



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 19, 2017

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

305 SOUTH COASTAL HIGHWAY
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor G. Glenn Jones called the meeting to order.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planning Commission Chairman Linda Smith led in Prayer and Council Member Jud Bowers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Glenn Jones	Mayor	Present	
Jud Bowers	Council Member	Present	
Bill Herrin	Council Member	Present	
Barbara Powers	Council Member	Present	
Debbie Johnson	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
Paul Fox	Council Member	Present	
Phillip Claxton	City Administrator	Present	
Miriam Jordan	Clerk of Council	Present	
Elizabeth Pavlis	City Attorney	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Jimmy Stewart	Wastewater Treatment Manager	Present	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Present	
Lee Sherrod	Police Major	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Trent Long	City Engineer	Present	
Jessica Rought	City Engineer	Present	
Jennifer Roach	City Engineer	Present	
Jim Vaughn	City Engineer	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

1. Under Resolutions/Ordinances/Proclamations, add Item #E - Proclamation for Rev. John Smith Day
2. Under New Business, remove Item #E - Public Safety Retirement
3. Remove Executive Session

Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 15, 2016 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Debbie Johnson, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Director of Leisure Services Tiffany Lancaster had the following announcements:

1. Basketball games have started.
2. Art classes are being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
3. Sign-ups for baseball, softball and tball have begun.
4. A lunchtime fitness program has started which involves circuit training. It is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Police Major Lee Sherrod and Chief of Fire Operations presented Life Saving Awards to Firefighters Shaw Hamrick and Brandon Myers for their life saving skills used in saving a 2 year old choking victim.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the committee reports and make them part of the minutes. He also stated that the City of Port Wentworth has been voted the 9th safest city in Georgia. Seconded by Council Member Jud Bowers. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jud Bowers, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

10. CONSENT AGENDA

There were none to report.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Alcoholic Beverage License Application submitted by Preksha Patel for a Beer / Wine License for Parth 24 LLC (306 S. Coastal Highway) Located In a P-C-1 (Planned Neighborhood Business) Zoning District

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jud Bowers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Debbie Johnson, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- B. Emergency Liftstation Improvements for the Lakeside Station (Liftstation #12) on Lakeside Boulevard in the Rice Hope Subdivision

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jud Bowers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Barbara Powers, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- C. Emergency Liftstation Improvements for the Wafflehouse Station (Liftstation #3) on Highway 21

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jud Bowers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- D. Notice of Award and Approval of Contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the Amount of \$247,594.00 For The Armadale Road Paving Project

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jud Bowers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Paul Fox, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- E. Public Safety Retirement

Item was removed from agenda under Approval of Agenda.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Paul Fox, Council Member
AYES:	Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Ordinance No. 16-16, Zoning Map Amendment Application submitted by John C. Wyllly Jr., for PIN #: 7-0907-01-003 (Highway 21) to Rezone from a R-A (Residential Agriculture) to a P-RIP (Planned Residential Institutional) Zoning District, Second Reading (First Reading - 12.15.16)

Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to approve the rezoning as a second reading with the stipulation that a 50' undisturbed natural buffer remain.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jud Bowers, Council Member
SECONDER: Debbie Johnson, Council Member
AYES: Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- B. Ordinance No. 17-01, Budget Adjustment FY17, First Reading
Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jud Bowers, Council Member
SECONDER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
AYES: Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- C. Ordinance No. 17-01, Budget Adjustment FY17, Second Reading

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Paul Fox, Council Member
SECONDER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
AYES: Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- D. Ordinance No. 17-02, Subdivision Regulations, First Reading
Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER: Jud Bowers, Council Member
AYES: Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

- E. Proclamation - Rev. John Smith Day on January 21, 2017

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Paul Fox, Council Member
SECONDER: Debbie Johnson, Council Member
AYES: Bowers, Herrin, Powers, Johnson, Barbee, Fox

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Ben Hester, 440 Meinhard Road, asked the Mayor to resign.

Janet Hester, 440 Meinhard Road, asked the Mayor to resign.

Council Member Paul Fox asked the Mayor to resign.

Mike Patterson, 301 Turnberry Street, asked Council to look into allowing accessory dwelling units.

Jill Linton, 8 Tiller Way, thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their work and spoke in support of Council Member Debbie Johnson.

John Holland, 3 Galley Lane, thanked Council Member Debbie Johnson and the Leisure Services Department for getting the tables secured at Della Stelle Park. He asked that the park also be illuminated.

Yolanda Abbott, Savannah, GA, stated she is working on ways to have the Mayor removed.

Council Member Thomas Barbee expressed his concerns regarding the picture taken of Council Member Debbie Johnson.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor G. Glenn Jones adjourned the meeting.



Mayor G. Glenn Jones

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 23rd day of Feb., 2017

ATTEST:



Miriam B. Jordan, Clerk of Council