The Town Council held a Town Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 4:00pm in the Town office located at 121 North Gate Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572.

Present Mayor Gary Pell

Mayor-Elect Huston Huffman

Members of Council Huston Huffman

Paul Rotondo

Councilman-Elect John Wylie

Chief of Police Kyle Lamparter

Town Clerk Jennifer Newbold

Absent Councilwomen Rebecca Hinds

Abigail Stewart

With a quorum present, Mayor Pell called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. First on the Agenda is approval of the Minutes for the November 10, 2015 Council Workshop and November 16, 2015 Town Meeting. Councilman Rotondo made a motion to accept the Minutes as written for the Council Workshop on October 13, 2015 and Minutes for the Town Meeting on November 16, 2015, and Councilman Huffman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The November 2015 Financial Statement and Voucher is not yet available; it will be presented at the January 2016 Town Meeting. Mayor Pell mentioned that the audit is complete and the Town is simply waiting on the legal letter to be sent from the Town Attorney, Neil Wright.

Mayor Pell congratulated Sheila Hamilton for sixteen years of service to the Town of Briarcliffe Acres as the Town Clerk and on her upcoming retirement. He presented a gift from the Town Council, Chief of Police, and Town Clerk as Sheila was not present for the meeting. Councilman Rotondo also reminded everyone of the retirement party scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2015.

Chief Lamparter presented the Security Report for November 16, 2015 – December 7, 2015. The police activity included 40 incidents or calls for service:

* No valid driver’s license/suspended 2
* Speeding 4
* No moped driver’s license 1
* License plate use on another vehicle 2
* Proof of vehicle insurance 1
* Disregard stop sign 1
* Duties of driver striking fixtures 1
* Active alarms 7
* Assist motorists 2

On 11/21/15, the Chief conducted a traffic stop involving a driver with warrants for his arrest in Horry County for failure to appear - Felony Possessing/Receiving Stolen Goods and Driving Under Suspension. Chief Lamparter made another traffic stop on 11/27/15. This driver also had warrants for his arrest in Horry County for Breach of Trust less than $2,000.00 – two counts. He reported a petit larceny of a bicycle on 11/28/15, a motor vehicle collision investigation with injury on 12/4/15, and a third traffic stop on 12/7/15. This driver had a warrant for his arrest in Horry County as well - Shoplifting less than $2,000.00. Chief Lamparter provided information on ongoing projects at certain addresses including enforcement of residential area camper parking, an abandoned derelict vehicle, and motor vehicle golf cart ban on the beach. He did note that to date, enforcement has been in the form of a warning, but future violations will likely be addressed by summons. The Town purchased a new police vehicle with an extended warranty, with the equipment exchange expected within the week. During routine patrol, he replaced a downed Stop Sign with a temporary metal pole, and reported all traffic control signs in proper position.

Next on the agenda is old business, the second reading of Ordinance #2015-06 – Town Code – Auditor. Minor changes were made allowing the Town Council to appoint the Auditor annually. With no further comments, Councilman Huffman made a motion to approve Ordinance #2015-06 – Town Code – Auditor and Councilman Rotondo seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved and Ordinance #2015-06 – Town Code - Auditor was adopted.

Mayor Pell called for Committee reports. Councilman Huffman reported that he and Bob Kennedy (123 North Gate) sealed a leak around the chimney, installed gutter guards, treated mildew, and decorated the Town Office for the holiday. He also placed wreaths on the Gate entrances.

Next on the Agenda is New Business, the swearing-in of the newly elected Mayor and Councilman. As Mayor Pell’s last official duty, he swore-in the Town’s new Mayor, Huston Huffman. And, as Mayor Huffman’s first official duty, he swore-in new Councilman, John Wylie.

Mayor Huffman called for public input. He recognized former Mayor and Councilman Gary Pell and Councilwoman Abigail Stewart for their extended service and dedication to the Town.

With no further comment or business, Councilman Rotondo made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Councilman Wylie. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Newbold

Town Clerk

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