



**TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
6:00 PM
REVISION #2**

AGENDA HEARING

Public has five minutes per person to ask questions or comment on any agenda item.

Mayor Williams opened the meeting for public comment at 6:00 pm.

Captain Michael Mosley, Top of the Line Charters, 123 Sheftall Circle, is considering purchasing the bait shop. He will be selling bait for saltwater fishing. He is requesting to have a five year lease of the bait shop at \$500.00. Town Administrator Milie stated \$750 is the going rate. The current lease is \$550. Council Member Crenshaw stated the normal lease with Town is for one year with a kill clause.

Anna Maria Thomas, 1 Brightwater Drive. Asked if the lease for the bait shop could start lower and then increase over time.

Town Administrator went through the agenda to have discussion with no vote.

Chief Clayton explained on Monday there was an uptick in entering vehicles. Most of the vehicles were not locked. There is now a firearm on the street. Some one had two new Nikon Cameras stolen. With COVID, we had pulled back on community policing, but the officers are now starting back reaching out into the community. If they see a group of kids out playing ball, they will join in.

Council Barbaree stated he learned people can use an app to see if there are computers or other devices in the car before stealing.

Chief Bateman stated he is working with the vendor for the hot water heater. Should be changed over in a week or so.

Public Works Director Crosby joked the chlorides are good. Council Member Crenshaw asked about Thompson Parks water use and the water purchase from Savannah. Public Works Director Crosby stated there were new plants and have not moved to using a shallow well as of yet. The Town has discussed joining Bhai Bleu to install a shallow well but has not finalized anything. There was some maintenance on the chlorides and it increased the use of water. Council Member Lavin commended Public Works on fixing the pot holes. Town Administrator Milie stated we are entering phase III for Honey Park. Phase III is to computerize the park so we will have a visual to show Mr. Honey.

Mayor Williams closed at 6:28 pm

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to order**

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **Roll Call by Presiding Officer with Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

Those in attendance were Mayor Dana Williams and Council Members: Bethany Skipper-Greer, Dave Crenshaw, Larry Ward, Ed Drohan, James Lavin and Brooks Barbaree. Staff in attendance were Police Chief, Sean Clayton; Fire Chief, Andrew Bateman; Public Works Director, Oscar Crosby; Accts Payable/Utility Manager, Katina Spaulding, Town Administrator, Bob Milie; Town Attorney, Charlie Barrow and Town Clerk; Deatre Denion.

3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of February 8, 2023 and February 22, 2023

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes for February 8 and February 22, 2023. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Presentations:**

- a) **Proclamation for International Women's Day/Month**
- b) **Proclamation for Weeping Times Remembrance**

Mayor Williams read both proclamations.

6. **Finance Report:**

Shannon Brett, HBB, finalizing 2022 for audit. 2 months into the year. 17% - Big Picture mostly on track. The Georgia Fund is set up now. It is paying at 4.5%. United Bank has also raised the interest on the other accounts.

7. **Discussion Agenda:**

- a) **Approval to Expand Tortugas' Alcohol License to Include Liquor.**

Mayor Williams asked for motion to approve Tortugas' Alcohol License. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second by Council Member Crenshaw. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- b) **Approval to Appoint James Fogarty, 3301 George St., to Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve James Fogarty to Planning and Zoning. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

- c) **Approval of the Renewal of Home Occupation Permit for Homes Vista Window & Doors, 3306 Gragg Street.**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve of the renewal of the Home Occupation Permit for Homes Vista Window & Doors. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second by Council Member Crenshaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

d) **Discussion of Possible Lease for Bait Shop on Isle of Armstrong.**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion on the lease of the bait shop. **Council Member Crenshaw approve for 6 months at \$500 after to \$750. Ward was the second.** Town Administrator Milie asked Crenshaw to first 6 months at current amount and then increase to \$750. Crenshaw agreed to amend his motion to the current rate. Council Member Lavin asked for clarification on what was asked and agreed upon amount. Council Member Brooks asked if this was a one year lease. TA stated it is three. **Motion passed unanimously.**

8. **Department Report – Written Reports Submitted**

by: **Police / Municipal Court / Neighborhood Watch – Sean Clayton, Chief of Police
Fire – Fire Chief, Andrew Bateman
Public Works Department – Oscar Crosby, Public Works Manager**

9. **Town Administrator Report:** Town Administrator, Bob Milie

Town Administrator Milie went over some highlights of his monthly report. First was entering second phase of the evaluation of cost effectiveness of attaching to the County Contract for pricing prior to moving forward on an RFP. Second, was how Thunderbolt Community Association brought school supplies to Thunderbolt students and an Easter activity at Tara Nursing Home. Third, addressing Atlantic Waste issues. The issues is costing more with the increase in staff time addressing the citizen's complaints. Atlantic Waste has a new computer system they hope will assist in tracking data and help new crews with routes. They did agree to assist with Earth Day Arbor Day by collecting up to two tires per residence, batteries, bulbs.

Simply Savannah Marketing, Marianne Gannon Poppell, came forward and updated Council on the Easter Egg Hunt, Arbor Day/Earth Day, recycling, Blessing of the Fleet events.

10. **Legal Report – Town Attorney**

a) HB 517

Town Attorney Barrow stated HB 517 did not make crossover and is dead so there is no need for a discussion.

11. **Mayor and Council**

12. **Thunderbolt Museum**

Anna Maria Thomas spoke on the Chili Dinner. They sold 100 dinners. Coach's Corner bought what was left. The monthly sale is March 25. Thunderbolt Museum is helping with the Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing of the Fleet.

13. **Executive Session-** Mayor requests a motion and a second to recess into executive session for the purpose of Legal, Real Estate and/or Personnel matters.

There was no need for an executive session. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Crenshaw made the motion with a second from Council Member Ward. The motion passed unanimously.**

14. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.



Mayor Dana Williams



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