



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2020

****Meeting minutes are transcribed in a summarized format. For full discussion and further detail of the meeting you can view the streamline video at the following link: <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>. They are also available at Town Office****

Mayor Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Town Manager Resele, Clerk-Treasurer Loller, and Police Chief Dempsey.

Agenda

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2020-03

For the purpose of amending Chapter 102 (Fees) of the Code of the Town of Rock Hall and amend certain fees and charges related to the Town's exercise of its governmental authority; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary; and generally relating to fees charged by the Town of Rock Hall.

Minutes

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes for October 8, 2020. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Regular Business meeting minutes for October 8, 2020. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Regular Workshop meeting minutes for May 4, 2020. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Budget Public Hearing meeting minutes for June 10, 2020. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Special Workshop meeting minutes for July 15, 2020. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Special Workshop meeting minutes for July 16, 2020. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Regular Business meeting minutes for September 10, 2020. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for September 10, 2020. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Challenge

Kent County has had 363 cases to date and 39 cases in the 21661-zip code. The Kent County Positivity rate is at 1.1% and the Maryland positivity rate is at 5.7%. 10 out of 24 Counties are over the 5% rate.

Correspondence

Last week there was a Ribbon Cutting at Cinnamon by the Bay for their Grand Opening.

November 16, 2020 there will be a Ribbon Cutting at Reflections Photography for their Grand Opening.

Board of Public Works on November 18, 2020 will be considering a Grant fund of \$82,000.00 for new pumps.

Administrative Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Loller gave the financial report. (*)

Police Chief Dempsey gave the police report. (*)

Streets and Sanitation

Change the Streets and Sanitation Council Liaison from Eleanor Collyer to Tim Edwards.

Pavilion lights at the Civic Center are ready to be installed.

Ditches cleaned on North Hawthorne, Sharp and Beach Road.

Winter fence is installed at the Beach.

Water and Sewer Operations

Town Manager Resele read the Water and Sewer Plant monthly report which is attached.

Sewer Plant

The Smoke test that was held on October 21st and 22nd didn't show many issues.

Pump Station #2 need valve repair and Pump Station #4 needs one of the pumps repaired.

Water Plant

Alarm system will be installed on November 23rd at the Water Plant.

Inspection of the Water Tower showed the tower is clean and the water is crystal clear.

Contracted D.E. Nicholson to repair the water leak at the Civic Center.

Parks & Recreation

Halloween went very well and everybody seemed to have a good time.

Taking orders for the Basket Tree has started.

Ms. Nancy Smith resigned as Treasurer.

Planning and Zoning

There will be a Planning and Zoning meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Museum Board

The Tolchester Museum is still waiting on the Council's decision. Further discussion needed.

Communication Board

The two Rock Hall videos are on the Website.

Transportation

Nothing

Old Business

Events & Permits

The Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company will not be doing any fireworks on New Year's. They will put the funds towards the July 4th, 2021 fireworks. Mayor Jacobs said the Town needs to repair the relationship with the Fire Company.

There was a discussion about Town events.

Councilmember Jones made a motion because of the COVID situation that has worsen over the last two weeks, that the Carriage Rides will be postponed. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

It was noted that the Basket Tree will be moving forward. It was also noted that the Town will be nothing for New Year's.

Personnel Policy

Still reviewing.

Status of Grants

Re-Purpose MD-HCD Grant funds has passed

Loan Refinancing

After a short discussion Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve borrowing up to \$500,000.00. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CDBG Income Survey

Still door knocking but the Council is still working on a plan of action.

Brush Pile

Mayor Jacobs will follow up with the County on their decision.

New Business

MDIA has sent letters to six property owners concerning property inspections and what needs to be cleaned up from their property.

Rock Hall Sustainable Community Designation Application

The Application has been extended to March 31, 2021.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, November 30, 2020 – Utilities Board Meeting and Mayor & Council Regular Workshop Meeting.

Thursday, December 10, 2020 – Mayor & Council Regular Business Meeting.

Special Workshops – if needed - TBD

CDBG Income Survey

Charter Issue Discussion with Counsel

Closed Session

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to go into closed session at 8:41 p.m. under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b)(1) “to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employee, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals” and § 3-305(b)(8) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code for the purpose to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There were no actions Taken in Closed Session.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 8:56 p.m. was made by Councilmember Jones. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

(*) See Town Manager's, Financial and the Police Report for further details.

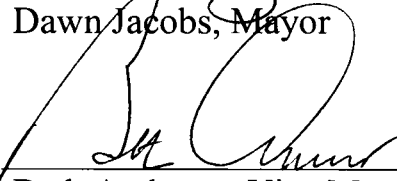
Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl M. Butler

Approved by:



Dawn Jacobs, Mayor



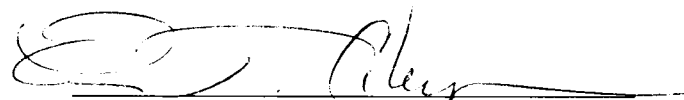
Beth Andrews, Vice Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Councilmember



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember