

Council Meeting
Al Thompson Community Center – 9212 County Road 97
August 13, 2020 6:30 pm

The Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach met in Regular Council Meeting at the Al Thompson Community Center on August 13, 2020; while observing safety measures due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mayor Hamilton called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Kae Hamilton; Councilman Thomas Bloxham; Councilman Steve Love, Councilman Gary Kiefer and Councilman Oliver Guilford

Members Absent: Councilman Andrew Stewart

Others Present: Marcus McDowell-Town Attorney, Lynn Thompson-Town Clerk and members of the Town.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Guilford gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited by all

Presentations: None

Public Comments: None

Minutes: July 9th Council and July 22nd 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Guilford, second by Councilman Bloxham to approve the minutes as presented.

No Discussion. Motion carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Financials: August 2020 Financial Report (Written Report Attached)

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 2020

General Operating Fund Account	\$342,813.71
4 & 5 Cent Gas Tax Account	\$4,182.92
7 Cent Gas Tax Account	\$4,811.28
Capital Improvement Fund Account	\$16,199.41
Special Account Money Market	\$119,473.56
Special Account	\$3,605.09
Gas & Diesel Acct.	\$8,149.05

Motion Councilman Guilford, second by Councilman Bloxham to approve the Financial Report.
No Discussion, All in favor, Motion carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report.
(Written Report Attached)

Ordinances (s): None

Resolution (s):

**ITEM: Resolution 2020-12 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-09 APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS
(ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING MACHINES)**

Motion by Councilman Kiefer to adopt Resolution 2020-12, second by Councilman Bloxham.

No Discussion:

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

ITEM: RESOLUTION NO 2020-13 OFFICERS ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION CERTIFICATION ATTACHED

Motion by Councilman Guilford to adopt Resolution 2020-13, second by Councilman Kiefer (Certification Attached) Mayor Hamilton presented the certificate.

No Discussion:

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

ITEM: RESOLUTION 2020-14 OFFICERS ELELCTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION CERTIFICATION ATTACHED

Motion by Councilman Bloxham to adopt Resolution 2020-14. second by Councilman Guilford (Certification Attached) Mayor Hamilton presented the certificate.

No Discussion:

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

ITEM: RESLUTION 2020-15 OFFICERS ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION CERTIFICATION ATTACHED

Motion by Councilman Bloxham to adopt Resolution 2020-15, second by Councilman Guilford. (Certification Attached) Mayor Hamilton presented the certificate.

No Discussion:

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

ITEM: RESOLUTION 2020-16 A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE PUBLIC PARKING SPACES AND PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE STREET PARK AREA

Motion by Councilman Bloxham, to adopt Resolution 2020-16, second by Councilman Kiefer.

Discussed types of signage.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Motions/Requests from the Council Councilman Love encouraged all candidates to volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kiefer announced that since the installation of the speed humps that speeding is reduced from 48-56 per cent down to 3 to 5 per cent. He stated he would also like to revisit the lodgings tax the Town imposes on short term rentals.

Public Comments: (For discussion and or consideration on the next Council Agenda)

Comments from the public:

Hank Jordan-Town Resident asked if the current bid for the construction of the boat launch needed to be rebid. (Discussion)

Bob Gross-Town Resident stated his concerns about the inclusiveness of questions posed regarding the boat launch design plan.

Christi Koehle-Town Resident commented on wise spending regarding the boat launch.


Christi Koehle and Pam Kitchens stated she would like to have more budgetary information made available.

