

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 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, Councilmember Price and Councilmember Kendall were present. The Town Manager and Chief Moore 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 Nesspor seconded. Councilmember Kendall stated that "agenda item 17 a & b are supposed to be the same". All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Kendall made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 11, 2016. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor and Council presented Mr. John Wilson of Rock Hall Canvas Works with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Maryland Municipal League sent a letter thanking the Town for their renewal of membership.

The Mayor presented a published magazine from Austria that has an article written about Rock Hall.

The Mayor read a letter into record received from Mr. Gren Whitman. After reading the letter the Mayor addressed the citizens of Rock Hall in regards to Mr. Whitman's letter.

The Mayor read a letter received from the Communication Board.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to Mr. Whitman's letter.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$115,786.63
Museum Board :	\$ 2,769.74
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 20,402.12</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$138,958.49
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 41,026.58
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 3,762.74
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Outstanding:	\$ 44,789.32

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record. Councilmember Nesspor inquired about repairs that needed to be done to the Auxiliary patrol vehicle. The repairs will be taken care of. 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 should be some Highway User funds coming to allow some repairs to be done.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water departments. The Town Manager gave an overview of the Bond Counsel Engagement Letter for the Catholic Avenue Water Main Replacement/New Well project. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the Bond Counsel Engagement Letter for the Town of Rock Hall Well and Water Line replacement project as presented with Funk & Bolton. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The Bond Counsel Engagement Letter with Funk & Bolton has been approved. The Town Manager asked for permission to sign off on any and all paperwork, as Representative for the Town, that may need to be signed off on during the duration of this project. Councilmember Price made a motion to allow the Town Manager, Ronnie Fithian, to sign on the Town's behalf pursuant to anything that goes on to the Catholic Avenue and Well Project. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Mrs. Carolyn Jones gave an update on the upcoming Parks and Recreation events.

The Mayor gave an overview of the new Monster Dash event taking place this year for the first time.

The Town Manger mentioned that Mrs. Patsy Reihl donated five cement benches that belonged to Mrs. Hilda Hill (former Elementary School Principal). The Town Manager thanked Mrs. Patsy for her donation. The Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Patsy as well.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Board.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board. An Audience Member asked about the times of operation for the Museum.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Communications Board. Councilmember Price read a meeting summary into record from the Communications Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor gave an update on the MYAC (Mayor Youth Advisory Council). There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the MYAC. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to move forward with the MYAC. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. With the Majority of the vote in favor of the motion made, the motion was carried. Councilmember Kuechler, Price and Nesspor voted in favor of the motion made. The Mayor voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Kendall voted in opposition of the motion made, the vote was 4-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the Mayor's newsletters he sends out and the copyright laws involved.

The Mayor announced that September is Childhood Awareness Cancer Month. The Mayor read a Childhood Awareness Cancer Month Proclamation into record. There were yellow/gold ribbons placed on the light posts on Main Street in recognition/support of Childhood Awareness Cancer Month.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager recognized the Mayor for successfully putting together the beach night. The Mayor recognized Councilmember Kuechler and her husband for putting a successful car show

together. Councilmember Kuechler thanked all those who volunteered and helped in making the car show a success.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

The Mayor read an invitation from the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company for a tribute of 9-11 to be held on Patriots Day.

The American Legion will be holding a ceremony for the next hometown hero banners being hung on Main Street on September 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company will be honoring two of their own hometown hero banners on October 2, 2016.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

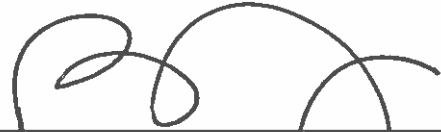
NONE

With there being no further business, Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Brian L. Jones, Mayor



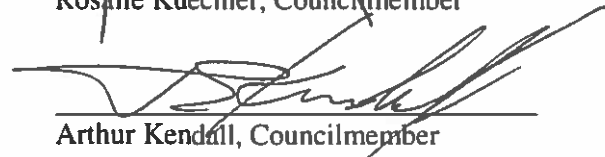
Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesser, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember