

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

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**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2014**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 10:00 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Clerk Treasurer and Town Attorney were also present.

The Mayor started the meeting with Lord's Prayer, for anyone who chooses not to participate in the Lord' Prayer there will be a moment of silence to follow. A moment of silence was given for anyone of a different denomination. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Mayor asked to have URS added under the line item of Old Business. Councilmember Jones made a motion to strike everything except for the legislation (Ordinance & Resolutions) and the first round pick of the Website.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of July 10, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 10, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Clerk Treasurer read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 39,247.28

Museum Board : \$ 3,159.71

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 87,896.26

Total Available Funds: \$130,303.25

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 46,760.26

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 32,908.83

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 2,500.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 82,169.09

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

POLICE REPORT:

The Clerk Treasurer read the police report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones gave an overview/update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. The Mayor mentioned that there were a few potholes on Judefind Avenue that needed fixing. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the Hamlet. An audience member mentioned a paint spill back on Clam Cove Rd. An audience member asked about the maintenance of the gazebo at the Rock Hall Village.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an overview/update on the Sewer and Water departments. The Clarifier project has a tentative start date of August 4, 2014. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to the town's fire hydrants.

There was a discussion in regards to the URS proposal and the Town/County Water/Sewer contract among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis gave an update/overview of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilmember Francis gave an update in regards to the Tennis/Basketball Court Project. The Mayor read a letter into record received from the Department of Natural Resources in regards to the Town receiving funding for new playground equipment. The Parks & Recreation Board has agreed that they would like to move forward and use U.S. Communities to use for the

playground project. We will be able to piggy back on an RFP that has already been compiled.

PLANNING/ZONING:

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

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Francis gave an update in regards to the Museum Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Jones gave an update in regards to Communications. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the bid proposals received for the Town's Website RFP.

The Mayor gave an update on the Head Start's heating system. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the Head Start heating system.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-09 (Copy Fees). Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Jones made a motion to wave the reading of Resolution No. 2014-06 (Copy Fees). Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-06 (Copy Fees). Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-07 (Water/Sewer Rate Increases). Councilmember Price seconded. Councilmember Jones, Price and Nesspor voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Francis and Mayor Willis voted in opposition of the motion made. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made the motion is so carried.

Councilmember Francis made a motion to have two separate Ordinances, an Ordinance for Secondary Meters and an Ordinance for Sewer Charges Relief. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. There was a four to one vote. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made, the motion is so carried. Councilmember Francis made a motion to table the vote on Ordinance No. 2014-06 (Secondary Meters/Sewer Charges Relief) and Resolution No. 2014-05 (Relief from Sewer Charges) to be able obtain two separate Ordinances for voting upon. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. There was a three to two vote in favor of the motion made. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made, the motion is so carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to reject the zoning map amendment change of Ordinance No. 2014-04 (Zoning Map Amendment). Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt/approve the zoning map amendment of Ordinance No. 2014-08 (Zoning Map Amendment). Councilmember Jones seconded. The Mayor and Council recited their findings of fact

into record to provide reasoning for their decision to approve Ordinance No. 2014-08 (Zoning Map Amendment). All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

None

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

The Mayor commended the Pirates & Wenches Committee for putting together such a successful event.

There was a discussion in regards to what companies are to be invited and asked to attend the scheduled Website meeting for August 27, 2014 among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 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