

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

March 3, 2008

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:25 P.M. All Councilmembers were present along with the Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Town Attorney, Police Chief Moore and Patrol Officers McCracklin and Sutton. The Town Manager was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Auditor's Meeting of February 4, 2008 as presented; Councilmember seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of February 4, 2008 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Police Chief Moore, along with Patrol Officers McCracklin and Sutton, were on hand to ask the Mayor and Council to consider purchasing a trained K-9 Narcotics dog for the Town of Rock Hall. With the information provided and after much discussion, Councilmember Toulson made a motion to approve the purchase of Package #2 at a cost of \$11,600; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Jacobs told Councilmembers and those present that the gold-colored Police car has been taken to Easton Ford to see if a Ford dealership can identify the problems with the car.

Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from the Office of Tourism Development regarding the booth they will have at the Adventures in Travel Expo in Washington, D.C. on March 29 and March 30, 2008. They are asking local businesses and Towns to provide brochures and free giveaway items. Mayor Jacobs will be providing Town of Rock Hall mugs as giveaways from the Town.

A letter from Kent Center was received asking for a donation. Mayor and Council requested the Clerk-Treasurer obtain a monetary goal from Maryann Ruehrmund, Development Director at Kent Center to better aide in their donation decision at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

The Greater Rock Hall Business Association submitted a request to Mayor and Council asking to have the 2% Hotel tax received by the Town be directed to the GRHBA for marketing and advertising needs for the committees formed for the events planned for 2008. Resident and

business owner Hank Mayer was present in the audience to speak on behalf of the GRHBA. The Mayor and Council asked Mr. Mayer to have the GRHBA submit a business plan / budget for the planned events of 2008 at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

The bids received at the Town office for the abandoned Toyota Camry were rejected by the Mayor and Council due to identical amounts bid. Mayor Jacobs advised the Clerk-Treasurer to run the ad again in the March 6th edition of the Kent County News, with bids due on March 20th at 3:00 p.m.

A letter was received from William H. Kerbin, Jr. from Kent County Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning requesting a letter of support from Mayor Jacobs be drafted and signed in support of a \$150,000 grant for the purpose of rehabilitating and repairing low to very low income households in Kent County. Mayor Jacobs agreed to the letter of support.

Mrs. Dawn Jacobs was present in the audience to briefly speak on a new campaign she has started called "For Emma's Sake" in memory of Emma Jester, killed in an automobile crash on January 4, 2008. Mrs. Jacobs will continue to keep the Mayor and Council up-to-date with her campaign as it moves along.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 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