

Council Meeting
Al Thompson Community Center – 9212 County Road 97
September 10, 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 September 10, 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, Councilman Oliver Guilford and Councilman Stewart.

Members Absent: None

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. Councilman Guilford asked if he could read a section called, "A Baloney Sandwich" from a book entitled *Stories Bob Benson Used to Tell*
(Copy Attached)

Presentations: None

Public Comments: None

Minutes: August 13th Council
August 20 Special Meeting Minutes and
September 1 Canvassing Meeting Minutes

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

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

Financials: September 2020 Financial Report (Written Report Attached)

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020

General Operating Fund Account	\$343,126.81
4 & 5 Cent Gas Tax Account	\$4,298.97
7 Cent Gas Tax Account	\$4,945.25
Capital Improvement Fund Account	\$16,200.78
Special Account Money Market	\$119,508.98
Special Account	\$935.34
Gas & Diesel Acct.	\$3,429.07

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): None

Motions/Requests from the Council:

- Motion by Councilman Bloxham, second by Councilman Kiefer to renew contract with Gene's Dozer Service for (1) year according to terms in RESOLUTION 2017-10 ENTERING INTO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GENE'S DOZER SERVICE TO PERFORM PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND GRADING FOR THE TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Councilman Bloxham, second by Councilman Guilford to renew contract with 1 Man & A Tractor for (1) year according to **terms in** RESOLUTION 2017-11 ENTERING INTO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH 1 MAN & A TRACTOR TO PERFORM MOWING AND YARD MAINTENANCE ON TOWN HALL PROPERTY – 9212 COUNTY RD 97.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Councilman Bloxham, second by Councilman Kiefer to renew contract with Langford Tree Service, LLC for (1) year according to terms in RESOLUTION 2020-13 ENTERING INTO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH LANGFORD TREE SERVICE, LLC TO PERFORM ARBORIST SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports given

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

Council/Legal/Staff Comments None

Other Business:

Mayor Hamilton appointed Ki Willoughby to the Planning Commission.

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

The meeting ended at 6:59 pm

Kae Hamilton
Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Thompson
Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

Budget and Finance Meeting Report

Town Council Meeting

September 10, 2020

Our committee met September 8, 2020. Committee members reviewed the various financial reports for accuracy. Income and expenditures are in line with the budget and the bank accounts appear accurate. Income is below the Budgeted amount for the month of August due to Franchise fees not being paid yet. This was a month where Budgeted expense items are slightly below the budget. The SimpleSell Tax was much better than the budgeted amount (2229.50vs750.00), Lodging tax also (1347.53 vs 500.00), Franchise Fees were well below budgeted amount. Franchise fees from Mediacom have not been collected for 6 months, usually between 900 and 1000 dollars per month and the fees from Riviera usually are paid in September. The Mediacom issue has been resolved and should have appeared this month. They have to be in next month financials. The new Rebuild Alabama Gas&Diesel Tax continued to increase this month with \$5722 being spent on speed tables (humps). This leaves a total of \$3429.07 in this account.

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

The General Fund had \$343,126.81 in it as of 8/31/2020. 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 \$119,508.98 left in it which represents the money remaining to be spent on the State Street Park. The work done on park so far has been paid as of 9/1/2020 and will appear on next month's financials. The special BP checking account has \$945.34 remaining in it as of 8/31/2020. See attached sheet for Capital improvement and Gas tax account balances.

Our finances for the month of August appear to be in line with the Budget, with the exception of not receiving Franchise Fees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Love, Chairman

A Baloney Sandwich

"You may . . . come to share in the very being of God" (2 Peter 1:4).

The following is from the book entitled *Stories Bob Benson Used to Tell*.

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Do you remember when they had old-fashioned Sunday School picnics? I do. As I recall, it was back in the "olden days," as my kids would say, back before they had air-conditioning.

They said, "We'll all meet at Sycamore Lodge in Shelby Park at 4:30 on Saturday. You bring your supper and we'll furnish the iced tea.

But if you were like me, you came home at the last minute. When you got ready to pack your picnic, all you could find in the refrigerator was one dried up piece of baloney and just enough mustard in the bottom of the jar that you got it all over your knuckles trying to get to it. And just two slices of stale bread to go with it. So you made your baloney sandwich and wrapped it in an old brown bag and went to the picnic.

When it came time to eat, you sat at the end of a table and spread out your sandwich. But the folks who sat next to you brought a feast. The lady was a good cook and she had worked hard all day to get ready for the picnic. And she had fried chicken and baked beans and potato salad and homemade rolls and sliced tomatoes and pickles and olives and celery. And two big homemade chocolate pies to top it off. That's what they spread out there next to you while you sat with your baloney sandwich.

But they said to you, "Why don't we just put it all together?"

"No, I couldn't do that. I couldn't even think of it," you murmured in embarrassment, with one eye on the chicken.

"Oh, come on, there's plenty of chicken and plenty of pie and plenty of everything. And we just love baloney sandwiches. Let's just put it all together."

And so you did and there you sat, eating like a king when you came like a pauper

One day, it dawned on me that God had been saying just that sort of thing to me. "Why don't you take what you have and what you are, and I will take what I have and what I am, and we'll share it together." I began to see that when I put what I had and was and am and hope to be with what he is, I had stumbled upon the bargain of a lifetime.

I get to thinking sometimes, thinking of me sharing with God. When I think of how little I bring, and how much he brings and invites me to share, I know that I should be shouting to the house-tops, but I am so filled with awe and wonder that I can hardly speak. I know that I don't have enough love or faith or grace or mercy or wisdom, but he does. He has all of those things in abundance and he says, "Let's just put it all together."

Consecration, denial, sacrifice, commitment, and crosses were all kind of hard words to me until I saw them in the light of sharing. It isn't just a case of me kicking in what I have because God is the biggest kid in the neighborhood and he wants it all for himself. He is saying, "Everything that I possess is available to you. Everything that I am and can be to a person, I will be to you."

When I think about it like that, it really amuses me to see some-body running along through life hanging on to their dumb bag with that stale baloney sandwich in it saying, "God's not going to get my sandwich! No, sirree, this is mine!" Did you ever see anybody like that—so needy—just about half-starved to death yet hanging on for dear life. It's not that God needs, your sandwich. The fact is, you need his chicken.

Well, go ahead—eat your baloney sandwich, as long as you can. But when you can't stand its tastelessness or drabness any longer; when you get so tired of running your own life by yourself and doing it your way and figuring out all the answers with no one to help; when trying to accumulate, hold, grasp, and keep everything together in your own strength gets to be too big a load; when you begin to realize that by yourself you're never going to be able to fulfill your dreams, I hope you'll remember that it doesn't have to be that way.

You have been invited to something better, you know. You have been invited to share in the very being of God.

~~Bob Benson~~