

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2009

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 8:27 p.m. All Councilmembers were present along with Town Manager Fithian, Clerk-Treasurer Christina Edwards and Assistant Town Attorney Patrick Thomas.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Toulson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of March 30, 2009 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Mayor and Council set the first meeting to discuss the upcoming Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget for May 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

A letter submitted by members of ASAC was reviewed by Mayor and Council. The letter addressed the steps in progress by the Town of Chestertown regarding alcohol signage in business windows where the businesses must remove eighty-five percent of their signs promoting alcohol. Mayor Jacobs suggested having the Rock Hall Business Association respond to the letter.

There was a discussion regarding the illegal activity taking place at Rock Hall Manor. The Police Department has stepped up patrol in the area.

The Kent County Narcotics Task Force will be contributing to pay half of the veterinarian K-9 dental bill.

A donation of \$45 was made to the Rock Hall Lions Club for the purpose of being able to send five children to the circus.

There was a discussion with Patrick Thomas regarding the MFCA property. Patrick advised that the potential lessee has submitted a withdrawal letter of intent and will no longer pursue use of the property.

There was a discussion regarding purchasing new playground equipment for the Civic Center. The equipment is tailored for the 2-5 year old range and is being sold at a discount as a demo

model at a price of \$8,500. Funds are currently being sought through a grant; however, the Town will foot the entire bill at this time. Councilmember Willis made a motion to purchase the equipment valued at \$8,500. Councilmember Price motioned to amend the first motion to include outside funds received will be returned to the Town; Councilmember Toulson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Toulson suggested purchasing a small one-ton dump truck to be used by the Public Works department for the purpose of hauling stone, brush, etc. instead of wearing down the tires on the backhoe currently being used for such purposes. The consideration was tabled – to be discussed at the budget meeting.

Mayor Jacobs called for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss legal matters under section 10-508(a) of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland. Councilmember Price made a motion to move into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m., was seconded by Councilmember Toulson and carried unanimously.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting at 9:35 p.m. with no further discussion and no votes were taken.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 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

John F. Toulson, Councilmember

Robert E. Willis, Councilmember