

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 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>.
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The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Kuechler, Councilmember Nesspor, and Councilmember Kendall were present. The Town Manager and Chief Moore were also in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 14, 2016. Councilmember Kendall seconded. Councilmember Nesspor and Councilmember Kuechler voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Kendall abstained. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made, the motion was so carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council recognized Mrs. Penny Usilton for her hard work and dedication being placed into putting together a fabulous 4th of July parade over the past twenty years. Mrs. Penny was honored with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award. Mrs. Penny was not able to be in attendance to accept the award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$ 31,308.15
Museum Board :	\$ 2,761.62
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 98,795.84</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$132,865.61
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 41,026.58
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 56,075.44
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Outstanding:	\$ 97,102.02

The Town Manager stated that there was a property tax check received for \$125,000.00 that is not included in this report.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record. There were questions asked of Chief Moore and he answered them accordingly.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. The Town Manager stated that there is still Highway User funds to be coming. The Town also received a grant application in the mail to apply for additional Highway User Funds.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments. The Town Manager gave an overview of a sewer line collapsing down at the Civic Center. The Town Manager gave an overview of the water line between Smilin' Jakes and Java Rock.

PARKS/RECREATION:

The Mayor stated that the first movie night went well and thanked Parks and Rec. for putting it together.

PLANNING/ZONING:

NONE

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kendall asked if there was an update on the request from Scratch Ashley. Councilmember Kuechler did not have an update in regards to Scratch's request.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Mayor asked the Town Manager to send a letter of intent to the Communications Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Kendall asked for an update on the water plant fence. The Town Manager stated that it would be something that would be taken care of after Pirates and Wenches weekend.

The Town Manager gave an update on the abandoned house located on Sharp Street next to Mr. Billy Glenn's.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town Manager has been in contact with the FTF (fiber optics company) in regards to the easement across the beach. The Town Manager gave an update in regards to this project.

The Mayor gave an overview of a bike sharing program with Zaxter(sp). The Mayor played a video to show more highlights of the program. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the bike sharing program proposal. The Mayor asked for permission to do further research into the program. The Council agreed to have the Mayor look further into the bike sharing program and have him report back to them with his findings.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager gave honorable mention to the Garden Club for making the front of the Municipal Building look extremely good. The Town Manager also stated that the rest of the Town looks really good for the upcoming Pirates & Wenches weekend and everyone who helped needed to be thanked for a job well done. There is a new set of Home Town Hero Banners that are ready to be hung on Main Street. There will be a ceremony at the Rock Hall American Legion on September 23, 2016 for the new banners. There are two banners that are dedicated to the Fire Department and they will have a separate ceremony just for them scheduled to take place at the Fire House.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor and Council asked the public to be careful over the weekend and asked them to make sure they stayed hydrated.

There was a question from the Audience that asked what the freedom of information act application entailed. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Member, and the Town Manager in regards to the freedom of information act requests.

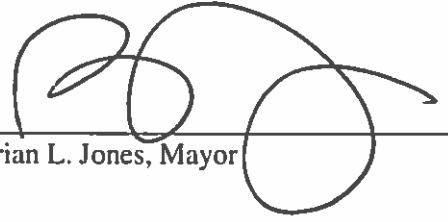
With there being no further business, Councilmember Nessor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey J. Cox

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



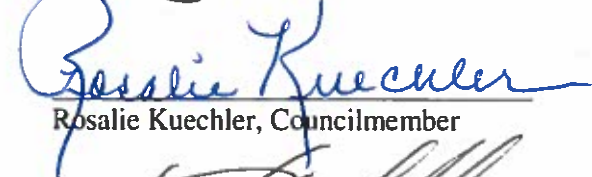
Brian L. Jones, Mayor

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nessor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember