

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2009

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:38 p.m. All Councilmembers were present along with the Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Town Attorney and Chief of Police. Town Manager Fithian was absent.

All recited the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting of December 11, 2008; Councilmember Toulson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 491,796.60

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 110,562.14

Total Available Funds: \$ 602,358.74

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 202,549.25

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 147,074.95

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,745.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 351,369.20

The Clerk-Treasurer noted there was a correction to November's Financial Report as the Utilities Fund Outstanding was reported incorrectly. The correct amount for November was \$5,735.89 not \$32,537.09 as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Jacobs read a letter from the Rock Hall Lions Club asking for participation from local businesses and community members at a meeting on January 19, 2009 to discuss the economic state of the community. Representatives from the financial community (banks, insurance companies, investment services) will be on hand to field questions and concerns.

Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from Maryland Secretary of State John McDonough asking the Town to provide the Secretary's Office contact persons from various Civic and Business groups who would be interested in hearing more about the State's efforts on topics of their memberships.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police Moore read the report into record. He stated the Town of Rock Hall had an exceptional month during December, noting no serious crimes were reported – a first he has seen in his 11 ½ years working for the Town.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson reported the Town employees have been cleaning out ditches along various streets; Christmas Trees will be collected and disposed of; Christmas lights have been taken down.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler reported 4,158,000 gallons of water were treated in the month of December; Water Plant Operator Tim Edwards will be attending Delaware Technical Community College (Georgetown campus) for additional Operator training.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported the next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held January 21, 2009.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported the next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2009; Mr. Victor Costa will be sworn in on January 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. as the newest member of the Planning and Zoning Board, replacing Jeannine Marsey who resigned her position in October 2008.

MUSEUM BOARD:

No meeting until March.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs discussed having the carpet in the front atrium replaced with tiled flooring and including the Town seal in the center of the atrium. The cost is estimated at \$3,150 and was

decided to go with the tile color mother-of-pearl. Mayor Jacobs advised the ESAM Legislative Dinner will be held January 22, 2009 and the next Council of Governments (CoG) meeting will be held January 21, 2009 at the Fish Whistle.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Due to the absence of the Town Manager, no report was given.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Mayor Jacobs spoke about the upcoming "Town Hall Meeting" to be held January 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building to discuss with local officials and here concerns from residents concerning the growing problem of substance abuse among the adolescents in Rock Hall and surrounding county areas.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina L. Edwards
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

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