Council/Legal/Staff Comments None


Other Business: None

Being no further business there was a motion by Councilman Guilford, second by Councilman Kiefer to adjourn. All in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:18 pm ,


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:

: 
Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

Budget and Finance Meeting Report

Town Council Meeting

August 13, 2020

Our committee did not meet this month due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Town Clerk and committee members reviewed the various financial reports remotely to ensure their safety. Expenditures are in line with the budget and the bank accounts appear accurate. Income is below the Budgeted amount for the month of July, but only because Advalorem/Property Tax is spread over all 12 months in Budget and is received in December and January. This was a month where Budgeted expense items are overall below the budget. The Sales Tax was much better than the budgeted amount (2152.17vs750.00), Lodging tax also (1034.72 vs 500.00), Franchise Fees were well below budgeted amount. Franchise fees from Mediacom have not been collected for 5 months, usually between 900 and 1000 dollars per month. This has been resolved and should appear in next month financials. The new Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax continued to increase this month and is earmarked for street repair (\$8149.05).

Our committee has begun to review the 2021 Budget and will present a preliminary Budget in September and a final in October at which time the Council will vote on it. If your committees have any concerns or request, now is the time to let us know.

The General Fund had \$342,813.71 in it as of 7/31/2020. The work done at Escambia and Mobile on the bay front has now been paid. The General Fund balance is like your checking account and varies daily. We have to always remain mindful of Budget constraints when considering which new projects to fund. Those are decisions for this Council.

The special BP account has \$119,473.56 left in it which represents the money remaining to be spent on the State Street Park. This does not reflect current work being done. The special BP checking account has \$3,605.09 remaining in it as of 7/31/2020. See attached sheet for Capital improvement and Gas tax account balances.

Our finances for the month of July appear to be in line with the Budget, with the exception of not receiving Franchise Fees. Again income is above the projected Budget and expenses are below Budget projections on an annual basis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Love, Chairman

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RESOLUTION 2020-12 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-09 APPOINTING ELECTION
OFFICERS

(ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING SYSTEMS)

WHEREAS, a regular municipal election is scheduled to be held on the 25th day of August, 2020, and a runoff election to be held, if necessary, on the 6th day of October 2020, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 of the Alabama Code of 1975, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto provide, in part, that the municipal governing body, not less than 15 days before the holding of any municipal election, appoint from the municipality, officers to hold the election as follows: where electronic ballot counters are used, at least one inspector and three clerks; and

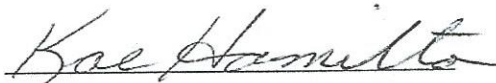
WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 (h) of the Alabama Code of 1975, provides that the returning officers, the inspectors, and the clerks at polling places where voting is solely by paper ballots shall be entitled to such compensation as the municipal governing body establishes but which in no event shall be less than eight dollars (\$8) per day, and each election officer at a polling place where elections are conducted in whole or in part by voting machines shall be entitled to such compensation as the municipal governing body establishes but which in no event shall be less than eight dollars (\$8) per day. The compensation of the election officials shall be paid as preferred claims out of the general fund of the municipality holding the election on proper proof of service rendered.

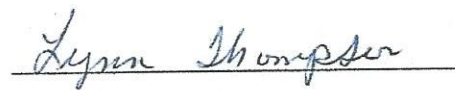
WHEREAS, Tracie Page cannot act as an election officer, and will be removed from the list of election officers, as she is related to Jimmy Page who is running for office in the August 25th municipal election, Freda Fleming has been appointed to take Mrs. Page's place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, that the election officers for said election and runoff election if necessary shall be named and compensated as follows:

Inspector	\$150.00 Pam Douglas
I-Pad Clerk	\$125.00 Tracie Page Freda Fleming
Ballot Clerk	\$125.00 Tommy Resmondo
Clerk at Large	\$125.00 Harry Douglas
Clerk at Large (if needed)	\$125.00

ATTEST:


Kae Hamilton, Mayor


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION 2020-13 OFFICERS ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office, for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

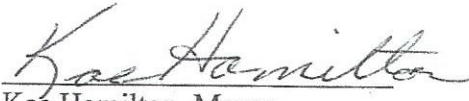
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Town Council Place 2 prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Pamela Kitchens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama that Pamela Kitchens be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of


