

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

March 31, 2008

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:35 P.M. Present were Councilmembers Kuechler and Price, Town Manager Fithian, Town Attorney MacLeod and Chief of Police Moore.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of March 3, 2008 as presented; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Mayor Jacobs discussed the 2008 MML Convention, to be held June 22 – 26, 2008 in Ocean City, MD. Pre-registration at a reduced rate of \$120/pp is due to MML by April 15, 2008. Mayor Jacobs extended an invitation to Chief of Police Moore to attend this year, as well as the attendance of all Councilmembers and the Town Manager. Rock Hall's booth on Municipal Main Street will be (tentatively) manned by town residents Jim Rich and Sandy Mayer. Mayor Jacobs will confirm with them next week.

The Rock Hall Parks and Recreation Board provided to Town Manager Fithian an estimate to complete the fencing of the front ball field at the lagoon. The estimate to complete the enclosure of the sides and outfield fence stood at \$10,995, to be increased by 10% the following day if not accepted by the end of the night. Mayor Jacobs noted the \$2,000 donation received from American Legion Post 228 was strictly for the ball field fencing project. After much discussion without pertinent information from Parks and Recreation, Councilmember Price made a motion to spend money to extend the fencing to the foul poles at an unknown cost. Further discussion led to Councilmember Price amending his motion to match the \$2,000 donation from American Legion Post 228, to be used to extend the fencing as far as \$4,000 will allow. Councilmember Kuechler seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from Kent County Department of Planning, Housing and Zoning requesting the Mayor and Council to recognize April 14 – 18, 2008 as Fair Housing Week and the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Jacobs will read the Proclamation at the Mayor and Council Meeting on April 10, 2008.

A letter was received from Kent County Parks and Recreation asking for support for the 2008

KCHS Post Prom Party. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to donate \$100; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Town Manager Fithian advised Mayor and Council that the town will be purchasing a new lawn mower with the money that was budgeted for FY07-08.

Chief of Police Moore spoke in reference to the K-9 dog the Town will be acquiring in the next few weeks. The Kent County Narcotics Task Force will be providing funding in the area of \$6,500 to \$7,000 towards the purchase of the K-9 dog. The added funds will allow the Police Department to acquire the correct window partition that will separate the K-9 dog from the front and back seats of the two Ford Explorers. With Chief Moore's attention, a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the KBI (Kent Bureau of Investigation).

Town Manager Fithian has been in contact with the County Detention Center looking to have inmates provide community service to cleaning up the park areas and ditches, thus alleviating the need to utilize Town employees.

The second round of bids for the abandoned car was received by March 20, 2008. A total of five bids were submitted with the highest bid being \$675 awarded to Sharon Truitt.

Regarding the Waterman's Estates (aka Harbor Woods) properties going up for Tax Sale, Town Manager Fithian asked the Town Attorney to draft a notice to be given to Kent County Tax Sale officials indicating that any property purchased at the sale can not be built on until further notice from the Town of Rock Hall, due to outstanding debts and maintenance issues not resolved at this time with the current developer.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.; Councilmember Kuechler 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