

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2008

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:32 p.m. Councilmembers Kuechler and Willis were present along with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Attorney and Chief of Police.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing of April 10, 2008; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting of April 10, 2008; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due to the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer, the Town Manager read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 122,525.89

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 117,419.50

Total Available Funds: \$ 239,945.39

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 58,951.73

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 35,265.72

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,271.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 95,488.45

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor and Council received an invitation from the Mayor and Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to attend the dedication of the Edward C. Watkins Public Safety Complex on June 14, 2008. Town Manager Fithian reminded Mayor and Council of the R. Clayton Mitchell Kent County Government Center (currently Kent County Government Center) on May 13, 2008.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police Moore read the report into record. Chief Moore stated the newly acquired K-9 dog and his handler, Officer McCracklin, are doing extremely well at training. Chief Moore also reported on a situation handled recently at Waterman's Crab house with 20,000 – 30,000 bees nesting on a parking pylon. He contacted the local Bee Keeper to contain the bees.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Due to the absence of Councilmember Toulson, no report was given.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler read the report into record. 6,638,000 gallons were treated in April, with an average of 221,000 gallons per day.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis read the report into record. Parks and Recreation next meeting will center on the planning of the July 4th festivities.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Due to the absence of Councilmember Price, no report was given.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler reported on the meeting held earlier in the day at Waterman's Museum. The August 23, 2008 fundraiser event was discussed; the refinished display cases (one from Hubbard's Pier Restaurant which supported the old cash register) have been placed in the Municipal Building museum; Councilmember and Museum Board Member Kuechler made a motion to nominate former Treasurer Mary Guseman as an Associate Member to the Museum Board; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs reminded present Councilmembers of the upcoming Budget Meeting for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, to be held Monday, May 12, 2008; the next CoG meeting will be held May 21, 2008 at Five Rivers Tavern in Betterton, Maryland.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion on the proposed Text Amendment for Sailor's Rest, LLC has been put on hold, until full Council is present. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding permit requirements for tables/chairs/signs placed along Main Street sidewalks, in addition to regulations regarding

outdoor smoking and potential alcoholic beverage (while dining) at The Draught and Drudger and Main Street Bar and Grille. A formal discussion will be held at a later date.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported the Town has sprayed the grass growing at the beach; several loads of sand will be delivered to replenish the eroded sand from winter season; Town Manager Fithian met with Attorney Dan Saunders regarding a wetlands issue with Haven Harbour Marina; He briefly touched on a new State law passed enabling waterfront properties with commercial fishing boats and/or seafood business, and marinas housing at least twenty percent of their rentals to commercial fishing vessels, the opportunity to obtain a Property Tax Rebate as set forth by the landowners County government.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

None

With there being no further business, Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 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
Robert E. Willis, Councilm