

**Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**

**June 6, 2007**

**Members Present:**           **Mayor Samuel Murray and Councilmembers  
Vernon DeLoach, Mary Beth Heyward, Joe Lee  
and Henry Robinson**

**Staff Present:**           **Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Administrator  
Linda Bridges and Municipal Clerk Tanya Payne**

**I.     CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Murray called the public hearing to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those present.

Mayor Murray introduced Rebekah Sanders, new reporter for the Beaufort Gazette, who would be covering the Town meetings for that newspaper.

**II.    PURPOSE:**

- A.     Ordinance 2007-31. An ordinance to amend as follows,  
Section I of Ordinance 2006-28 to provide for the levy of taxes  
for ordinary Town purposes in the Town of Port Royal, South  
Carolina for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and to  
provide for the expenditures thereof.**

Town Manager Willis briefly reviewed the budget department by department and told Council it had been prepared using the milage rate of 74 mils, the same rate as last year. He said the total budget for the year was balanced at \$4,143,862. Mr. Willis told Council he was anticipating \$1.4 million from taxes for the year but said the final amount to be collected for taxes was still unknown.

Tiffany Smith, USCB student and Estuarium volunteer spoke in favor of the Estuarium and its educational benefits to the area. Ms. Smith asked Council to designate funds in the new budget for the Estuarium.

Bob Bender gave Council a petition containing one hundred ninety-eight signatures from Port Royal Elementary School children in support of the Estuarium. He showed a power point presentation of Estuarium activities, educational opportunities for both children and adults and its goals. Mr. Bender reviewed a list of other entities that were being asked for support and asked for continued support from the Town of Port Royal.

Jerry Boe told Council the Estuarium was working to establish an operations committee and restructuring its governing board. He named some prominent members who had accepted a position on those boards. Mr. Boe explained these boards were working to finance part of the needed funding for the Estuarium and asked Council for support.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya L. Payne  
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the Public Hearing was noticed in the local news paper and on the Town bulletin board fifteen days prior to the hearing. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours before the hearing.