

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2016**

**Meeting minutes are transcribed in a summarized format. For full discussion and further detail of the meeting you can view the streamline video at the following link:*

<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>.

*They will also be available for viewing at the Town Office**

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Price, Councilmember Nesspor, and Councilmember Kuechler were present. The Town Manager and Officer Wode were also in attendance.

Councilmember Price gave the invocation. There was a moment of silence given. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of June 9, 2016. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of June 9, 2016. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 9, 2016. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

Mrs. Shelly Heller, Mr. Brett Hill from FTF, and Scott Boone the IT director for the County were in attendance to give an overview and information in regards to the fiber optic network build the county has just signed off on. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and Mrs. Heller, Mr. Hill and Mr. Boone in regards to the fiber optic project proposed. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the proposed fiber optic project and have the Town Attorney draw up easement paperwork. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Stephen Cropper was in attendance to present an idea to the Mayor and Council in regards to an online Town App. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to allow Mr. Cropper to build an online Town App. and to have access to the Museums internet. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council presented Mr. Andrew Buckle, Holly Jones, Amy Nickerson, Meg Parry, and Jessica Usilton with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Don Cooper from Galena with Think Big Networks was in attendance to offer fiber optics to the residents of Rock Hall.

Commissioner William Pickrum was in attendance to give an overview of the fiber optics project and accessibility of fiber optics.

Mrs. Suzanne Einstein was in attendance to give an overview of the upcoming Pirates & Wenches weekend event.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor read a letter into record from the Drumheller family.

The Mayor read a letter into record from the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

NONE

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Wode read the police report into record.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Officer Wode, the Town Manager in regards to the lights at the basketball courts.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler and the Town Manager gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments.

There was a question from an Audience Member in regards to widening Bayside Avenue.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the swale at the Hamlet.

Councilmember Nesspor asked about having a Town residents yard maintained on the corner of Mercer and Bayside Avenue.

SEWER/WATER:

The Town Manager gave an overview/update on the Catholic Avenue water line project. Councilmember Price made a motion to move forward with the Catholic Avenue project as presented. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments.

PARKS/RECREATION:

The Mayor gave an update for the Parks & Recreation Board.

The Town Manager gave an update on the completion of the Clarifier project.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Communications Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

An Audience Member asked about the boat being painted in the front yard.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor asked the Councilmembers to approve Mrs. Meg Parry as the part time Main Street Manager. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the Main Street initiatives. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve Mrs. Meg Parry as the Main Street Manager. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the motion made. With a majority of the vote in favor of the motion made, the motion was so carried. The Mayor, Councilmember Kuechler and Councilmember Nesspor voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Price abstained from voting.

The Mayor gave an overview of the MML presentation given to the Town during the convention.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Domenic Mantoan to present an idea to the Mayor and Council in regards to creating a promotional video for the Town. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve having Domenic Mantoan produce a promotional video for \$500.00. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Everything had already been covered.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

The Mayor played a video showing the success of the 4th of July holiday throughout the Town. The Mayor and Council recognized all the hard work the Town employees put into getting the Town ready and prepared for the 4th of July holiday.

Councilmember Price relayed to everyone that the Grand Marshall of the parade, Mrs. Edna Cox, thanked the Town for asking her to be the Grand Marshall she was honored and really enjoyed herself.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

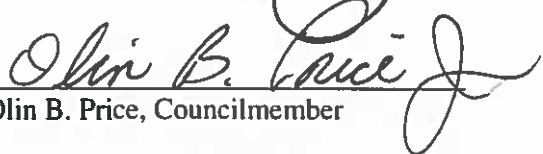


Lacey T. Cox

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



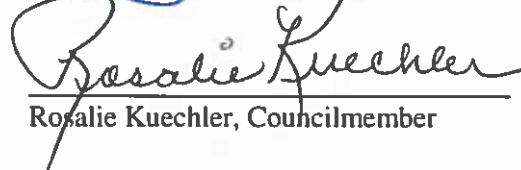
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember