken gave an update on the September 8 litter pickup noting that 55 bags of trash was collected from James Island's roadways. The next pickup is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 and lunch will be served afterwards. Rain date the following Saturday. Plans for the Arbor Day celebration is underway for Friday, December 7 at Camp Road Middle School. A Town Christmas Tree will be planted the following Saturdays. More details will be provided.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the Annual Lights on Afterschool event would be held on Thursday, October 25 from 6-8 p.m. at Town Hall. Lights On is a National event that promotes the importance of afterschool programs. This event is held in partnership with the Kaleidoscope Programs on James Island.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that the Neighborhood Council would meet on Thursday, October 25 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and voice neighborhood concerns.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey announced that the History Committee met on October 2 and reviewed the draft History Booklet.

Rethink Folly Road Committee Report: Mayor Woolsey announced that the Rethink Folly Road Committee would meet on Wednesday, October 24 to hear a report from the consultant.

Drainage Report: No report.

Proclamations and Resolutions: Mayor Woolsey asked for a motion to approve a proclamation to recognize National Colonial Heritage Month. The Proclamation commemorates the first settlers that arrived in America and determined the direction for the formation of our country. Motion was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second/Final Reading

- Ordinance #2018-06: Loitering and Sleeping in Public Places. A motion to table was made by Mayor Woolsey, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Milliken asked that the sexist language be removed. Passed unanimously.
- Ordinance #2018-11: Proposed Change to Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), including adding additional requirements/conditions for parking

lots in CN, OG, and OR Zoning Districts, Section 153.157: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Blank, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Passed unanimously.

- Ordinance #2018-12: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 151: Town of James Island Regulations Concerning Flood Damage Prevention: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Frances Simmons
Town Clerk

