

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

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**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2012**

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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 Chief Moore were also present.

Pastor Kevin McDaniel from the Seventh Day Adventist Church 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 September 13, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Nesspor 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: \$147,947.61

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 57,038.79

Total Available Funds: \$204,986.40

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$851,140.24

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$197,456.13
Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 2,500.00
Total Outstanding: \$1,051,096.37

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was a letter received from the Rock Hall Food Pantry that included the 2012 report. The Mayor read the report into record.

Councilmember Nesspor asked for the support from his fellow Councilmember's as well as the Mayor to oppose the changes the Maryland Department of Fisheries is proposing to make to the Striped Bass industry. The Mayor read a letter into record stating the Mayor and Council's support for the Kent County Waterman's Association in their opposition of this proposal.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones reported that all is quite in the Streets and Sanitation department. We may have the Pothole Pro's come back and repair some more potholes that we have around town. We're looking at having them come back sometime during the Spring probably. Lucky asked if there was a possibility of raising a manhole cover so that it's level with the road. Ronnie stated that they could put a riser on it and raise it up so that it's level with the road.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record. Everything seems to be good at the Sewer Plant. There have been a few break down's with our pumping stations. They've been fixed and repaired for the most part. One is still currently being worked on but should be fixed shortly.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis stated that she was not able to attend the last Parks and Recreation meeting. The Harvest Fest seemed to run smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We have another movie night scheduled for October 13, 2012. Fallfest is scheduled for the same day. Bike Fest is scheduled for that Sunday; October 14, 2012. The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 27, 2012. The line-up will start at the Civic Center at 5:30 p.m.; the parade will start at 6:00 p.m.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated that there was nothing to report. The Planning & Zoning board had not met since the last meeting held. We have four applications to consider for the empty seat with the committee. Councilmember Francis stated that she had one more person that is interested in being considered for the position. She has a letter to turn in for them.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Mr. Doug Francis gave a report on the previous Museum Board's meeting.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor gave a brief overview of Resolution No. 2012-02 and what it entailed. Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-02 as presented. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor mentioned the Rock Hall's Fall Classic on October 21, 2012. The Mayor mentioned that he wanted to seek some direction on a discussion that was held at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Companies meeting last night. They had an outfit come in by the name of DMMS, an individual by the name of Keith Bowman. This group handles the billing for all the Fire Companies within the County. We're looking at restructuring the billing process for the services the Fire Company provides. This would include ambulance services, boat services, fire services, and automobile services. Is this something that maybe we should add to the next workshop agenda to allow the Councilmembers to hear from the company, the Fire Chief and others to see what the possibilities might be in regards to this opportunity? The Councilmembers agreed that it would be worth inviting the company and appropriate people to the next workshop meeting and the Mayor said that he would contact everyone and get it set up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Jones stated that he's taken a look at the water that continues to flood over at the corner of Frederick Avenue and Main Street when we have a real hard rain. He stated that he thinks he has a solution, he's not sure it's cost effective but it's a possible solution. Would it be possible to put another drain in? Ronnie stated that the State would be responsible for that, because it's a State Road. You can certainly contact the State and see what they have to say about it.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that he received a call from Betterton today letting us know to be on the look-out for and old refinished canoe with a head of ten people that are traveling the shoreline from Canada in this canoe.

Ronnie stated that he was incorrect in one of the previous meetings when he stated that the Solar Panels were done. It was all up and running with the exception of the initial connection. They are getting ready to do it here any day. The Mayor stated that we needed to get a ribbon cutting scheduled than. Ronnie said that they were aware of this and were going to see if we could get something scheduled.

We received a call one day last week from the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Smyrna. They said that they had bought a bunch of bags of ice melt for this past winter. Because we had such a mild winter they didn't sell it all. So, they either had to give it away or throw it away. So they asked if we wanted some. We sent a truck over to pick some up. We got a whole pallet of it, 2,500 lbs. to the pallet.

We had fragmitus sprayed down to the marsh area.

This will be the last weekend for the operation of the Transportation System. The numbers have started declining. We're going to get them winterized and put them away for the season.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

The Mayor stated that Trick or Treating would be held on Halloween evening; October 31, 2012 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Jennifer is here tonight to speak about a project the Rock Hall Food Pantry has put together as part of Trick or Treating on Halloween. We are planning on doing a door to door food collection that we are calling Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat. We're going to be sending out teams during the Trick or Treat hours to collect for the Food Pantry can goods. We wanted to get any input on the idea as well as your support for the project. It was a general consensus throughout the board to support the project.

The Spook Walk is coming to town.

Councilmember Price made a motion to recess the regular Mayor and Council Meeting and move into an Executive Session - Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A; Paragraph 1, and Subparagraphs 1 & 2 for the purposes of discussing personnel issues. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor; motion carried. The Meeting was recessed at 9:05 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the regular Mayor and Council Meeting at 10:25 p.m. There were no decisions taken in regards to the matters discussed in 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

Brian Jones, Councilmember