# Council Meeting Town Hall – 9212 County Road 97 January 9, 2020 Immediately Following Workshop

The Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach met in Workshop Meeting January 9, 2020 at at the Town Hall immediately following Workshop with Mayor Kae Hamilton presiding. Mayor Hamilton called the Meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

<u>Members Present:</u> Council Members: Mayor Kae Hamilton; Councilman Thomas Bloxham; Councilman Steve Love, Councilman Gary Kiefer and Councilman Andrew Stewart

Members Absent: Councilman Guilford

Others Present: Marcus McDowell-town Attorney; Lynn Thompson-Town Clerk and Members of the Town.

Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance: Recited in the Workshop Meeting

# Presentations:

## **Public Comments:**

Minutes: December 12 Workshop and Council Meeting Minutes.

There was a motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Love to approve the December 12, Workshop and Council Meeting Minutes.

No Discussion:

All in favor, motion carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Financials: December 2019 Financial Report (Written Report Attached)

#### CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

General Operating Fund Account	\$356,891.64
4 & 5 Cent Gas Tax Account	\$3,380.53
7 Cent Gas Tax Account	\$3,884.29
Capital Improvement Fund Account	\$9,607.68
Special Account Money Market	\$119,125.51
Special Account	\$21,913.40
Gas & Diesel Acct.	\$80.02

Motion by Councilman Bloxham, seconded by Councilman Kiefer to approve the December Financial Report.

No Discussion:

All in favor, motion carried to approve the financial report as presented.

Ordinances: None

#### Resolutions:

PROCLAMATION 01-09-20 "Proclaiming the Month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month"

Background - The Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force has declared January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and a Summit will take place on January 31, 2020 at the Renaissance in Montgomery. The Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force is asking that you support its Awareness Campaign. All Proclamations will be displayed at the Summit.

Motion by Councilman Bloxham, seconded by Councilman Kiefer to a adopt Proclamation No. 01-09-20.

All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

## Motions/Requests from the Council None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(Reports are given in Workshop – any recommendations for the Town Council will be added to the Council Meeting Agenda for consideration by the Council and discussed at that time)

Ad Hoc-Alabama Bicentennial Celebration Committee Chair Councilman Andrew Stewart

Budget and Finance Committee-Chair Councilman Steve Love

(Written Report Attached)

Beautification/ Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair Councilman Tom Bloxham:

Public Safety-Chair Councilman Gary Kiefer

Public Works-Chair Councilman Oliver Guilford

Council/Legal/Staff Comments:

Public Comments:

None

Other Business

Adjourn:

Being no further business there was a unanimous vote to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:43 pm.

Kae Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

# Budget and Finance Meeting Report

#### **Town Council Meeting**

January 9, 2020

Our committee does not meet until next week so this review of the various financial reports to ensure expenditures are in line with the budget and the bank accounts for accuracy was done by the Town Clerk and me. Income and expenses seem to be in line with the Budget for the month of December with income being about \$255.96 less than expenses. This being the time of year everyone pays their property taxes, and Simplesell tax being up for the month of December offset the increased expense of tree trimming in right of ways. Budgeted items are all in line with Simplesell Tax being much better than budgeted amount.

The General Fund had \$356,891.64 in it as of 12/31/2019. This number is like your checking account and varies daily. We have to always remain mindful of Budget constraints when considering which new projects to fund.

The special BP account has \$119,125.51 left in it which represents the money remaining to be spent on the State Street Park. The special BP checking account has \$21,913.40 remaining in it as of 12/31/19. See attached sheet for Capital improvement and Gas tax account balances.

Our finances for the third month of this fiscal year appear to be strong. Again income is above the projected Budget and expenses are below Budget projections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Love, Chairman



## January 9, 2020

**WHEREAS, human trafficking** is a very real problem facing the world today, and – although it can take many forms, including debt bondage, forced marriage, slavery and commercial sexual exploitation – in every case it goes against the core principles of individual freedom and civil rights that our state and nation stand for; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama is committed to ensuring that our community remains on the front lines in combating this deplorable crime; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its secretive and illegal nature, it is difficult to accurately quantify the extent of **human trafficking**. However, the U.S. State Department estimates that anywhere from 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Most victims of **human trafficking** are women or children who have been marginalized and isolated from society. The difficulty in grasping the full scope of this problem can be further compounded because people often turn a blind eye to it; and

**WHEREAS,** the first step in eliminating **human trafficking** is to educate others. We must work to ensure that all our residents are aware of this problem and how to spot it. We must work together as a community so that human traffickers are punished and to protect and assist their victims. Through the vigilance and perseverance of our citizens, effective enforcement of justice will someday be a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, we ask *all* residents of this community to join us in raising the visibility of this crime whose victims are all too often invisible. Together, we can become more informed about this pressing issue and work to combat its injustices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kae Hamilton**, Mayor of the Town of Perdido Beach do hereby proclaim January 2020 as "**Human Trafficking Awareness Month"** in Perdido Beach, Alabama.

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TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH, AL

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