

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

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MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
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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 with the exception of Councilmember Jones. The Town Manager, Chief Moore, and Sergeant Ingram were also present.

Councilmember Price 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 July 12, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

Ms. Peggy Clothier asked for support and possibly a donation from the Mayor and Council in regards to the Rock Hall Class Reunion of 1973. The reunion is scheduled around the 4th of July Holiday of next year. Mr. Rick Larrimore, who is a classmate of ours, is also a member of a band that is going to come and perform a show for us. We are doing some fundraising to help pay for the cost, and if there happens to be any funds left over after we take out the cost of everything we're going to donate the remaining funds to charity. The Mayor stated that they usually discuss these kinds of things during their utilities and workshop meetings, and that he would make sure that they brought it up and had it on the agenda to discuss it at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 93,746.37

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$139,318.79

Total Available Funds: \$233,065.16

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$859,966.11

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 14,445.71

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,400.00

Total Outstanding: \$875,811.82

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor stated that everyone should have received a letter in their boxes from The Mainstay stating that they are sponsoring an event in honor of the Tolchester Museum Revisited on August, 19, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is being held at the Tolchester Museum recognizing Mr. Bill Betts as the Museum's curator and his twenty thousandth customer.

The Mayor and Council received a letter from the Town of Betterton stating their support for the GED program The Town is currently trying to put together. We have also received financial support from Galena and Chestertown.

The MML sent a letter introducing the newly appointed liaisons for the appropriate chapters. Candace Donahoe will be our new correspondence with the MML.

I also have a letter from the Kent County High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The letter is inviting the Mayor and Council to the fifth Hall of Fame induction banquet.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record. The Mayor mentioned that the Sons of the American Legion donated the funds to the police department to purchase a bullet proof vest for the new police officer the town has hired. Chief Moore introduced Sergeant Craig Ingram to the Mayor and Council and Town Residents. The Mayor swore in Sergeant Craig Ingram as a new member of the Rock Hall Police Department.

STREETS/SANITATION:

The Town Manager reported that there was a meeting with the "Pot Hole" company that Councilmember Jones had mentioned at one of our previous meetings. We're going to give them a try and see how they work out for us. We're waiting on a date that they can come in and start fixing some of these pot holes around town.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record. The wastewater treatment plant is running well. Pumping station #2 needed a check valve replaced, and pump station #4 got clogged up, but they've both been taken care. McCrone's

study on the clarifier is continuing on and coming along.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis stated that the Board met last month and had a restructuring meeting. They also discussed upcoming fall events. The Mayor gave an update on the upcoming movie night at the beach night on August 18, 2012.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated that the Planning & Zoning board did not have a meeting this month.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Mr. Doug Francis gave the report for the museum. The Museum board will be having a fundraiser in the fall. It's going to have a prom theme. So, the evening attire will be however you dressed for your prom. Doug asked if anyone knew about the sign that is posted on the Rock Hall Village property that states "The future site of the Rock Hall Museum". The Mayor stated that he has not spoken to Mr. Brawner and doesn't know why there is a sign there. Doug also stated that the board would have liked to have been informed of any of the decisions in regards to this.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor gave an update on the progress of the GED program. We are currently looking for people who may be willing to donate their time as tutors for the GED applicants.

The Mayor mentioned that he's spoken to a few different groups of people to give an update on how the Rock Hall Village is coming along. The Mayor also mentioned updates of some of the new businesses starting to open up on Main Street.

The Mayor gave an update on the progress of the Clam House. It looks like it is going to be used as a multi-purpose building. The MFCA is looking to do some minor fixing up of the building that will be done by November.

The Mayor gave a brief summary of the upcoming events happening throughout the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager gave a report on how the transportation system seems to be coming along.

The Town Manager also gave an update on the progress of the Solar Panel project. They have been getting things done back there, and things are coming along real well.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

None

Councilmember Price made a motion to recess the Mayor and Council Regular meeting and move into an Executive Session - Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A; Paragraph 1 and 3, and Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 1 for the purposes of discussing any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals and to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. Councilmember Nesspor Seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The Mayor reconvened the Regular Mayor and Council meeting at 10:25 p.m. There was no action taken by the board in regards to either topics discussed during the Executive Session.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember