

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Chick Glanden - Present

Council Members: Virginia Simpler - Present

Ricky Maddox - Present

Poncho Davila - Present

Jack Webb - Present

Town Solicitor: William Pepper – Present

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Simpler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Maddox, to accept the minutes in written form of the regular meeting for September 18, 2019, as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Police Report: Councilmember Simpler made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Davila, to accept the Police Report in written form. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Code Enforcement: Dennis reported to the Council that 2 of the abandoned cars had been taken care of but there were still 2 more he was working on. He stated that all the grass and overgrown hedge issues were taken care of. He also discussed that the asphalt company had moved all their equipment off their property. There would now be no need of a fence. Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept the Code Enforcement report. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Water Department: Dustin reported that our new backhoe would be delivered next week. DNREC is helping with a grant for a survey of the lighting in Town and at the Fire Company and the Senior Center. Dustin also talked about the grant for the backflow preventer survey. They looked at 15 locations in town. This survey will help in the writing of a new ordinance. He discussed the failure of the boiler and the A/C leaking into the basement and the need to replace them. The Council was given 3 bids to replace them. Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept the water report. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mandy Slody had no permits to present to the Council. Mandy informed the Council that Planning and Zoning is recommending approval of Ordinance 19-05.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOU for South Frederica Master Planning Area: Councilmember Maddox spoke in favor of the MOU, stating that it helped the Town more than it might hurt it. Councilmember Maddox made a

motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to sign the MOU for South Frederica Master Planning Area. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

2nd Reading-Ordinance 19-05 Rezoning JMER Properties / Asbury Square: A public hearing was held prior to the Town Council meeting. One person testified in favor of the ordinance and no one opposed to the ordinance. Planning and Zoning voiced their approval and support of the ordinance. Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept Ordinance 19-05. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Water Expansion Agreement: Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to table the Water Expansion Agreement. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Air Conditioner/Boiler Replacement: 3 bids were submitted to the Council to replace the old and failing boiler heating/air condition systems. There was some discussion as to the efficiency of the heat pump system. Dustin recommended the Coastal Air bid to replace our AC/Heater system. Councilmember Simpler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Maddox, to accept the bid of Coastal Air LLC to replace our AC/ Heater system. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OPEN FLOOR: Barbara Marsh of 118 Front St. discussed with the Council the many problems they are having with the people at 116 Frog Leg Lane. There are drugs being sold there and many cars are coming and going. They are seeing drugs used and finding needles on their property. The people there are becoming more belligerent and vandalized Mrs. Marsh's property. When she told them to leave her property, they picked up her trash can and dumped its contents on her lawn. Mayor Gladen said that he would inform the Town Officers and ask that they patrol Frog Leg Lane more often.

Stephen White discussed the problem of cars parked on both sides of the east end of Lowber Street. He believes that the fire trucks will not be able to get to any emergency with the cars parked like they are at the present time. He would like to suggest that parking be restricted to one side on Lowber Street. Council discussed the need to create a new ordinance to restrict parking on Lowber Street. Mayor Gladen decided to put the new Ordinance on the Agenda at the next Council meeting. Parking on North Market Street was discussed, because people park on both sides turning it into a one lane street. It was brought to the Council's attention that there was a 9/12/2000 resolution by DelDOT to restrict the parking on the west side of Market due to the street being too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides. Mayor Gladen instructed Dustin to find out about putting up no parking signs on west side of Market Street.

Mrs. Hart asked the Council for their support for the Gobble Wobble. She had hoped that the Council would support it at the same level as last year which was \$500. Mayor Gladen asked that it be put on the Agenda for the next meeting on October 16th.

Councilmember Simpler talked about Halloween coming up on Thursday October 31. She suggested that the Town should allow children up 12 years old between the hours of 6PM to 8PM to solicit candy. Council agreed to allowing this activity.

Councilmember Maddox reviewed the discussions from the Towns Crime Watch meeting. He made the Council aware of the Church starting a Blessing Box so people can drop off canned food or non-perishable food and those that need it can take what they need. The Pastor had requested that the Town Council come for the dedication at the Church on Sunday at 1215PM. He discussed the possibility of the State Police having a program of giving out the Ring door cameras.

Adjournment: Councilmember Simpler made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Maddox to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilmember Ricky Maddox;

Council Secretary