

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 - Absent
 Town Solicitor: William Pepper – Present

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4th. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing meeting of December 4th in written form. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Treasurer Report: Councilmember Simpler presented the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

<u>November 2019</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$ 158,811.19	\$ 154,074.47
Police Dept.	\$ 123,247.51	\$ 155,222.95
Street Aid	\$ 16,210.28	\$ 14,681.62
Water	\$ 53,742.62	\$ 76,818.72

Delinquent Monies owed:

Trash: \$ 3,583.06
 Water: \$ 8,225.48
 Property Taxes: \$ 11,140.40
 Fines: \$ 600.90

Vacant Building:	\$	0.00
Grass Cutting:	\$	150.00
Property Maint.:	\$	1,681.21
Rental License:	\$	1,350.00
Other Fees:	\$	668.50
Court Costs:	\$	325.00

Total Funds owed the Town \$27,724.54

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mandy Slody brought to the Council a permit for a 6' vinyl fence at 6 n. Market Street, owned by Johnathan Wenk. Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept the permit for a fence. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Resignation: Mayor Glanden read the letter of resignation of Councilmember Webb effective immediately. Due to health issues, he will resign his seat on the Council.

House Decorating Contest: Mayor Glanden announced the winners of the Christmas Decorating, 134 Hightide Drive Mr. & Mrs. Trenholm won Honorable Mention, 105 Front St. Mr. & Mrs. McIlvain won Honorable Mention, Third Place went to 5 N. Market St., Jodie Johnson & Kevin Thomas. Second Place went to 42 Waterway Dr., Carolyn Poore. First Place went to 118 Front Street, Mr. & Mrs. Martz.

Ordinance 19-06: This establishes a no parking ordinance on the Southside of Lowber and adopting the State Ordinance establishing no parking on the west side of South Market Street from Front Street south to the bridge. There was a Public Hearing before the Council meeting where there was a very lively discussion of Ordinance 19-06. Councilmember Maddox made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-06 with a second by Councilmember Simpler. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Order 13888: Mr. Pepper informed the Council that the President issued an Executive Order about the resettlement of refugees. It states that the State and the Local Government must agree on any resettlement of refugees. The Governor is still working on how this will be enforced. Currently, there is no action need by the Council.

Banking Information- (CDs, Money Market Accounts, Bonds): Town Clerk Bethany DeBussy informed the Council of her discussion with a representative of M&T Bank. She told the Council that the Money Market accounts that we wanted to set up would be at a higher rate than the accounts we had looked at before which were at .1% and we can now get as a Municipality is .25%. The General Fund, Water, and Police accounts would be in a simple interest-bearing account. We would have to check current rates on CD's that are rolling over to see if we can get a better rate with M&T. It was also discussed that we would ask the M&T representative to come to a Council meeting to discuss the different ways to invest the Town's money.

****CORRECTION** - After the meeting, Bethany submitted a correction to Mr. Pepper that the interest rates were incorrectly reported. The Money Market Accounts have a 1.31% interest rate, and the regular checking accounts have a .24% interest rate.

Old Business:

Municipal Election: Mayor Glanden made the Council aware of the dates of registration for municipal election December 2, 2019 thru January 31, 2020. The last date for residents to register to vote will be on February 5, 2020. The election will be on March 7, 2020 12pm to 5pm.

Asbury Square Concept Plan: Councilmember Maddox with a second from Councilmember Simpler made a motion to Table the Asbury Square Concept Plan. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Ching, LLC Agreement: Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to table the Ching LLC Agreement. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Open Floor:

Councilmember Simpler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

Mayor Glanden made the Council aware of a Justin Harrington who wants to set up a homeless shelter/halfway house in Frederica. More information will be needed before Council can discuss this issue.

A gentleman wanted to know about some property that Mr. Jones has for sale across the street from Pernell St. It was decided that the 4 properties were land locked by Mr. Jones other properties. The builder would have to build a road to open the 4 properties.

Pete Rager told the Council that he was putting his letter of intent in to take Mr. Webb's seat on the Council.

Mr. Pepper warned the Council that group texting could be construed as a council meeting and all meetings of three or more members of the Council must be advertised a week in advance. He also stated that the present people running Code Enforcement has done more than the last two combined. Finally, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilmember Ricky Maddox,
Council Secretary