

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the August 9, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers Derek Abbott, Don Boteler, Dick Oliver, Carol Stevenson, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Tim Saxton; Town Manager Maureen Hartman; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith.

Excused Absence: Councilmember Sue Callaway

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – JULY 25, 2019, TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Oliver, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, to accept the July 25, 2019, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE 195-19

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 195-19, to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 34, Beaches, § 34-9 to include the word “events” and amend verbiage, and to authorize the Town Manager to permit a Town sponsored bonfire on the beach in South Bethany

Councilmember Stevenson reviewed Ordinance 195-19.

Discussion and possible vote to adopt Ordinance 195-19

Motion by Councilmember Stevenson, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to approve Ordinance 195-19. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5-19, A RESOLUTION TO REVISE SOUTH BETHANY’S SCHEDULE OF FEES, TO ADD THE BEACH PARTY/EVENTS FEE

Mayor Saxton read Resolution No. 5-19 and noted that the only change to the Schedule of Fees is to add a Beach Party/Events fee of \$50.

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to adopt Resolution No. 5-19. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CANDIDATE TO THE POLICE ACADEMY

Mayor Saxton noted that the Chief of Police is recommending sending a candidate/recruit to the Police Academy on September 15. The candidate is currently working for the Town as a summer parking enforcement officer. The candidate has been interviewed by the Mayor, Town Manager, and Chief of Police. After discussion, motion by Councilmember Oliver, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, to approve sending the recruit named in the confidential memo to the Police Academy. Motion unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Discussion and possible vote to appoint Board of Adjustment Members – Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Stevenson, to appoint Steve Bunoski, Al Rae, and Peter Bogetti to the Board of Adjustment. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion and possible vote to appoint Planning Commission Members – Motion by Councilmember Stevenson, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to appoint Joe Conway to the Planning Commission. Motion unanimously carried.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

1. Mayor Saxton – The Mayor submitted his report for review. The Mayor added that he took Council's message to ACT and the Town Managers have been assigned to expand the list of issues that the towns share beyond water quality and dredging.
2. Town Manager – The Town Manager submitted her report for review. The Town Manager acknowledged and thanked the South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA) for their donation of \$2,150.00 for the purchase of a body board for the South Bethany Beach Patrol. The Town Manager also reported that DNREC is hosting the 32nd Annual Coastal Cleanup on September 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Mayor Saxton added that the Mayor, Town Manager, and Chief of Police have been working on updating the Police Department's SOPs.
3. Treasurer's Report – Councilmember Boteler submitted his report for review. Councilmember Boteler stated that there is nothing unusual to report after the first three months of the fiscal year.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Budget and Finance – Councilmember Boteler reviewed his submitted report with no additions.
2. Canal Water Quality – Councilmember Weisgerber stated that he has been contacted by numerous property owners with a concern about the safety of the canal water. Councilmember Weisgerber stated that in July and August when the canal water temperature gets into the 80s there is a lack of or no oxygen in the water which sets the criteria for bacteria in the water.
3. Charter and Code – Chair Fields submitted his report with no additions.
4. Communications and Public Relations – Councilmember Stevenson submitted her report for review and publicly thanked the people that helped with the movie night on August 8.
5. Community Enhancement – Councilmember Callaway submitted her report for review with no additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Weisgerber, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to adjourn the August 9, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.