

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 12, 2012**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2012

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 Chief Moore were also present.

***The minutes of the meeting are incomplete due to the tape recorder not being turned on at the start of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the December 8, 2011 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: \$398,227.51
Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$110,846.72
Total Available Funds: \$509,074.23

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$184,560.56
Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 142,982.74

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 500.00

Total Outstanding: \$328,043.30

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor mentioned the MML contest for 4th graders. The contest asks the students to write an essay entitled "If I were Mayor". The Mayor intends to meet with the 4th grade class and offer to take them on a tour of the municipal building. They will have the opportunity to meet with the Town manager, Chief Moore, and the Town Clerk to allow them to ask questions and learn more about the towns' daily routine. Mrs. Patsy Reihl suggested that maybe take the children to the library so they can learn that the library is there and how they can utilize it for their benefit. The Mayor said they could certainly do that. Mr. Doug Francis said he would even make sure that the museum was open for them to go through as well.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record. Councilmember Nesspor asked for a phone number that people could call for questions and information. Chief Moore said that people could call the 410-639-7222 number, but there may not always be someone there to speak with and if you leave a message it may be some time before the message can be checked and received by anyone. You could also call the non-emergency 911 phone number which is 410-778-1241. Chief Moore said they've made an adjustment to the schedule of when our coverage is. We've also added more cameras around to help out with. The Mayor and Council agreed that the purchase of more equipment was acceptable to purchase and that it didn't have to wait for the next budget.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones reported that within the next few days or so that one of the new dump trucks that we have purchased from the state should be arriving. The town purchased a bag of black top that they will be using to fill some pot holes around town.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the report into record. The buzzard problem has been alleviated for the time being with the water tower.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis reported that there was no meeting in December; the next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012. We are looking at putting together some events for the kids. In March there will be a hunter safety course available to enroll in.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated that Planning & Zoning haven't met since their last meeting. We do have a public meeting scheduled to take place here in the council chambers at the February 9, 2012 meeting. It will start at 7:00 p.m.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Francis gave details in regards to that days meeting they had. The museum had two outboard motors donated to them. There is going to be a display at the Kent County Library in June.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor reintroduced Ordinance No. 2012-01 (Elections).

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor brought the Town Appreciation Dinner to the attention of the Councilmembers. Last year we held the dinner at the American Legion. I would like to shoot for March 17, 2012. If everybody is agreeable to it I would like to suggest that we hold it at the fire department on March 17, 2012. Councilmember Jones mentioned that in the past the town employees have not been invited to the dinner. Councilmember Price said that this event was for the appreciation of the volunteers throughout the town. It's never really been for the employees. The Mayor said with your permission Councilmember Price I too would like to invite the town employees this year. The Mayor and Council agreed to invite the town employee's this year to the Town Appreciation Dinner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Jones mentioned that he spoke with Stephanie in regards to the new phone system. Stephanie has made several attempts to contact the gentleman to get started with the installation of the new system and she has not heard back from him. The Mayor stated that he spoke with the gentleman on Monday and he was in Florida with some conventions. He does have all the equipment and is looking at starting the process at the latter part of this month.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that he really didn't have anything to add that hasn't already been covered some of the other discussion this evening.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Senator Mikulski's Staff along with the Army Corps of Engineers will be coming over on January 26, 2012. We hope to find a solution to fix the shoaling in the harbor.

Mr. George Jones asked if it would be possible to leave about 40 feet open at end of the bulkhead for a boat to be able to come and tie up at while there are events going on there. The Town Manager said he didn't think that it would be a problem doing that.

Councilmember Jones asked to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

The Mayor reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. from the executive session. There was no action taken during

the executive session to report on.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember