

**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**January 31, 2011**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES  
January 31, 2011

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 8:08 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of January 03, 2011 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:**

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation report into the record.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:**

The Town Manager mentioned a letter that was received from a Bodo Von Der Wense asking for a sewer credit for his water bill that he received for this past quarter. Councilmember Price stated that he did in fact have a leak, he has not been able to repair the leak due to the weather. The water meter has been shut off. Councilmember Price suggested that the Council postpone giving the credit to Mr. Von Der Wense until he could find out what exactly is leaking and where the problem seems to be coming from. The Council agreed that they would like to wait to give the credit to Mr. Von Der Wense pending what Councilmember Price finds out in regards to the leak.

Councilmember Toulson inquired about how Mr. Denny Dalrymple was making out at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Mayor stated that she had asked Mr. Denny quite a few times how he was making out and it in accordance to him and what she's heard from the Town Manager he seems to be doing fine and happy with the decision that was made to allow him to take on the position.

Councilmember Willis asked if Councilmember Francis would be taking on the responsibility of the sewer and water reports that are discussed during the meetings. It was stated that she would be taking on these responsibilities and will familiarize herself with these reports to be able to report on accordingly.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Rosalie Kuechler, Mayor  
Olin B. Price, Councilmember  
John F. Toulson, Councilmember  
Robert E. Willis, Councilmember  
Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
January 31, 2011

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:00 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager was also present.

The Workshop Meeting started with the swearing in of newly appointed Councilmember Francis. Mayor Kuechler did the honors of the swearing in. Mrs. Francis' husband, Doug Francis, did the honors of holding the Bible for Mrs. Francis to swear upon. We now have a new Councilmember, Mrs. Susan Francis.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of January 03, 2011 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Mr. Bill Brawner, Jr. and Mr. Jonathan Jones were present to discuss more details of the Main Street project.

Mr. Brawner, Jr. stated that this project is going to be the new center piece of the town, and was happy to see the support and interest in the project from the residents of Rock Hall. I would like to lay to rest the rumors and false information that is being circulated around about this project. This project is going to be very advantageous to the Town of Rock Hall. I'd like to turn this over to Jonathan; he can answer the specifics of the project a little better than I can.

Mr. Jonathan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the outpour of support and positive energy in regards to this project. Mr. Brawner has done many projects throughout his career and this will probably be one of his last projects that he's going to do, and would like to see the full support of the town and residents before moving on with the project. There's a process that you have to go through to accomplish something like this, and it starts with a concept plan of a basic idea of what you propose to do with the project. That then goes to the county zoning technical advisory committee, to be analyzed to make sure it meets the code and regulations. It gets sent back to the Brawner Company to make any and all necessary adjustments and changes that need to be made. The Brawner Company then makes a preliminary site plan with the new adjustments and changes that were made, and then a final site plan is developed from there. There is a scheduled time line that has to be met with each step we have to take for this project. We've had some request for some larger structures than what's proposed here, one of the first phases with the preliminary site plan is to make four larger structures along the front as the first phase of this. That doesn't mean that this is how it will work out, it just means that we are willing to make the adjustments to our site plan to see if this is a possibility that will work out for us. Mr. Jonathan opened the floor up for any questions the audience, as well as the Mayor and Council may have had for them to answer. There was a question from an audience member in regards to the size of the buildings and if they would have running water connected to them. Mr. Jonathan stated that the building sizes range from the largest being 14 x 20 and the smallest being 10 x 12. As he stated previously there has been mention of making 3 or 4 of the buildings along the front larger. We are planning to make water and sewer available at each location. It will be left up to the occupant to decide whether they would like to have these amenities hooked up, or turned on. It was also asked if there were any other changes that have been made to the plans that were not a part of the original plans. The public restrooms have been moved, and there is still a debate on where they will be placed, and whether it will be beneficial for the bathrooms to be made for public use. The Town Manager stated that the bathrooms had been moved towards the front of the plan site, so that if they were made to be for public use that they could be watched and maintained with more ease if they were more visibly noticeable. The Mayor expressed that the Council had tried to purchase property to place public bathrooms on, but was not successful at doing so. Someone in the audience asked what they were looking at as far as a time frame to have this project started and finished by. We are hoping to have a permit to build by March 9, 2011, if we have the support from the Town, the Council, and support from the Public. Some of buildings could be built in 3 to 4 weeks if ordered as kits. There has been discussion and hopes of having the project coming to a finish during the months of June and July. The Mayor and

Council have come to the agreement that this project would be a nice asset to the town, and they see the town benefiting from it a great deal.

Mrs. Cora Dickson asked if there were a way to make the information pertaining to the project more accessible to the public through the internet. It was stated that any information that someone may want in regards to the project did have public access to it through the Rock Hall Wave, and here at the Town office.

Mr. Bill and Mr. Jonathan again thanked everyone for coming and for all their questions. They appreciate the time they were given to give more information in regards to the Main Street project and answer the questions that were asked while they were here.

The Town Manager had a few things that he wanted to bring to the Council's attention before the meetings end. He's received a letter from Mrs. Nancy Hubbard resigning from the Museum board. There is a list of people whose term is coming to an end and are probably not planning on renewing their term any further. There is also a letter here from the Rock Hall Lion's Club asking for permission to hold their annual Zambini Family Circus at the civic center. It was unanimously approved by the Mayor and Councilmembers to allow the Rock Hall Lions Club to have access to the Civic Center for the circus. The circus will be in town on May 6, 2011

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.; Councilmember Toulson seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Rosalie Kuechler, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

John F. Toulson, Councilmember

Robert E. Willis, Councilmember