WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 TOWN OF FREDERICA MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Glanden called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council member Rager led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

 Mayor Chick Glanden – present

 Council Members – Poncho Davila – present

 Amanda Hudson – present

 Pete Rager – present

 Virginia Simpler – present

 Town Solicitor – William Pepper – present

George Caldwell of Pennoni discussed recommendation for changes to typical sections of road and LDO for new developments. No action was taken at this time by council as more discussion was needed.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

 Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the hearing minutes of August 17, 2016. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**WATER REPORT/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT/TREASURER’SREPORT/POLICE REPORT**

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the police report as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

 Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the code enforcement report as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dustan reported well #3 was still off line due to problems with the casing. Images will be taken with a camera Friday and hopefully the well will be back on line next week.

He is working with DNREC on Sandbox well/irrigation.

He is applying for new well allocation.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:**

 **BUILDING PERMITS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 16-04 rezoning 1.58 acre lot to commercial in Waters Edge.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE #16-04**

Public hearing on 16-04 was opened at 6:52. With no comments public meeting was closed at 6:55.

 Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Hudson to approve ordinance 16-04 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**WATER RATES BILLING BY USAGE**

Jean Holloway from Rural Water presented recommendations for the water rates billing by usage. The recommendations are

 #1 new billing software

 #2 Monthly billing versus quarterly

 #3 Availability charge

 #4 the rate of 3.25 per gallon of usage

 #5 eliminate senior citizen discount

He stated startup would be $15,000.00 for start up to include training, data transfer, software upgrade etc. and approximately 3,000 per year.

Water Billing should be added to the next agenda.

Mayor Glanden wanted to make another attempt to let the residents be involved and will schedule a public hearing on the water billing by usage.

**ORDINANCE #16-05 – RESIDENTIAL LEASES**

 Councilmember Rager read the synopsis of the ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Rager with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

 **ORDINANCE #16-06 – DISORDERLY PREMISES**

 Councilmember Rager read the synopsis of the ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Rager with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Awning and rails are installed at the Police Station.

 Ricky Maddox stated the bylaws for the Crime Watch have been presented to Mr. Pepper for review and comments.

 Councilmember Rager asked when the town’s code enforcement person was going to take care of the grass and unsightly yards at 22 and 28 Front St as well at 31 David Street. Councilmember Simpler also brought up 30 Front st. and said that is in bad need of repair. Councilmembers Simpler and Rager both asked why they have been complaining about unsightly properties and nothing is being done to clean them up.

 Councilmember Rager asked if Randy had regular hours and felt that he should work during the hours the town office is open. Councilmember Simpler agreed and stated she didn’t think he was doing a very good job at getting these properties cleaned up. Mayor Glanden stated Randy did not have set hours. Councilmembers Rager and Simpler stated they felt he should be in town during office hours and not coming in before the office opens.

 Mandy reminded everyone about Frederica Day.

 Mr. Pepper stated he emailed in 8 more additional ordinances but has some questions about them before council acts on them.

 With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Rager with a second by Council member Simpler to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted

Pete Rager, Secretary