

**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 14, 2011**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Officer Sutton were also present. Carly Cashin was also present, filling in for Craig O'Donnell of the Kent County News.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the Mar 10, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

Brian Nesspor attended the meeting and introduced himself as a candidate running for one of the Town Council seats in the upcoming election. He stated that he thought that the diversity of people in Rock Hall could live together peacefully. He seems to think that he could be an asset to the town and help it continue to live in a peaceful state, and that's why he's running for town council.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$197,780.30  
Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$211,098.26  
Total Available Funds: \$408,878.56

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$102,763.89  
Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$141,515.56  
Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,276.00  
Total Outstanding: \$245,555.45

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Kent County Marching Band have written a letter accompanied by complimentary cocktail party tickets for the Mayor and Town Council to attend the band's annual cocktail party on Saturday; April 30, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Chesapeake Bank & Trust.

We have received a letter from the MBE stating that the Town will receive \$1,500.00 for the boiler, \$5,500.00 for energy efficient air conditioners and additional \$1,000.00 for the installation of the air conditioners.

The Town received a letter from Mr. Williams stating that he will not allow any further access to the display site of the fireworks the town sets off for New Year's and Fourth of July.

There was a letter received from Mr. Grenville Whitman thanking the town for posting no parking signs on the west side of Liberty Street.

The Planning & Zoning department sent a letter asking the town to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. The town has written a proclamation in response to their letter agreeing to make this so. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the proclamation as read by the Mayor, Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Peyton Chance wrote a letter asking for donations to attend The National Young Leaders Conference held in Washington D.C., during the summer. This opportunity will help expand my leadership abilities that I have already started to obtain while attending school at Kent County High. The Councilmember's agreed that they would prefer to try to help kids and scholars who may need help that are from Rock Hall.

Larry McDaniel wrote a letter to the town asking if the property that Mr. Jay Jacobs uses to store work trailers and such is open for other town folks to use as well, seeing that the property is owned by the town, and not by Mr. Jay. This matter will be further discussed at the next workshop meeting.

#### POLICE REPORT:

Officer Sutton read the report into record.

#### STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson reported that at the workshop meeting the town voted on putting up no parking signs on the west side of Liberty Street from the section of Rock Hall Avenue to the Sharp Street section. He also reported that the town received a letter from MML informing the

town of an increase in the amount of money the town would receive for the Highway User Fund. The town will now receive \$24,594.00 to use toward street repair.

#### SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Francis read the report into record. The leak down at the Civic Center has been fixed. To replace the water line on Catholic Avenue would cost \$65.00 a foot, which totals \$83,000.00. This does not include taking up the sidewalk and tapping into the 12 homes that are connected to that line.

#### PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported that next Saturday; March 23, 2011 from 3 – 7:30 pm for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be numerous amounts of activities going on during this time. We also have a bullying demonstration to try to help stop the bullying within our young children. Timmy has been getting the ball fields ready for the upcoming ball season.

#### PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported that Ed Kurowski's time on the board has expired, but he has agreed to stay on. Councilmember Price made a motion to reappoint Ed Kurowski to the Planning & Zoning board, Councilmember Toulson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There was no meeting held last night, and nothing on the agenda. Everything has been approved for the Brawner project, and should start full throttle on Monday. The Comp Plan has been approved and in finished form.

#### MUSEUM BOARD:

Mayor Kuechler reported that the Museum Board met today. We have reappointed the following members that need approval from the Council: Ronnie Fithian, Bill Betts, Larry McDaniel, Carol Digenaro, Helen Durdin, Edna Marie Sutton, Diane McIntyre, Robin Kurowski, and myself. Councilmember Price made a motion to reappoint the list of members that Mayor Kuechler mentioned, Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The board also had an election of officer's today, Ronnie Fithian will be the Chairman again, Vice Chair will be Robin Kurowski, Secretary will be Diane Harris, and I will be the Treasurer. We are currently trying to find someone to sit in the Museum during the weekend hours.

#### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that there were sticks & rubble picked up at the beach and the Civic Center, as Councilmember Willis had already mentioned concerning the ball fields. The dugouts have had a few additions added to them for the kids. The county had been gracious enough to lend us a broom to rake up the beach, and it made things quite a bit easier for us. The boys are currently in the process of cutting the grass. There is a leak on Walnut Street that we are currently working on trying to get fixed. The lights on Rt. 20 have been called about and should be fixed in the near future.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Councilmember Price wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming election being held in the town auditorium on May 7, 2011. There will also be a forum in regards to the election provided by the League of Women Voters on April 26, 2011. There will be a car show tomorrow night on Main Street. May 1, 2011 will be the spring bike fest. The town will be hosting a triathlon on June 25th and 26th 2011. There was a meeting held last night for the pirates & wenches weekend. Councilmember Toulson mentioned that the committee that the town may want to up the coverage of police patrol during this event. The Town Manager mentioned the entrance to the harbor isn't getting any better. There are more & more boats getting stuck. There doesn't seem to be anything getting done about it as soon as we were hoping. There is room to move the buoy's over to deeper water to buy us some time for this year, until we can help from the government that we have asked for. The Mayor and Council agreed that if the Town Manager could talk to the right people and have the buoys moved properly they didn't have a problem with that being done.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey T. Cox

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Rosalie Kuechler, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

John F. Toulson, Councilmember

Robert E. Willis, Councilmember