

TOWN OF

FREDERICA

MEETING MINUTES
FOR
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2025

- Call to Order: 6:00 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Mayor	Chick Glanden	Present
Councilman	Alex Donovan	Present
Councilman	Ricky Maddox	Present
Councilman	Bret Carpenter	Present
Councilwoman	Virginia Simpler	Absent
Town Solicitor	Diana Stuart	Present

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting in written form, and unanimously passed.
- The WATER REPORT was given by Dustan Russum, stating that the parcel of ground designated for the new water tank was only awaiting the recording of the deed.
- The CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT was given by Dustan Russum, noting that all citations issued in the previous month have been addressed and resolved by their respective property owners.
- The POLICE REPORT was mentioned, but there was nothing new of significance to report.

- A motion was made to accept the WATER, CODE ENFORCEMENT, and POLICE reports. Council voted unanimously to accept them.
- The PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT was presented by Milt Elliot. The report discussed the new permit fee schedule, progress at “Sophias Landing”, and the towns relationship with “First State inspection Agency”.
- A motion was made to accept the PLANNING COMMISSION report. Council voted unanimously to accept it.
- NEW BUSINESS was introduced.
- Matthew Kersey introduced a proposal to bring a cannabis growing operation to town. Discussion ensued, and he put forth that:
 - He was seeking to build an indoor growing operation.*
 - The business would hire 1-3 employees*
 - A substantial electric supply would be required.*
 - Marijuana could not be sold in a retail manner from the building*
 - A substantial smell would emit from the building due to the cannabis inside.*
- The ANNEXATION COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Alex Donovan, for the parcels known as the “Sandbox Tract”. It concluded that, after considering the positives and negatives of annexing the tract, it was found to be more favorable than not to do so.
- A motion was made to accept the ANNEXATION COMMITTEE REPORT. Council voted unanimously to accept it.
- Resolution 25-R-03 “Annexation regarding Grayway Developers, LLC” was introduced. Following discussion, at the recommendation of the Town Solicitor, the Council unanimously voted to table the resolution for 2 meetings.

- Ordinance 25-01 “*An Ordinance amending Chapter 180 relating to property taxes.*” was introduced for its first reading and presented by Mayor Chick Glanden. A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-02, and the vote was as follows :

Alex Donovan, NO

Brett Carpenter, YEA

Ricky Maddox, YEA

Virginia Simpler, Absent from vote

The yeas carried, and the council voted to accept the first reading of Ordinance 25-01.

- Ordinance 25-02 “*An Ordinance amending Chapter 175 relating to the scope of municipal services supported by the community service impact fees*”, was introduced for its first reading before the Council. When called to a vote it passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 25-03 “*Partial Senior Citizen Tax Discount* ”, was introduced for its first reading before the Council. When called to a vote it passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 25-04 “*Town Center off-street parking spaces* ”, was introduced for its first reading before the Council. When called to a vote it passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 25-05 “*Multi-Family dwellings* ”, was introduced for its first reading before the Council. When called to a vote it passed unanimously.
- Discussion was opened regarding the remodeling of town buildings; specifically the police station. There was a general consensus among the Council that renovations to the current building should be done for the short-term goal of satisfying Police Department accreditation requirements. In light of this, potential repairs should be done in a budget conscious manner, so as not to deplete funding useful for more permanent solutions later.
- Discussion veered off topic to include the PAC Committee. It was noted that all member slots had been arranged except for “*a person impacted by the criminal justice system*”.
- OPEN FLOOR was called, with no discussion following.

- TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS were called for. In response, thanks were given to retiring Councilman Ricky Maddox for his years of service.
- After a call, and vote for adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Secretary, Town of Frederica)