

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:32 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Willis. Town Manager Fithian and Assistant Town Attorney Thomas 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 November 13, 2008; Councilmember Kuechler 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: \$ 585,723.97

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 122,830.30

Total Available Funds: \$ 708,554.27

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 202,549.25

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 32,537.09

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,545.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 236,631.34

Town Manager Fithian advised Mayor and Council of a typographical error made to the Utilities Fund Expense Budget, where the budget for Sewer – Contract Lab expense was entered as \$1,000 but should have been \$10,000. Town Manager Fithian explained that \$9,000 should be added to the Contract Lab expense and Utilities Fund Contingencies expense should be decreased by \$9,000. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to make the corrections to the Utilities Fund Expense Budget; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

POLICE REPORT:

Due to the absence of Chief of Police Moore, Town Manager Fithian read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson had nothing of significance to report.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler reported 6,289,000 gallons were treated in the month of November and 3.8" of rain was recorded.

PARKS/RECREATION:

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

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported on the meeting held December 10, 2008. There were no applications submitted but there was a discussion regarding the "By-Laws" of the Rock Hall Planning and Zoning Board. There are no By-Laws on file, so in the meantime, they will adopt the By-Laws of Kent County.

MUSEUM BOARD:

No meeting until March.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs stated that in January, the County and Humane Society will make their official recommendation on the feral cat issue to the County Commissioners.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Fithian reported the Town's Christmas decorations have been put up; the old plans to the Water and Sewer Plants were taken to Centreville to be bound and preserved; Nilo Electric fixed electrical wiring to the Christmas decorations; water meters have been read for the

4th quarter billing cycle; several older meters have been replaced; the Town of Millington asked for help in putting up their Christmas decorations; information was received from the Maryland Department of the Environment regarding Water Operator License classes offered at Delaware Technical Community College; several trees around town have been trimmed; a culvert pipe on Hawthorne Avenue was repaired; application and permit for New Year's Eve fireworks has been submitted; hauled 46 tires to the dump free of charge; replaced motor in Pump Station #2.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Mayor Jacobs thanked the Garden Club for the beautiful Holiday decorations they made for the Town; on December 20th, there will be a showing of a 'pilot' episode that was shot around Rock Hall during the summer at the Firehouse; the Hat Parade will be at 7:00pm on New Year's Eve along with Fireworks and the Rockfish Drop at midnight.

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