



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, October 23, 2023 – 6:00pm



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Members Present: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III; Mayor Pro Tem Austin Waters; Councilmembers: Renea Baker, Joey Dean, Danny Navey, Joseph Starling

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John O'Daniel, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Jennifer Ansell, Planner; Sarah Currie, Finance Director; Morgan Gilbert, Parks and Recreation Director; Phil Jones, Planning Board member

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Navey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dean made a motion *to approve* the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Baker. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Finance Report
- b) Budget Amendment #9
- c) Tax Collection Report
- d) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- e) Approval of **ORDINANCE 23-10-01**: Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 Beach and Shore Regulations, Article II, Vehicular Traffic, Section 5-24 Requirements for Permit Issuance; Display (prohibiting all-wheel drive, ATV, UTV)

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Vickie Williams, has been a property owner since 2014 on Pelican Drive. The pier on her street has become famous. She has spoken to the police department about the barge without tags or stickers that is always docked at the end of the pier. She did not think overnight dockage was allowed there. The police department told her the town was working on establishing rules for the area. If anyone can park their boats there overnight, some neighbors would like too also. People are hanging out on the pier at night drinking. It does not feel like a safe area anymore. She asked why the picnic tables were moved. Also, a new structure has been built on the pier and when she asked, the officer did not know who did it.

Mayor Cooper explained this was brought up at the last work session and the town is trying to decide how to address the behavior she referenced without interfering with people who want to fish. A resident did some upgrades to the pier without permission, but the town has addressed him and told him he needed permits and engineering.

SHORE PROTECTION PRESENTATION

Ryan Davenport, Shore Protection Manager, provided a brief on the beach strand conditions after Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ophelia. The beaches are in great shape with two cubic yards per square foot more this year than last year. We had more winds from the due east in 2023, this affects the shore so most of the erosion is at Fort Macon. They will begin dredging Beaufort Inlet this winter and put the sand in Atlantic Beach. There is a lot of funding this year, but the channel is in such good shape so there is not much sand to dredge. They do not know how far west sand will be put on the beach.

They have just started mapping the first line of stable vegetation. They started due to citizen interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Waters asked if we could do anything about the erosion at the western end of Shackleford. Ryan stated the Natural Parks Service think it is best to let nature take its course. The channel has a set measurement of meets and bounds. the area is not considered a navigable channel they would mark.

TOWN PARK LAND SURVEY UPDATE and BUDGET AMENDMENT

John stated NCSU has asked for an updated park survey so we have asked Stroud Engineering to update the one they previously prepared at a cost of \$5,845.

Mayor Pro Tem Waters made a motion *to approve* Budget Amendment for \$5,845 for the Town Park Land Survey Update. Seconded by Councilmember Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The November work session is going to be a big agenda including street survey bids, Moonlight Drive boat ramp gravel and fence, West Bogue Sound Drive pier quotes, New Bern Avenue retention wall quotes, and paid parking program RFPs. We hope to wrap up some projects now that summer is over and before the new board is seated.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

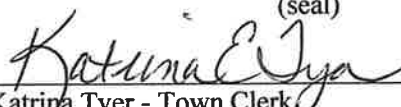
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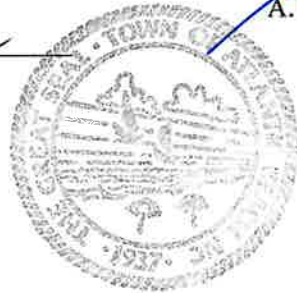
There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:34pm.

These minutes were approved at the December 18, 2023 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:

(seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk




A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor