

**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 10, 2009**

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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 7:42 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Toulson. Town Manager Fithian, Assistant Town Attorney Patrick Thomas and Sergeant William Dempsey were also present.

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 August 13, 2009; 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: \$ 229,196.18

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 125,774.15

Total Available Funds: \$ 354,970.33

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 852,032.95

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 7,348.76

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,443.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 860,824.71

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Jacobs read a notice received from the office of Representative Frank Kratovil Jr. regarding a Foreclosure Protection Workshop that will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009 in Cambridge, MD; the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company will be celebrating 100 years of service with a Cocktail Reception at the Chestertown Fire Hall on Saturday, September 19, 2009; Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from the State Highway Administration advising the Town of

Rock Hall's revised Highway User Revenue for Fiscal Year 2010 has been reduced to \$10,574; Mayor Jacobs read a resignation letter received from Museum Board member Mark Jacob

#### POLICE REPORT:

Due to Chief of Police Moore's absence, Sergeant William Dempsey read the police report into record.

#### STREETS/SANITATION:

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

#### SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler reported for the month of August the water plant treated 6.405 million gallons and received 5.7 inches of rain; there was no report for the wastewater treatment plant.

#### PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis had nothing to report. The next scheduled meeting will be September 16, 2009.

#### PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported on the September 9, 2009 meeting. A Public Hearing is schedule for September 22, 2009 to review the 'draft' of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler reported the Rock Hall Museum is planning a Christmas fundraiser; there will be an election of officers in January; the Board recommended appointing Larry McDaniel, Miss Edna Marie Sutton and Joanne Rich as Board Members. Councilmember Price made a motion to appoint them as Board Members; Councilmember Willis seconded. Mayor Jacobs amended the motion to permanently remove Mark Jacob and Jim Rich from the Museum Board; Councilmember Willis seconded the amended motion; all in favor to remove Mark Jacob and Jim Rich from the board, motion carried. All in favor to appoint Larry McDaniel, Miss Edna Marie Sutton and Joanne Rich as new board member, motion carried.

#### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor and Council voted on Ordinance #2009-02 (Zoning Text Amendment for Parking of a School Bus in Residential Districts) which was introduced August 13, 2009. With no further discussion, Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2009-02; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs advised the next Council of Governments meeting will be held on September 16, 2009 at Galena Pizzeria. Members of the Local Management Board will be guest speakers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was a discussion about the recently reported excess water usage which was based on Arro Consulting's findings of the water feasibility study.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Town Manager Fithian reported the marsh areas were sprayed on or about September 4, 2009; the town employees are in the process of reading meters for next quarter utility billing; a sinkhole was repaired at the residence of Jerry and Jean Spence.

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

Mayor Jacobs represented the Town at the presentation of the Hail Cove Living Shoreline project on Thursday, September 11, 2009;

Mayor Jacobs called for a motion to move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice under section 10-508(a) of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland. Councilmember Willis made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m., was seconded by Councilmember Price and carried unanimously.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council meeting at 9:08 p.m. No decisions or motions were made.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price a motion to adjourn at 9:09 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

Robert E. Willis, Councilmember