

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. All Councilmembers were present along with Town Manager Fithian, Assistant Town Attorney Thomas and Chief of Police Moore.

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 October 9, 2008; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 491,557.48

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 128,431.77

Total Available Funds: \$ 619,989.25

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 281,544.92

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 32,537.09

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,545.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 315,627.01

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Jacobs read an e-mail received from soon-to-be resident Patricia Lyons complementing the Town's website design. Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from the Substance Abuse Prevention Program asking the Mayor and Council to hold a "Town Hall Meeting" on underage drinking at a location in Rock Hall. Councilmember Toulson advised the meeting has been scheduled for January 13, 2009 at the Rock Hall Volunteer Firehouse. Mayor Jacobs read a letter received from the Kent County Christmas Basket Committee asking for a donation to their program.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police Moore read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson had nothing of significance to report. Councilmember Price questioned who is responsible for repairing several potholes in the Rock Hall Elementary School parking lot. Town Manager Fithian advised the Town could make the repairs, if not too extensive.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler reported 4,965,000 gallons were treated in the month of October; Synagro hauled away four loads of sludge from the WWTP. Mayor Jacobs advised Council that he has signed the Crosby Woods Public Works Agreement and the Town has received the \$50,000 as agreed to.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported that Parks and Recreation is preparing for the arrival of Santa Claus on December 6th and the lighted boat parade at the harbor.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated there was no meeting on November 12th but there were zoning requests that had been forwarded to the Board of Appeals – both requests were denied due to restrictions on property located within the wetlands critical area.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Town Manager Fithian reported there will be no further meetings until the second Thursday in March. The Museum Board is breaking for the winter months. They will meet on December 4th to take inventory of donated items and tagging of displays.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs and Council discussed several dates for the Town Christmas Party. It was decided to hold the Christmas Party on December 20th at Waterman's Crab house.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs advised the next CoG meeting will be held in Galena where they will discuss (and hopefully resolve) the feral cat issue plaguing the Towns of Kent County.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported the prior issues with Harbor Woods have been resolved – black top completed, drainage fixed and the Town received \$51,000 owed for marshland mitigation; a new handrail was installed at the rear of the auditorium/cafeteria for the Senior Citizens; the playground area of Head Start has been cleaned up and some of the fencing was repaired; black topping at Bayside Park was completed by Kent County; a burn permit was obtained to burn brush at the Lagoon; three properties have been hooked up to town water and sewer; a culvert pipe on Boundary Avenue was replaced.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Councilmember Kuechler reported on the Maryland Municipal League Conference she attended back in October.

Mayor Jacobs called for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues 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 8:55 p.m., was seconded by Councilmember Willis and carried unanimously.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council meeting at 9:50 p.m. No decisions or motions were made.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price a motion to adjourn at 9:51 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