

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
September 24, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fosque called the meeting to order and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Robert Bloxom, Joy Marino, Ray Burger, Maphis Oswald and Joshua Bundick were present. Councilmember Catherine Krause was absent. A majority of members were present and a quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consideration and Approval of the Regular Town Council Minutes from the August 27, 2018 Meeting and the September 10, 2018 Town Council Work Session Meeting:

Mayor Fosque asked for any corrections or edits to the minutes as submitted.

Councilmember Bloxom asked that the Mayor's name on page one of the August 27, 2018 minutes be corrected and that the word deed on page one of the September 10, 2018 minutes be replaced with the word plat.

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilmember Oswald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Fosque announced that the Town will have a booth at the Parksley Golden Spike Railroad Festival which is to be held on October 6, 2018. Mayor Fosque also shared that the Onancock Main Street Initiative group will be having a kick-off event on October 22, 2018 at the Historic Onancock School from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. Lastly, Mayor Fosque shared that the CBES bike tour which begins and ends in Onancock will be held on October 27, 2018. The Historic Onancock School will be holding an event directly following the race.

Public Business:

- a. Amended Resolution in Opposition to Offshore Drilling off the Coast of the Eastern Shore of Virginia – Mayor Fletcher Fosque
Mayor Fosque explained that the amendment to the Resolution was to include the Town's opposition to seismic testing.

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to approve the amended Resolution. Councilmember Marino seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Bundick abstained.

- b. Approval of the Wharf Parking Lot Paving Contract – Mayor Fletcher Fosque
Mayor Fosque explained the contract to Council, sharing that the Town will be reimbursed 75% of the project costs due to designated grant funds.

Councilmember Bundick suggested that the project be inspected upon completion.

Ms. Ann Nock, suggested that the Town take the opportunity to insulate the water pipes under the parking lot during the repaving so that the restrooms at the wharf can remain open year-round.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to approve the proposal from Paving Contractor, LLC in the amount of \$48,000 to resurface the wharf parking lot. Councilmember Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. Capital Improvement Projects Plan – Mayor Fletcher Fosque
Mayor Fosque reviewed the capital improvement projects plan with Council. Some items that were already completed were removed from the plan while others were added.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Fosque suggested that the Planning Commission also review the revised capital improvement projects plan.

- d. Queen Street Improvements – Mayor Fletcher Fosque
Mayor Fosque asked Council if they should table this discussion until a more comprehensive plan is put together. Councilmember Bloxom agreed although expressed interest in eliminating the five parking spots by the old Charter Communications building sooner rather than later.

Council discussion followed.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Fosque stated that he would direct the Town Manager to get in touch with the Virginian Department of Transportation about eliminating those five parking spots.

- e. Addition, Stephen Johnsen, Presentation re: Regional Sewer Project (this item was not listed on the original agenda): Mayor Fosque shared that Mr. Johnsen was here to update Council on the Regional Sewer Project. Mr. Johnsen reviewed the potential financial impact this project would have on the Town. Mr. Johnsen stated that the next step in making this project a reality would be to have an engineering study done. This study would help identify the timeline and cost of the project. It is projected that the study will cost anywhere from \$75,000 to \$95,000. Mr. Johnsen explained that they are asking all the affected localities to contribute \$10,000 to help fund the study.

Council discussion followed. Mayor Fosque asked Council to give this request a tentative okay until the budget can be reviewed.

Councilmember Oswald made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 for the study, pending that the funds can be found within the current year's budget. Councilmember Marino seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment:

Mr. Greg Smith, Parker Street, asked Council to reevaluate the Town's current nuisance ordinance so that it can include the removal of unlicensed recreational vehicles from properties.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Fosque suggested that the Planning Commission review this issue at their next meeting. Councilmember Bloxom shared that the Town Manager has a draft nuisance ordinance that will be presented to the Planning Commission next month.

Planning Commission Report:

No meeting.

Waterfront Committee Report:

No meeting.

Personnel Committee Report:

No meeting.

Holiday Committee Report:

No meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fosque shared that an ad hoc committee for the purpose of town beautification has been formed. Their purpose is to prepare for the Garden Tour which will be held in Town on May 4, 2019. The committee consists of Councilmember Joy Marino, Mrs. Barbara Johnsen, Mrs. Beth Temple, Mrs. Kathy Boyd, Ms. Ann Nock and Ms. Shannon Gordon.

Town Manager's Report:

No report due to Town Manager's, William Kerbin, absence.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Oswald shared how much she enjoyed the National Guard Band concert at the beginning of the month. Councilmember Oswald also thanked Mr. Kerbin and Mrs. Fiege for their assistance with the preparations for the Golden Spike Railroad Festival photo booth.

Closed Session, if needed:

None.

Mayor Fosque shared that Mr. Rupert Gonzalez has been hired as the Town's newest street crew member.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bundick seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Lisa Fiege, Deputy Clerk