Town Council Place 2 in the Town of Perdido Beach for the term commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach be and is hereby directed to issue a certificate of election to Pamela Kitchens for the office of Town Council Place 2 for the term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk



CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

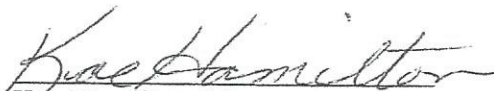
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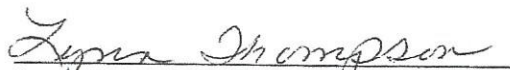
BALDWIN COUNTY

TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH

The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2020 municipal general election to be held in the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, that Pamela Kitchens was the only candidate to qualify for office of Council Member Place #2 of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2020. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, Pamela Kitchens is deemed elected to the office of Council Member Place #2 of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, without opposition.

Given under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 7th day of August, 2020.


Kae Hamilton, Mayor


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION 2020-14

OFFICERS ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

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WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office, for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

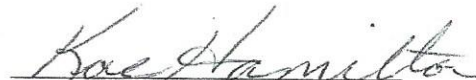
WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that Christi Kohle submitted her statement of candidacy for the office of Town Council Place 3 prior to the deadline. One candidate withdrew his candidacy, leaving Christi Koehle unopposed in Place 3.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama that Chrsi Koehle be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Town Council Place 3 in the Town of Perdido Beach for the term commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach be and is hereby directed to issue a certificate of election to Christi Koehle for the office of Town Council Place 3 for the term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

STATE OF ALABAMA

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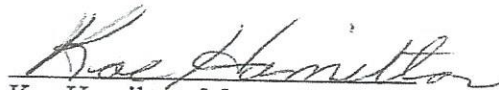
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The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2020 municipal general election to be held in the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, that Christi Koehle was the only candidate to qualify for office of Council Member Place #3 of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2020. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, Christi Koehle is deemed elected to the office of Council Member Place #3 of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, without opposition.

Given under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 7th day of August, 2020.


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION 2020-15 OFFICERS ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH

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WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

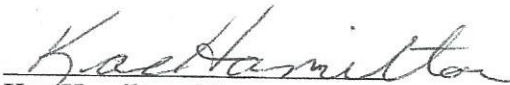
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Town Council Place 5 prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Gary Kiefer..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama that Gary Kiefer be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Town Council

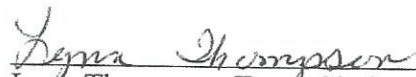
Place 5 in the Town of Perdido Beach for the term commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach be and is hereby directed to issue a certificate of election to Gary Kiefer for the office of Town Council Place 5 for the term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

STATE OF ALABAMA

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The undersigned hereby certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2020 municipal general election to be held in the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, that Gary Kiefer was the only candidate to qualify for office of Council Member Place #5 of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2020. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, Gary Kiefer is deemed elected to the office of Council Member Place #5 of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, without opposition.

Given under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 7th, day of August, 2020.


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk



Resolution No. 2020-16

**A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE PUBLIC PARKING SPACES AND
PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE STREET PARK AREA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, pursuant to the authority granted by Title 11, Subtitle 2, Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Code of Alabama, 1975 and 1986 Cumulative Supplement, in order to promote the health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the residents; to lessen congestion in the street and to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; hereby ordains and enacts into law the following;

WHEREAS, the Soldier Creek Addition to Perdido Beach depicted several rights-of-way including East State Street;

WHEREAS, the Town of Perdido Beach is sensitive to the possibility of increased congestion on Tuscaloosa Drive and recognizes the need for designated parking spaces and other restrictions to provide for safe ingress and egress by the citizens of Perdido Beach, and the abutting property owners; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Perdido Beach feels that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Perdido Beach to designate specific parking and restrictions for that section of State Street, from Anniston Drive Eastward to Soldier Creek and Tuscaloosa Drive from Riggs Street to Baldwin Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, while in regular session on the 13th day of August 2020, as follows:

