MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING May 3, 2010

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:14 p.m. All Councilmembers were present along with Town Manager Fithian and Town Attorney Patrick Thomas.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of March 29, 2010 as presented; Councilmember Toulson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Town Manager Fithian discussed the unfinished ditch project located behind The Hamlet. Bids were submitted from two contractors – William Simpler bid \$12,000; Lindstrom Excavating Contractors bid \$12,500. Mayor and Council discussed how to fund the unfinished project. Mayor Jacobs suggested using the Marsh Mitigation Reserve Fund as the source. With no further discussion, Councilmember Price made a motion to accept the bid from William Simpler for \$12,000 and contingent upon using the Marsh Mitigation reserve funds available; Councilmember Toulson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Manager Fithian advised Mayor and Council that the current auditing firm has proposed an increase in their fee for the upcoming Fiscal Year audit. Mayor and Council agreed the audit must be bid out.

There will be a Budget meeting on May 10, 2010.

Town Manager Fithian advised Mayor and Council that Rock Hall Manor Apartments is donating \$5,000 to be used for recreational purposes.

The burn pile located behind the Lagoon ball fields has been closed permanently due to items taken there that were not permitted, when the pile was burned, neighbors complained about the smoke for days, and new regulations have been created for burn permits. Town Manager Fithian recommended looking into using a Tub Grinder which can be provided by Maryland Environmental Service.

As a tax savings to the event, the Town of Rock Hall will partner with The Sailing Emporium as co-sponsors of the Fourth of July Fireworks. This will also allow for additional shells to be shot for the fireworks show.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 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