

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
March 25, 2019
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 Meeting Minutes from the February 25, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting and the Meeting Minutes from the March 11, 2019 Budget Workshop Meeting:

Mayor Fosque asked if there were any edits, changes or corrections to the meeting minutes as submitted.

With none, Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Councilmember Bundick seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Business:

- a. Update on the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission – Mr. Robie Marsh, Executive Director: Mr. Marsh thanked Onancock for their continued support of the Tourism Commission. Mr. Marsh shared the process of the Tourism Commission’s current restructuring with council along with the commission’s top-ten goals.

Council and public comment followed.

- b. Update on the Home and Garden Tour – Ms. Lisa Tankard and Ms. Jenny Barker: Ms. Barker and Ms. Tankard thanked the town for being so accommodating to them for the upcoming Home and Garden Tour. Ms. Barker shared that the tour will be on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They reviewed other preparations that were underway along with their social media outreach efforts. Ms. Barker suggested that town encourage its local businesses to share and tag the Home and Garden Tour in their social media efforts as well as encourage them to have events and specials that will keep the Home and Garden Tour participants in town for the weekend.

Mr. Robie Marsh suggested that the town add a special page to its website so that the town can highlight those events and specials. A one-stop shop, so to speak, for what is going on in town that weekend.

Council discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Mr. Adam James, Fire Chief for the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD): Mr. James and Mr. Justin Bizzotto were present to give council an update on the fire department. Mr. James shared that the first full year without the Onley Volunteer Fire Department has concluded, OVFD saw a huge

increase to their calls, completing 1070 EMS calls, 264 engine runs, making them the 2nd busiest department in Accomack County. Mr. James also stressed that they are currently in need of volunteers. Mr. James also shared some changes in vehicles as well as some upcoming fundraising events. A golf tournament on July 5th and the Croaker Classic on August 10th.

Planning Commission:

Councilmember Bloxom shared that the number one priority of the planning commission is the comprehensive plan revision. The commission hopes to have a proposal to council by September.

Waterfront Committee:

Councilmember Bloxom reviewed the status of the construction projects at the marina. Councilmember Bloxom shared that in the upcoming April meeting they will be discussing the 2019 boating season rates.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fosque shared that he and Councilmember Oswald attended a clean up day at the Samuel D. Outlaw Building, which was in preparation for the upcoming Home and Garden Tour.

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Kerbin reviewed the following items with council:

- The budget public hearing will be scheduled for the April council meeting, April 22nd. Council will vote on the budget at the May meeting.
- The town hired a new Harbormaster, Craig Tanner. Mr. Kerbin suggested that council stop by the marina and welcome Mr. Tanner.
- Mr. Kerbin reminded council that a Freedom of Information Act training will be held Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 in the Council Chambers.
- Mr. Kerbin thanked Mayor Fosque and Councilmember Oswald for attending the Samuel D. Outlaw Building clean-up efforts. Mr. Kerbin also thanked Councilmember Marino and Ms. Nancy James for their hard work in putting the St. Patrick's Parade and Celtic Festival together this year.
- Mr. Kerbin also thanked Mr. James for assisting the Samuel D. Outlaw Building with their chimney inspection.

Council Comments:

They were none.

Closed Session – if needed:

None was needed.

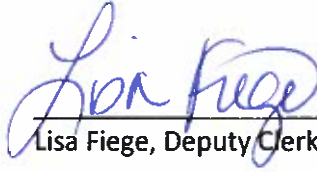
Adjourn:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Lisa Fiege, Deputy Clerk