1. **Definitions** – for the purposes of this Resolution the following words or terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:
 - a. *Public parking space.* Any area designated for parking of vehicles whether or not located on public property or on private property if the area is open for public use.
 - b. *Vehicle.* The term vehicle shall mean any machine propelled by power other than human power designed to travel along the ground or through or upon water by use of wheels, treads, runners, slides, wings or hulls for the purpose of transporting persons or property or pulling non-self-propelled vehicles or machinery. This shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, boats, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, motor scooters, mopeds, tractors, recreational vehicles and all-terrain vehicles.
 - c. *State Street.* As used herein, “State Street”, shall mean only that section of State Street east of Anniston Avenue

- d. *State Street Park.* As used herein, "State Street Park", shall mean only that section of southeast corner of Tuscaloosa Drive and State Street.
- e. *Trailers.* As used herein, the term trailer shall mean things of a nature that are towed by a vehicle.

2. **Designated Parking Spaces** – There are hereby created six (6) designated public parking spaces on State Street Park for vehicles with boat trailers. Parking on State Street shall be strictly limited to the designated parking spaces set forth herein and there shall be no other parking permitted on State Street East of Anniston Avenue. There shall be no parking on Tuscaloosa Drive, from Riggs Street to Baldwin Street.


- a. Designation of Parking Spaces - Signage will establish the location of the designated parking spaces.
- b. Parking Violations - Vehicles or trailers violating this ordinance may be towed at the vehicle or trailer owner's expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of August, 2020


Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk



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Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

Safety Committee Meeting

Aug 6, 2020
Meeting Start @ 6:30

Members Present

Tom Resmondo

Frank Harter

Gary Kiefer

Guests

Jimmy Paig

Discussion

Everyone liked speed tables
Get prices on rumble strips to put ahead
of speed table signs.

Radar data stated that speed is reduced
from 48 to 56 percent speeders to down to
3 to 5 percent.

Get data on other streets to monitor speeds.
Meeting adjourned @ 7:20

Chairman

Gary Kiefer

Council comments:

Since I am not seeking re-election, I would like to make some comments before this council and the public. By the nature of our positions we tend to hear a lot of negative, but I would like to draw your attention to the campaign promises of 4 years ago and what has been accomplished.

This Council ran on a platform that contained 4 main issues and a few others, I will mention. Those issues were improving and keeping water accesses open, paving Escambia Ave, building a boat ramp for the town, and improving communications. Others included traffic issues with speeding, finishing the community center, trying to find grants for the town, and addressing coastal erosion, while maintaining a good financial position for the town.

The last 4 years have taught me that nothing moves fast in government, and with good reason. We have however accomplished much and have dealt with obstacles I would never have considered in this small town. This council has kept water accesses open, improving some and attempting to improve others. Escambia Ave was paved and a progression of actions was taken to address speeding by Gary and the safety committee. First more speed limit signs were installed, and then a radar sign was added and finally speed tables to slow traffic. Tom worked to improve communications with the communications committee. First they attempted an e newsletter then Tom set up a Face book page for the town to disseminate information to the Town and finally an Up and Down forum (not an official town site) for people to discuss issues. The Town purchased land and obtained permits to build a park and boat ramp for our citizens to enjoy. Whether this project can be finished in our term remains and unknown.

This council finished the community center which is now open. We sought and received a grant from FEMA to restore Bay Street damage from hurricane Nate at Mobile and Escambia accesses. We received grant approval from The Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (Deepwater Horizon funds) to implement a coastal restoration plan along the bay front as funds are available, to address erosion along the bay front. Andrew obtained a State grant for the Alabama Bicentennial celebration, which he and his committee used to provide the town with excellent participation in this celebration! Last we have done all of this while maintaining and improving the financial position of the Town.

There is much left to do, as seen in our Comprehensive Plan, but I would like to thank this council for all of their hard work and the opportunity to be a part of it.

Respectfully, Steve Love