

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

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**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2012**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date.

****The following minutes do not start being transcribed until the Parks and Rec. section of the agenda. The tape was not turned on and did not start recording until then.****

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$240,348.90
Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$228,087.38
Total Available Funds: \$468,436.28

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$100,469.80
Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 28,905.42
Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 900.00
Total Outstanding: \$130,275.22

CORRESPONDENCE:

POLICE REPORT:

STREETS/SANITATION:

SEWER/WATER:

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Nesspor inquired about a scheduled time of when the civic center lights are turned on and off.

Mrs. Patsy Reihl asked about a missing picnic table that used to sit under the pavilion, there used to be three there, but now there are only two. Mrs. Patsy said if she found one she would be more than happy to make sure it gets down to the civic center for usage.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price was not in attendance to give a report for Planning & Zoning.

MUSEUM BOARD:

The Museum met on May 1, 2012. The current display in Durdin's window will stay there until the next cruise night. It will be replaced with a tribute to the shirt factory. There will be a Kent County Library display that will be there in June. The agreement with the Tolchester Museum Revisited was discussed and agreed upon. We'll have that added to the agenda for the next scheduled Mayor and Council meeting on June 14, 2012; so we can bring it up for the Mayor and Council to have it voted on. Councilmember Nesspor mentioned an essay that Mr. Bob and Mrs. Sandy Coleman's grandson did with another student that made it to the national level of the science fair. They did their essay on the waterman and waterways and are very proud of their accomplishment. They asked if there would be a possibility of maybe having their essay displayed here at the Municipal Building for a period of time. Councilmember Nesspor stated that he spoke to Doug Francis about having it displayed in the museum, and they were more than happy to have it displayed there. The Mayor mentioned that he spoke to Mrs. Sandy Coleman and they've agreed to do a little ceremony in honor of the students and to hold off until after the kids are out of school for the year.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor gave an overview of Ordinance No. 2012-02 (General Sign Regulations) and called for a vote. Councilmember Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-02 (General Sign Regulations) as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor introduced and read into record Ordinance No. 2012-03 (Chapter 102 Fees). The town is changing this ordinance to increase the fee the town charges for their business license. The current fee for a business license is \$25.00, the town wants to increase that fee to \$100.00. The Mayor and Council will vote on the proposed ordinance at the next scheduled Mayor and Council meeting held on June 14, 2012. The Mayor opened the floor to any discussions in regards to the newly introduced ordinance. There were questions and comments from audience members as well as councilmembers in regards to this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Department of Neighborhood Revitalization, which falls under the Community Development Block Group, will be coming into town on May 30, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. to take a tour of the town. They are going to meet with Gail Owens that morning. They will also be taking a tour of the water plant, which in turn may be able to help with the cost of the clarifier. The Town of Rock Hall is eligible to receive funds from this organization that would be a great benefit to us.

Next Wednesday; May 16, 2012 is the next COG meeting. It is the last one of the season. It will be held here in Rock Hall at the Waterman's Crabhouse at noon time.

The Mayor gave an update on the GED classes being offered here in Rock Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Jones asked for an update on the new phone system installed. The Mayor stated that the job was done and working properly.

Councilmember Nesspor asked Ronnie where the progress was on the solar panel project, and he had no new updates to give.

The dredging at the harbor has gone forward and started moving dirt out. Things are going well.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that Mr. Joe Goetz that rents the office space down the hall has terminated his contract with us.

We have the fireworks permit in for the 4th of July.

The Heritage Program is asking for a donation from the town. There was a general consensus to wait until the new budget was approved to donate money to the program. Everyone agreed that there should be a donation made to them.

There were copies of a preliminary budget handed out for people to look over. The Mayor and Council decided to hold a budget meeting on Wednesday; May 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

The jeeps have arrived and parked outside here.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Mrs. Edna Marie Sutton spoke in concern about the cost of paying for the residential calendars to be sent out. The Mayor and Council stated that they agreed to pay for the postage permit and nothing more. They also stated that the cost of the calendars will be funded by a fee charged for advertising as part of the calendar.

Mrs. Patsy Reihl inquired about when the trolley/trams would be here for the new transportation system. The Town Manager stated that the trams/trolleys should be here by Memorial Day. They are coming from Orlando, Florida; and it depends on the manufacturer as to when we will actually be receiving them. There will be public notification of some kind of when the transportation system will be up and running. It may not be a lot of time between the notification and the actual starting date of service but there will be notification made.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Francis made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.; Councilmember Nesspor 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