

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 – Absent

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the minutes in written form of the meeting for November 20, 2019 with the following correction; on page 2 under New Business—Municipal Election dates of municipal election December 2, 1919 be changed to read 2019. Motion with correction noted passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing on November 20, 2019 in written form. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Police Report: Officer Darling informed the Council that 8 N. Market was becoming a nuisance property and was submitting it to Bethany to contact owners to board it up ASAP. Councilmember Maddox moved, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept the Police Report in written form. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Code Enforcement: Dustin made the Council aware of the unregistered vehicle on Frog Leg Lane had been removed. Property on Coleman has trimmed the tree that was overhanging the street. The JMER property on Frederica Road had the overgrown weeds cut. Two properties on Lowber Street have unregistered vehicles that will be towed on December 15th. Councilmember Maddox moved, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept the Code Enforcement report. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Water Department: Dustin informed the Council that Jim was remodeling the bathroom in Town Hall. He has also been using the new backhoe to sweep the streets. Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Davila, to accept the Water Report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mandy Slody presented the following permits to the Council:

41 Channel Crossing, Jane Holgetts, permit to install a 6ft vinyl fence.

Councilmember Davila made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to accept the permit. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mandy informed the council that JMER properties (Asbury Square) have completed their Concept Plan and passed the State Plus review. They will be at the December 18th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 19-06-2nd Reading- No Parking Market St. & Lowber St.: Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to table the 2nd reading of Ordinance 19-06 until the next meeting. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

CD's and Savings/Money Market Accounts: Councilmember Maddox made the Council aware of the Town's monies sitting in checking accounts earning no interest. The council discussed different ways that the monies could be moved into Money Market accounts, Savings accounts, CD's and into investment accounts. Councilmember Maddox made a motion, second by Councilmember Davila, to move the two impact fee accounts into Money Market accounts as well as creating Money Market accounts for the General Fund and the Police Account and the Water Account. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Additional Attorney Services: Dustin made the Council aware of the need for a Utility Attorney for the Water Tower Agreement. He and Dan Barbotes of Pennoi had found a Utility Attorney in Georgetown, Delaware, at \$275 an hour. It was estimated that he would have 8 to 10 hours of work on this project for the Town. The Attorney is Tim Willard. Councilmember Davila made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Maddox, to hire Tim Willard to help with the Water Tower Agreement. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Municipal Election: Mayor Glanden informed the Council of the up-coming election on March 7th. The dates to register to run for the Mayor's seat and one Council seat is December 2nd thru January 31st. February 5th is the last date that Town Residents can register to vote in the March 7th election.

House Decorating Contest: Mayor Glanden asked that the Council have their top 5 picks for the Christmas Decorating Contest turned in to Bethany by the afternoon of December 14th so that the winners could be announced at the December 18th Council meeting.

Asbury Square Concept Plan: Councilmember Maddox made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simpler, to table the Asbury Concept Plan until the next meeting.

Ching, LLC Agreement: councilmember Simpler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Davila, to table the Ching, LLC Agreement until the next Council meeting.

OPEN FLOOR: Mr. Layton informed the Council of the Waters Edge development nearing completion. HOA has been turned over to the residents. There has been a meeting with Dustin and the Town Engineers on the Punch list. The Streets are ready for their top coat. Mr. Layton informed the HOA that until the Town takes over, they are responsible to get contracts to plow roads. It was suggested that the HOA could contract the Town of Frederica to plow the streets until the Town takes control of the development. Mr. Layton offered the use of his electronic billboards for any of the Town announcements at no charge. He also offered to help the Town Crime Watch or the Town Park with anything that we might need, just ask.

Mr. Bob Murphy spoke to the Council about finding a professional money manager to insure a better return on our money than a bank account could.

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

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilmember Ricky Maddox;

Council Secretary