

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Glanden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Simpler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Chick Glanden - present

Council Members: Virginia Simpler - present

Ricky Maddox - present

Poncho Davila - absent

Jack Webb- present

Town Solicitor: William Pepper – absent

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the minutes of the regular meeting for February 20, 2019 as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

WATER DEPT. / TREASURER'S / POLICE / CODE ENF. REPORT:

Water Department: Dustan asked for a check for the water allocation permit to be signed. It had to be processed after the accounts payable check run. The update on the Crouse Property/Brownfield property is that there was a decision made on the testing depths and sample size, which should be completed within the next month. Council discussed delays that have occurred. Dustan stated that there is another Sustainability Grant Meeting happening on either the 13th or the 20th of March. Councilmember Maddox asked him to clarify with DELDOT at that meeting about the TAPP program. Dustan reported that he attended the utility provider meeting with Kent County for the Master Planning of South Frederica and Little Heaven. The LOI for water provisions/expansions south of Frederica has been sent to the Town Attorney for review.

Code Enforcement: Dennis reported that he has continued to walk around and discuss problems with residents. He recently spoke with Mr. Palmer who has a garage that is falling down. Told him that he would be sending a letter about taking it down, even if it had to be piece by piece and removed in the trash every week. Council discussed the building at 30 Front Street and its state. Mayor Glanden stated that he received a complaint about a trailer with chickens that needs to be resolved.

Police: Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to accept the Police Report for February 2019. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Sgt. Darling reported that he is still waiting for the last part to arrive for the new Tahoe. Brian is still working with us and is doing well. Councilmember Maddox asked for clarification on some of the Police budget items. Councilmember Simpler asked if there was any more equipment available to sell. Sgt. Darling reported that there was not.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mandy Slody presented permit applications as follows:

- 1 Darby Avenue, Tiedemann - Permit for a shed.

Mandy informed Council that money is owed on the utilities for the property owner. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to table the permit until the account is paid. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget: Mayor Glanden stated that everyone has been given a copy of the budget for review. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to table the budget. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Lift Gate for Chevy Pick-Up: Dustan reported that he received three prices for the lift gate. The best price is \$4,582.36. The plan is to sell the old Ford after the lift gate is installed to recoup costs. Estimated sale price is around \$3,500.00. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Webb to approve the lift gate purchase. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 19-01: Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to table Ordinance 19-01. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Verizon Phone System: Dustan reported that we obtained pricing for a new phone plan for \$25 dollars per line, for up to 7 lines. The pricing is a small savings from current payments, but the equipment is starting to falter at Town Hall and at the well houses, so upgrades are needed as our current equipment is obsolete. Councilmember Maddox asked if this would interfere with the internet service. Dustan confirmed no. This plan would include a dial by number auto attendant that can be forwarded directly to cell phones. There is also a mobile app included set configure the setup so that after-hours contact can be managed more easily. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to purchase the phones and switch the phone lines to Verizon. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reappointment of Annexation Committee: Councilmember Simpler, Councilmember Maddox and Councilmember Webb were appointed to the Annexation Committee. Reappointment was required due to change in Council seats after the March 2, 2019 election.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OPEN FLOOR: None.

Mayor Glanden stated that a quick executive session was needed to discuss an employee matter.

Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Simpler to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany DeBussy

Town Clerk