

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

June 3, 2009

Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club, Orchid, Florida

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Dunlop called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Present:

Mayor Richard Dunlop
Vice-Mayor Sue Joyce
Councilmember Bud Oatway
Councilmember Bill Troxell

Absent:

Councilmember Paul Johnson

Staff in Attendance:

Deb C. Branwell, Town Manager
Terri Wallace, Town Clerk
Phil Redstone, Chief of Police

Agenda Item #2 – Agenda Modifications, Additions and/or Deletions

Mayor Dunlop asked if there were any modifications, additions or deletions. The Mayor stated for the record that the Agenda would be modified to accommodate Harris, Cotherman, Jones, Price & Associates upon their arrival.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

Minutes Regular Town Council Meeting – May 6, 2009

*Vice-Mayor Joyce moved to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2009.
Councilmember Troxell seconded the motion.
All Councilmembers present agreed.*

Agenda Item #4 – Committee Reports

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities: Vice-Mayor Joyce reported that the TCRLC has created a \$500 ‘Civics Grant’ for each municipality, also they are holding their annual luncheon to which all Councilmembers are invited, and they are trying to launch a new logo.

Community Leaders Summit: Councilmember Troxell reported the third meeting was held May 8th, 2009, at Pointe West. There are three basics teams constructed to build the business environment in Indian River County; which are: Economic Development, Business Incentives Group, and Funding for Economic Development. They are striving for ‘shovel ready’ development sites and grants for ‘Economic Gardening.’

Beach and Shores Preservation Advisory Board: Rob Tench (the committee alternate for Councilmember Johnson) was invited to give the report to Council on this committee. Mr. Tench reported that it is expected that the permits, for the beach renourishment, will be issued in July or August of this year and will go out for bid to the upland and the off-shore suppliers. A brief discussion ensued regarding the truck versus barge accessibility and the stress the approximate thirty thousand trucks will place on the SR510 Bridge. Also, the upland sand is a larger grain and may not have the longevity of the sand pumped in from the ocean. Councilmember Troxell stated it is estimated that this project will require 450,000 cubic yards of sand at \$25 a cubic yard and, with current County funding, the money is in place without the need of State funding.

Town Administrative Facility: The Mayor stated he approached Mr. Bob Ripp with the concept of selling the A1A property to the Town for \$180,000 to \$200,000. As of this meeting, he had not received a response. The Mayor further stated that he has other options under consideration.

Agenda Item #5 – Town Council Matters

A. Presentation of fiscal year 2007-2008 Independent Auditors’ Report, Financial Statements and Supplementary Information – Ross Cotherman of Harris, Cotherman, Jones, Price & Associates

It was observed that the auditors were not present. Town Manager Branwell investigated the situation and reported back to Council that the auditors did not remember the meeting was June 3, 2009, and could not be ready to present the completed audit until noon.

Councilmember Oatway moved to approve the draft of the financial statements, as included in the current binder, and the Management Discussion & Analysis, as well as the draft previously submitted subject to seeing a copy of the auditors’ letters relating to internal control and other observations.

Vice-Mayor Joyce seconded the motion.

All Councilmembers present agreed.

B. Building Code Administrator Agreement Extension with Independent Inspections, Ltd.

There was a brief discussion on the contracted fee structure with Independent Inspections, Ltd. prior to voting on the one-year extension agreement.

Councilmember Oatway moved approve to the Building Code Administrator Agreement Extension with Independent Inspections, Ltd.

Councilmember Troxell seconded the motion.

All Councilmembers present agreed.

C. Discussion – Fixed Assets Useful Operating Lives / Mayor Dunlop

Mayor Dunlop stated he would like to change the depreciation life on the globes of the Town’s streetlights. Council concluded that further discussion would take place at the Town’s Budget Workshop, July 30, 2009.

Town Council Matters – Unfinished Business

A. St. Johns River Water Management District – Water Conservation Ordinance Request

The Mayor informed Council that he had a discussion with ‘Trish’ Joaquim who informed the Mayor that she is now charged with the task of overseeing the water consumption for the Community Association. Mrs. Joaquim asked that Council not pass the Water Conservation Ordinance and the Mayor stated it could be placed in abeyance for use, if necessary, in the future. Councilmember Oatway reiterated that this is not a Town matter.

The Mayor recognized Chief Redstone asking if he had anything to report. The Chief stated that Town Manager Branwell attended the Emergency Services District Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting, on May 21, 2009, in his place and deferred to her for a report. Ms. Branwell stated that ESAC filled four (4) vacancies, is concentrating on having Fire Stations 9 and 12 reopened in September 2009, and the last three quarters of the meeting was spent determining the viability of the Committee as it is today, or rewriting their Charter pertinent to today/future issues and goals.

Chief Redstone was asked what the identification procedure would be gain access to the island in case of a hurricane. The Chief replied that Emergency Services will be following the same procedure as last year. He stated that in an effort to save money, only in the event of an impending hurricane landfall will the identification cards be printed and issued.

Town Manager Branwell also gave an update on the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA). At their last meeting, it was agreed that ISBA can move forward without the participation of the Town of Indian River Shores. Sebastian and Indian River County had arrived at an agreement and Fellsmere was still awaiting notification from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Should there not be any word from DCA, as of the June 3rd 2009 ISBA meeting, it was agreed to allow Fellsmere and Indian River County to work out an agreement.

Vice-Mayor Joyce has been approached as to whether or not there is a need for the Town. Councilmember Oatway replied that, though a valid question, it would be foolhardy of the Community to disband the Town and to turn the 510 property over to the County jurisdiction – we lose ‘home rule.’ It was pointed out that it would not be a good idea to ever allow the Town to be dissolved, as the commercial regulations for the County are more relaxed than the Town’s. Also, Mr. Oatway pointed out the tax savings as to being a Town rather than being in the County and asked for a current calculation of those savings. It was pointed out that the calculated savings are in the Budget in Brief.

Agenda Item #6 – Public Comment

Mayor Dunlop asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Approved at the September 4, 2009 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Terri Wallace

**Terri Wallace
Town Clerk**