

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:34 p.m. Councilmembers Kuechler and Willis were present; Councilmembers Toulson and Price were absent. The Town Manager, Assistant Town Attorney and Chief of Police were also present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting of September 11, 2008; Mayor Jacobs seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

A representative from Arro Consulting Group was present to personally thank the Mayor and Councilmembers for choosing Arro's services to perform the water feasibility study on the Town's water system.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Town Manager read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 60,602.22

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 23,826.04

Total Available Funds: \$ 84,428.26

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 692,539.59

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 184,584.47

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,545.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 878,669.06

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police Moore read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

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

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler reported on an 8" water main break that occurred earlier in the day on Boundary Avenue. The leak was fixed and service was restored to the affected residents.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported that Parks and Recreation members have done a walk-through of the equipment at the Civic Center and will be discussing at future meetings the need to replace or purchase new equipment and the possibility of re-coating the basketball courts.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Due to the absence of Councilmember Price, P&Z board member Anne Leone reported on the September 10, 2008 meeting. The Planning and Zoning board approved two lot line adjustment requests, one variance request and forwarded one variance request onto the Board of Appeals.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Town Manager Fithian reported on the meeting held earlier in the day. Local resident Larry Simms has donated several model boats to be placed on display in the Rock Hall Museum; Mr. Bill Betts, curator of the Tolchester Beach Revisited Museum has asked the Museum Board to assume 'ownership' of his Museum memorabilia, should he no longer be able to tend to the Museum.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs advised Council that at the October 15th CoG meeting, he expects the County, Humane Society and Really Great Cats Rescue to resolve the feral cat issue and talk about the language to be included in the County Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Willis questioned the status of the Maryland Food Center Authority building. Town Manager Fithian has made several attempts to find out who is responsible for fixing the siding on the building.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported fencing will be put up shortly at Ferry Park Beach for the winter months to contain the beach sand from blowing across Beach Road; the phragmite extermination at the town's marsh is working very well. Additional spraying will take place on areas where reeds reappeared after last year's spraying.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Mayor Jacobs and Councilmembers advised of forthcoming events taking place in town: a Crab Feast will be held at the Firehouse Oct. 11th, Bike Fest is set for Oct. 19th, the 2nd Annual Oyster and Seafood Festival will be held Oct. 25th & 26th at Waterman's Crab house and along Main Street; the annual Spook Walk will be the last two weekends in October.

With there being no further business, at 8:55 p.m. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to recess the Mayor and Council Regular meeting to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. Mayor and Council members present motioned to execute the termination of a town employee.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Kuechler a motion to adjourn at 9:16 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, Councilmember