

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2009

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:35 p.m. All Councilmembers were present along with Town Manager Fithian and Assistant Town Attorney Patrick Thomas.

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 September 10, 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: \$ 282,676.20

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 103,787.33

Total Available Funds: \$ 386,463.53

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 731,280.50

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 167,481.20

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,758.28

Total Outstanding: \$ 900,519.98

CORRESPONDENCE:

An "Exhibition of Kent County Quilts" will be on display at various locations throughout the county: October 9th and 10th at Galena Firehouse; October 16th and 17th at the Mainstay in Rock Hall; and November 6th and 7th at the Visitor's Center in Chestertown.

Smithcreek Assisted Living Facility in Warwick, MD will host and Open House on October 16th and 17th.

POLICE REPORT:

Due to Chief of Police Moore's absence, Town Manager Fithian 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 on upcoming Halloween events around town. Trick or Treating will be Halloween night, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the Rock Hall Middle School is hosting a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 30th; the Rock Hall Business Association is sponsoring a Halloween Party at the Rock Hall Firehouse and the Spookwalk will be Oct. 22 – 24 and Oct. 29 – 31 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight with a new location at the Firehouse.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported on the Public Hearing held September 22nd to review the draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting was not well-attended. The next Planning and Zoning meeting will be October 14, 2009.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler reported the Rock Hall Museum the Museum would like to host children from the Rock Hall Middle School to tour the Museum and learn some history of their Town; the Museum is scheduled to be open prior to Santa's boat arrival on December 5th; volunteers are needed for Saturdays and Sundays; a model schooner has been donated to the Museum; election of officers will be held in November for the upcoming year.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs advised the next Council of Governments meeting will be held October 21, 2009 at Kitty Knight House. Mr. Ed Birkmire will be the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Garden Club will begin planting the donated trees and shrubs the week of October 12th.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported Town is gearing up for the winter season. The lights out at the top of the Water tower on Liberty will be replaced next week.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Bike Fest is October 18th at Bayside Landing Park.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price a motion to adjourn at 8:40 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