

**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**November 4, 2010**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES  
November 4, 2010

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:14 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Clerk Treasure, Town Attorney, and Corporal Sutton were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of October 4, 2010 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:**

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation report into the record.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:**

The Town Manager gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The axels have not yet arrived, but we were successful in removing the old axels on our own. One of the drying bed tiles was removed and cleaned out.

The Mayor asked if there have been any applications turned in for the waste water treatment plant operator position. The Town Manager informed the Mayor that there have been a few applications turned in but none are currently certified. The Town Manager suggested having Wayne Morris from the county come in to the next meeting to sit down with the Council to let them know how much it would cost to have the county continue to take care of the waste water treatment plan versus hiring a certified operator.

Councilmember Price asked if there was any new information in regards to getting the water line problem fixed on Catholic Avenue. The Town Manager noted that there is no new information in regards to this.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; Councilmember Toulson seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk - Treasurer

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
November 4, 2010

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:32 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Clerk Treasurer, Town Attorney and Corporal Sutton were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of October 4, 2010 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Clerk Treasurer introduced a proposal for a new phone system to be installed. Mr. Harvey Carlton of Communications & Energy Services would be the one installing the new system. The cost of the new system would be \$9,643.00. The Mayor would like to check with the county first to see what phone system they use to allow us to compare the two systems. Councilmember Willis asked where the cost would be coming out of for this project, the Clerk Treasurer stated that it would probably be split between the utilities fund account and the general funds account, simply because the phone bill gets paid from both accounts.

Mrs. Linda Kimble spoke on behalf of the Rock Hall Business Association in regards to the Rock Hall Visitor Center's invoice. The Mayor and Council decided to hold off paying the invoice until the Rock Hall Business Association could meet and maybe come up with a few alternative ideas for a Visitor Center. After the Rock Hall Business Association's next meeting they will let the Mayor and Council know of any suggestions that they have been able to come up with for the Visitor Center.

The Mayor made a recommendation that the Town's Christmas party be held at Ford's Seafood this year. Councilmember Price made a motion, and Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The Council and Mayor decided to hold the Town's Christmas party on Friday, December 17, 2010 at Ford's Restaurant.

The roof leaks that are through out the Municipal Building need to be fixed. The Town Manager is going to get in contact with the company that did the original work to the roof and see if they will come back out to repair it.

The Mayor mentioned the problems that the Clerk Treasurer and Assistant Clerk – Treasurer are having with their office flooring. The Town Manager is going to have Kevin take a look at the floors to see what needs to be done to get them fixed.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Storm Water Management plan that was submitted. The Mayor and Council do not seem to have a say in weather the plan is approved and implemented or not.

The Mayor and Council have received a memo from the Planning and Zoning office in regards to making sprinkler systems mandatory in newly built homes. Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt the changes to Chapter 81, (Building Construction), to allow the owner the option to add a sprinkler system to the building structure of their home, with a sign off notification, if they so choose to. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. All those in favor, four Councilmembers voted Aye, all those opposed, one Councilmember voted Nay.

Councilmember Kuechler mentioned a problem with a ditch that needs to be cleaned out on Walnut Street. The Town Manager is going to have someone take a look at that and have it cleaned up.

Councilmember Willis brought it to the Council's attention that there is a speed limit sign down on Catholic Avenue. The Town Manager will have this taken care of as well.

David Jones brought up a concern about giving up a Council Seat if the Councilmember decides that he/she wants to run for Mayor. He thinks that if you are a current Councilmember and decide to run for the position of Mayor that you should have to give up your Councilmember seat to do so. David would also like a discussion amongst the Councilmembers in regards to this issue and a decision made about it. The Mayor and Council stated that they have consulted with the Town Attorney and in accordance to how the law is currently written, if a Councilmember decides that he/she is going to run for Mayor they do not have to give up their Councilmember seat.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.; Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Jay A. Jacobs, Mayor

Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

John F. Toulson, Councilmember

Robert E. Willis, Councilmember