

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2010

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present along with Town Manager Fithian and Captain Dempsey.

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 March 11, 2010; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$381,019.54

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$169,377.24

Total Available Funds: \$550,396.78

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$109,416.47

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$139,316.75

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$2,643.00

Total Outstanding: \$251,376.22

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Jacobs read a letter he received from resident Dorothy Morlock. Ms. Morlock wrote a letter to the Kent County Newspaper regarding the possibility of the closing of the Kent County Public Library branches, which would include Rock Hall's branch. Ms. Morlock is an avid user of the branch and would be deeply affected by the closure of the branch.

POLICE REPORT:

Captain Dempsey read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson had nothing to report.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler had nothing to report.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported the Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt held on April 3rd was a great success.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price had nothing to report.

One vacant seat remains on the Board of Appeals. A letter of interest to serve on the board was received from resident Martha Maxwell. After discussion, Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to appoint Mrs. Maxwell to the Board of Appeals; Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler reported the Museum has taken several pictures from the museum to have then enlarged for better display in the Museum; the Museum fundraiser is scheduled for May 22, 2010.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor and Council discussed the recent revenue cuts by the State. The Town's revenue accounts affected are: State Highway User Revenue, State Aid Police Protection, Critical Areas Grant, and Real Property revenue. The General Fund budget will be amended as follows: reduce Critical Areas Grant to \$2,000; reduce State Highway Tax to \$10,260; reduce State Aid Police Protection Grant to \$12,363; reduce State Income Tax to \$75,691; reduce Real Property Taxes to

\$785,000. To offset the reductions in revenue, Mayor and Council unanimously agreed to amend the General Fund expenses as follows: reduce Contingencies Expense to \$0; reduce Capital Expenditures to \$1,339; reduce Streets Capital Expense to \$5,420. The General Fund budget has been reduced by \$167,280. Councilmember Willis made a motion to amend the General Fund budget as discussed; Councilmember Kuechler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs spoke to the audience about how important it is to complete and return your Census form. For those who have Post Office boxes, Census forms are not received in the box; if a form is not received, a Census taker will visit the residence with the form to be completed.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported the broken globe on the street light pole at Rt. 20 and Main Street has been replaced; Pumping Station #2 required additional parts to have it working at max capacity; the Town will be receiving approximately \$4,800 from FEMA for reimbursement from the December 19 – 20, 2009 snow storm; potholes have been filled in at the end of Rt. 20 / Gratitude. Town Manager Fithian reiterated the burn pile located behind the lagoon ball field is to be used for brush only (leaves, tree limbs, dead shrubs, etc.)

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

There was concern from an audience member regarding the possible closing of the Rock Hall branch of the Kent County Public Library. Neither Mayor, Council nor Town Manager / County Commissioner Fithian have heard validity to this rumor.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; Councilmember Toulson 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