

**COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL****TOWN OF ROCK HALL**

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**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
January 10, 2013**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Captain Dempsey were also present.

Reverend Dore gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was given in respect to those who serve our country on our behalf.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the December 13, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Town Manager read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$381,983.04

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 49,422.45

Total Available Funds: \$431,405.49

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$150,211.69

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$155,471.88  
Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 3,500.00  
Total Outstanding: \$309,183.57

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor received a letter from the Town of Betterton stating their continued support for the GED classes being offered to the community. They gave a donation in support of the GED classes and we greatly appreciate it. The Mayor wants to see if we can contact Headstart to see if it would be possible to use their facilities for the children that are brought with their parents for GED classes. That way they don't have to be restricted to an office or roaming the hallway waiting for the class to end.

We also received a letter from the Elementary School thanking The Mayor, Ronnie and the Police Department for their support, effort and presence in making sure the staff and students have remained safe during the horrific event that occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

Atlantic Broadband sent a letter informing the town of rate increases that the residents will be incurring effective with their April billing.

#### POLICE REPORT:

Captain Dempsey read the report into record.

#### STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones reported that we've started cleaning up after the holiday's, getting the Christmas decorations down. We are currently looking into replacing a culvert on Chesapeake Avenue.

#### SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record. DSI came in and repaired a leaking valve on clarifier #3. Councilmember Nesspor gave a brief update on the clarifier project. We had a few issues with pumping station #4. There seems to be a collection of shop rags that are coming through the pumps that clog it up and cause issues. If we could get the word out that people have to stop putting them through the pipelines we would be that much better off in regards to repair and maintenance on that pumping station. Mr. Bob Lewis from the audience asked for maintenance records for the clarifier. He had some questions in regards to the chemicals and the amount of chemicals being used in the town's water.

#### PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis gave an overview of how the New Year's Eve festivities went. There seemed to be quite a few people that missed the fireworks, and maybe we can find a way to bring them back for next year. We had quite a few people come out and it was a nice time for all.

#### PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated met last night. There were two applications for review. The first application was for Christopher Maloney (Rock Hall Inn). He needed a lot line adjustment. The application was granted. The next application was from Dr. Chase with Dollar General. They were asking for a final site plan approval. They realized that it had only been twenty-seven (27) days since Dollar General had filed for a final site plan approval and they are required to be filed thirty (30) days prior to approval. Dollar General opted to post pone their review for thirty (30) days until February 13, 2013. A couple of people requested that the next meeting be held in the auditorium where we would have ample room for everyone. Someone from the audience asked if it would be possible to have the size allowed for illuminate signs reduced. Councilmember Price stated that there was a law that all signs now must be a monument type sign.

#### MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Francis didn't have anything new to report, the meeting has been changed to next month.

#### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Jones stated that the solar panel farm has been online for roughly two (2) months now. Have we seen a significant impact on our electric bills? The Town Manager stated that it was still a little too early to see an impact on them as of yet.

#### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager didn't have anything else to report on.

#### GOOD OF THE TOWN:

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

#### Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember