

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

P. O. Box 367 | Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
phone: (410) 639-7611 | fax: (410) 639-7298

[Return to the 2014 Minutes Index page](#)

**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2014**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2014

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 8:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was given for those serving our Country. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Nesspor asked to have line item number 3a removed from the agenda. The Website RFP was added to the agenda. The Mayor asked for all in favor, motion carried and moved on to the next agenda line item (approval of the minutes.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes of May 8, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 8, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Jones opened the nine received RFP's for the redesign of the website. The following proposals were received: Enition (sp?) 72 from Baltimore, Maryland; Coretechs Consulting, Inc. from Kensington, Maryland; Civic Plus from Manhattan, Kansas; Outcon's, LLC from Manchester, New Hampshire; Strativia Software from Largo, Maryland; Vision Internet from Santa Monica, California; Studio Hyperset from Huntington Beach, California; Revised Software Systems from Troy, Michigan.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 35,219.15

Museum Board : \$ 3,233.18

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 53,781.02

Total Available Funds: \$ 92,233.35

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 65,656.18

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 8,462.66

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,900.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 76,018.84

There were questions asked of the Clerk Treasurer in regards to the outstanding property taxes. The Clerk Treasurer, Town Manager and Town Attorney answered all questions in regards to the property taxes accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record. There was questions asked of the Chief and the Chief answered any and all questions accordingly.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones gave an overview/update on the Streets and Sanitation departments.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the sewer and water reports into record, he gave an overview/update on the Sewer and Water departments. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to the quality of the water throughout the Town.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis gave an update/overview of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilmember Francis gave an update of the Tennis/Basketball Court project.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Committee. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Attorney, and the Audience Members in regards to abandoned/non tagged vehicles on people's property.

MUSEUM BOARD:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Jones gave an update in regards to Communications.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor read the introduction of Ordinance No. 2014-05 (Zoning Text Amendment/Parking) into record. There was a favorable recommendation given by the Planning and Zoning Committee. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, and the Town Manager in regards to Ordinance No. 2014-05.

The Mayor read the introduction of Ordinance No. 2014-04 (Zoning Map Amendment) into record. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, The Town Manager, and the Town Attorney in regards to Ordinance No. 2014-04.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, the Town Manager, and Town Attorney in regards to the Adult Learning Center.

There was a discussion in regards to the MML convention among the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Jones mentioned a bill received from Lindsey & Associates in the amount of \$1,674.00 for professional services rendered for May 16 through May 31, 2014 in connection to various matters beyond the scope of the audit, 15 hours total of requests from the Mayor and Councilmember Francis. Councilmember Jones read an e-mail into record from the auditor, Mr. Bob Diss. Councilmember Jones made a motion to defer this invoice to the Mayor and Councilmember Francis. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Clerk Treasurer, and the Town Attorney in regards to the auditor's bill and the motion made. Councilmember Price seconded. With a majority of the vote in favor of the motion made, the motion was so carried. Councilmember Jones, Price, and Nesspor in favor of the motion made. The Mayor did not vote and Councilmember Francis opposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. David Jones was allowed his chance to voice his opinion in regards to the out of town water/sewer bills. There was a discussion in regards to this issue among the Mayor and Council and Mr. Jones.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager didn't have anything else to add. Councilmember Jones asked the Mayor about the letter in the newspaper signed by the Town Employee's. The Mayor suggested that a mediator be brought in to help with the current situation among the Mayor and the Town Employee's. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to this issue.

The Mayor set a date for May 19, 2014 for the next budget meeting. Councilmember Jones made a motion to decline the Mayor's proposed budget that was presented to the Council. Councilmember Price seconded. Councilmember Price, Jones, and Nesspor voted in favor of the motion made. The Mayor abstained from voting and Councilmember Francis voted in opposition of the motion made. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made, the motion is so carried.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

It was brought to the Mayor and Council's attention that the public bathrooms and the trash cans are not being maintained properly. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney in regards to this issue.

There was a discussion in regards to the Code Red system.

There was a new date approved/agreed upon for the next budget meeting of May 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.; Councilmember Price 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