

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

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**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2014**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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The Mayor convened the Public Hearing on the above date at 8:15 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Chief Moore were also present.

Councilmember Price gave the invocation. A moment of silence was given for those serving our Country. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Jones asked to add Communications to the agenda. The Mayor added it to the New Business line item. The Mayor asked for all in favor, it was in agreement.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Francis made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014 meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 92,179.99

Museum Board : \$ 3,083.30

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 78,696.20

Total Available Funds: \$173,959.49

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 89,092.72

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$154,825.01

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,700.00

Total Outstanding: \$245,617.73

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record. There was a discussion in regards to task forces among the Mayor and Council, Chief Moore, and Audience Members.

STREETS/SANITATION:

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

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record. Councilmember Nesspor gave an overview/update on the Sewer/Water departments. Councilmember Nesspor made a recommendation to add/purchase a grinder for P/S #4 in the future.

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 Board of Appeals and Planning & Zoning Committee. Councilmember Price read a letter of recommendation into record from the Planning & Zoning Commission in regards to the proposed Zoning Map Amendment. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Attorney, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to Family Dollar fees.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Mr. Dan Burris gave an update on the Tolchester Revisited Museum and the rededication ceremony. Councilmember Francis gave an update/overview of the Museum Board. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, and

the Town Manager in regards to space and agreements with the MFCA. An Audience Member asked for a history report of fundraisers held by the Museum for the past 4-5 years. Councilmember Francis answered the question accordingly. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to the involvement with the Museums. The Mayor swore in the following new Museum Board Members: Sheri Burris, Dan Burris, Doug Francis, and Mary Sue Willis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Town Manager read the introduction of Ordinance No. 2014-02 into record. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Attorney, the Town Manager, and the Audience in regards to Ordinance No. 2014-02.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Jones gave a presentation/overview of the actions taken by the Mayor and Council in regards to Social Media. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, and the Audience in regards to the website and social media. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Audience Members, and the Town Attorney in regards to the website RFP.

There was a discussion in regards to adding Communications as a line item of the agenda. It was agreed to add it under the Museum line item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an overview/update on the Clam House and the Rock Fish Tournament.

The Mayor asked if there was a time frame/schedule for the RFP website process. His question was answered accordingly by an Audience Member.

There was a discussion in regards to the Appreciation Dinner invite list among the Mayor and Council.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager gave an update on the completion of the Energy Grant project. It was decided to start the Tram service back up in the middle of May. There was a request from the Lions Club to reserve the Civic Center for the Circus on May 2, 2014. Councilmember Price made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Lions Club for the purchase of tickets to be given to the kids who attend. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

An Audience Member asked if there were going to be fireworks this year for the 4th of July. The Mayor stated yes.

There was a discussion in regards to Municipal Derivative Settlements among the Mayor and Council and the Town Attorney.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 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