

Town of Vandemere

North Carolina



Town Board Meeting October 2022 Minutes



TOWN OF VANDEMERE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022

In Attendance: Mayor Thaanum, Commissioners Fema, Jones, Lacy, McCotter, Wooten and Clerk Britt

Absent: TM Woodruff

Meeting was called to order at 7PM

Comm. Jones offered a prayer to begin the meeting.

Visitors: Brenda Heiberg, Max Ware and David & Sandra Snipes

Minutes of the August 15th, 2022, meeting were read by Clerk Britt. Comm. McCotter made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Comm. Wooten. Motion passed with all yeas.

The financial reports for the months of July, August and September 2022 were presented by Clerk Britt. There were no questions from the Board upon their review of the reports.

Public Comments or Questions: Comm. McCotter wanted to know if the sanitation would be going up. Mayor Thaanum advised him that we were in process of reviewing contract.

Max Ware wanted to know if the ordinance work study had been done. Mayor Thaanum stated it had not, but that Eastern Carolina Council has a new compliance officer and that we would be setting up a meeting with him.

Sandra Snipes said an email was sent to the Town Staff regarding the CORE program. She advised that the application is due by the 24th and would the Town reconsider applying for the grant. Mayor Thaanum stated we weren't pursuing it at this time because we have other projects that are a priority.

Max Ware commented that Duong Tran closed on the Marina on Friday. Mr. Tran plans to develop the property and possibly put 3 houses on it.

Communications: None

Department reports:

- Drainage and waterways, Streets & Roads: TM Woodruff absent so Mayor Thaanum stated that the Town was awarded \$45,000.00 in engineering grant money. At this time, we have 2 engineering firms that we are consulting with.
- Health and Sanitation: Comm. Jones had nothing to report.
- Regulations and Compliance: Comm. Lacy stated there has been no change.
- Public Safety, Flags and Banners, Maintenance and Installation: Comm. McCotter stated the flags were down. He wanted to know if the flags needed to be put up during election times. Mayor Thaanum advised him that they did need to be put up and she also asked that the Christmas flags be put up when the regular flags were taken down.
- Decorations and Social Functions: Comm. Wooten will help decorate for Christmas.
- Public Relations: Mayor Thaanum thanked Sandra for the development of the Vandemere Voice newsletter. For anyone who didn't receive the paper copy, they can go online and look at it. Sandra stated she didn't send them to post office boxes, but will in the future. If you would like to post information in the newsletter, it has to be turned in before December 15th. Mayor Thaanum expressed appreciation to Graham Byrnes for donating new rope to the Town to put up the Town Hall flag. She explained that a truck with a crane on it was in Town, and she asked the man if he could use his truck

and put up our Town Hall flag while he was here. He agreed and completed the job. Mayor Thaanum took goodies to the group the next day as they wouldn't take payment for their service. They were very appreciative of the gesture.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Mayor Thaanum presented the Snag-A-Slip (SAS) contract. She advised the Board that SAS doesn't have insurance. Mayor Thaanum asked if David Snipes would like to answer any questions regarding the company as he has been the lead on this project. David stated that contract can be cancelled at any time and there is no charge to the Town. There is no set up fees, but the company would collect about 13% from the rental. The Town won't be a marina, just renting a space. David mentioned that it's very dark around the slips and we wouldn't want to be negligent, so we might want to put in some lights and power outlets. Comm. Lacy stated that it should be easy to run power to the slips. Comm. McCotter wondered about the risk that comes with a boat plugging into a power source. David said that he wasn't trying to bring a cost to the Town, but merely marketing the Town and getting more publicity. Comm. Lacy wanted to know about the insurance policy. Mayor Thaanum stated that we are currently waiting on information from the insurance company. There was still more discussion regarding power, fees and insurance, but Mayor Thaanum advised that we just need to know if the contract could be accepted if the insurance worked out. Comm. Lacy made a motion to accept the contract if insurance is in place and Comm. Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passed with all yeas.

Being no other business, Comm. Lacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Comm. McCotter. Motion passed with all yeas.