

January 16, 2018

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor  
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Sarah Church, Councilmember  
Mark Howard, Councilmember  
Rita Langley, Councilmember  
Tim Reese, Councilmember  
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were no members in the audience, and two members of the media present. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

I. **FORMAT:** Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.

II. **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of Council Minutes –**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017, carried by a vote of 5, with Councilmembers Clark and Reese abstaining.**

2. **Motion was made by Councilmember Reese, seconded by Councilmember Clark, to have Second Reading, Ordinance 2017-06, An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3-7 C. of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island Pertaining to Dog Permits and Badges, carried by a vote of 4, with Councilmembers Church, Howard and Smith opposing.**

3. **Motion was made by Councilmember Reese, seconded by Council member Howard, to approve Fee Simple Title- Lot 171E, 2708 Atlantic Avenue (TMS #529-11-00-029), carried unanimously.**

### III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. **Mayor's Report-** Earlier today, January 16, 2018, a non-hazardous substance was found in 14 mailboxes between Station 26.5 and 28 on I'on Avenue. Mayor O'Neil took a moment to thank the skilled first responders along with the following agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigation, SC Law Enforcement Division, SC Emergency Management, U.S. Postal Inspector's Office, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Charleston County School District, City of Charleston Fire Department - Hazardous Material Response Team, Town of Mt. Pleasant Fire Department- Hazardous Material Response Team, City of Isle of Palms Fire Department along with Sullivan's Island Fire and Police Departments.

#### 2. **Administrator's Report**

##### General Correspondence-

- Catherine Main, East Cooper Land Trust- Comment on condition of the Old Bridge at Station 9 Street.
- Bunky Wichmann, Jr., 2211 I'On Avenue- Note of appreciation to Water and Sewer Department for response to water main repair on Sunday 01-07-18.
- Skipper Condon, 2201 Station 22 Street- Note of appreciation to Water and Sewer Department for response to water main repair on Sunday 01-07-18.

Fire Station- Building inspection report attached for consideration by Council. Next steps would include prioritizing a repair list, prepare a scope of work and solicit bids.

Retirement- Kat Kenyon/Building Department has tendered her notice of retirement effective March 2, 2018.

Winter Storm Grayson Update- The Town was immobilized beginning Wednesday 01-03-18 through Sunday 01-07-18.

- First Responders returned to regular shift duty beginning Saturday 01-05-18.
- Town Hall re-opened Monday 01-08-18 at 8 a.m.
- There was no employee injuries or damage to Town buildings, equipment or property during the incident
- SC703 and the Ben Sawyer Bridge were closed Wednesday afternoon but re-opened Thursday mid-morning. EMS was able to respond and transport two patients during the road closure.
- Only one power outage was reported in the 26 block of Goldbug Avenue and Raven Drive. South Carolina Electric and Gas responded quickly to repair lines that fell due to tree limbs. Trimming in that area is expected later this month.

- There was no erosion noticed along the front beach during the higher tides and north wind.

2017 Deceased Island Residents- A list of Island residents, current and former, who died during 2017 is attached.

2018 Polar Bear Swim- The 2018 event, although not as well attended as previous years, was conducted without incident.

South Carolina General Assembly- The 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of South Carolina will convene on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Charleston County Public Works- Charleston County Council is mandating that Public Works enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with all municipalities that would include a budgetary allowance to provide routine maintenance for road and drainage systems with the understanding that the budgetary allowance will be the average annual amount of the cost of basic services over the prior four years. Work above the allowance or non-routine services will be reimbursed to the County at the full-burdened cost.

Coyote Information Expo- The City of Isle of Palms, Town of Sullivan's Island and Dewees Island POA Inc. recently met with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to discuss the State policy on coyotes, mutual issues in each community and current local coyote policies. The group will sponsor a Coyote Information Expo on Thursday February 22, 2018 5:30 p.m. at the Isle of Palms Recreation Center. In addition to booths staffed by each community participants will include Jay Butfilowski/South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, various State approved trappers and other coyote experts.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control- Volunteers working under the Ocean and Coastal Resource Management's *Adopt-A-Beach Program* submitted findings after cleaning the beach on Sullivan's Island for the period July 1 to December 31, 2017.

**3. Attorney's Report** – No items to report.

**4. Boards and Commissions Reports** – No items to report.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Finance Committee** – Mayor O'Neil. Monthly report rendered.

The December Financial Report will be presented at the February Workshop Meeting.

**Land Use and Natural Resources Committee** – Councilmember Langley. Monthly report rendered.

Causeway- The sidewalks on the causeway will be closed January 23-25, 2018 due to plantings of Palmetto Trees. The Tree Commission restricted fund is funding this project.

**Administration Committee** – Councilmember Reese. Monthly report rendered.

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Councilmember Smith. Monthly reports rendered.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

SIFR Oyster Roast- The annual Sullivan’s Island Fire & Rescue Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 5-8 p.m. under the Big Tin. Tickets can be purchased at the Fire Station, Town Hall, Harris Teeter at Sea Island Shopping Center and Simmons Seafood.

**Recreation Committee** – Councilmember Church.

Stith Park- A few changes have been made to the landscape improvements design for Stith Park, mainly due to the durability of certain species.

2018 Farmers Market- The 2018 Farmers Market season will be April 12-June 28 from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Applications are available on the Town website through February 18, 2018.

**Public Facilities Committee** – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

Committee Meeting- The next Public Facilities Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

## V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion was made by Mayor O’Neil, seconded by Councilmember Church to amend the agenda to add discussion of information on a potential litigation brought by the South Carolina Environmental Law Project Concerning Offshore Drilling and Seismic Testing, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Sarah, to go into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. for:**

- 1. Personnel-**
  - a. Water and Sewer Department- Discussion of Employee Performance**
  - b. Police Chief- Update and Report by Police Chief Search Committee**
- 2. Contractual- General discussion of Waste Water Treatment Plant Financing Contract**
- 3. Legal- Legal Advice on the Matter of Sullivan’s Island v. Jason Tompkins 2016-CP-10-5947.**
- 4. South Carolina Environmental Law Project Concerning Offshore Drilling and Seismic Testing**

**The motion to go into Executive Session carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Reese, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to come out of Executive Session at 7:44 p.m., carried unanimously.** Mayor O’Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to approve the recommendations from the Water and Sewer Department Manager for the merit pay increase, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to approve the Police Chief Search Committees recommendation for the next Chief of Police for the Town of Sullivan’s Island, carried unanimously.**

## **VI. ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Courtney Liles