

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

December 13, 2007

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2007

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:33 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Toulson. The Town Manager and Assistant Town Attorney 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 from the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2007 as presented; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER/INVITED GUESTS:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due to the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer, the Town Manager read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$ 315,382.53

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 109,831.83

Total Available Funds: \$ 425,214.36

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 159,258.57

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 3,507.68

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,210.00

Total Outstanding: \$ 163,976.25

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Jacobs read an e-mail received from Susanne Newbraugh, a weekend resident in Rock Hall, complimenting the Town on the Boat Parade and Santa's arrival on December 3, 2007.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief-of-Police Moore read the report into the record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Due to the absence of Councilmember Toulson, there was no report read. The Town Manager mentioned several potholes on various streets throughout town will be repaired in the coming days.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler read the report into the record. In the month of November, 5,000,060 gallons of wastewater was treated.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis read the report into the record. Parks and Recreation did not hold a November meeting. The arrival of Santa Claus on December 3rd was hosted by Parks and Recreation.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price read the report into the record. There were two Planning and Zoning meetings since the last Mayor and Council meeting on November 8, 2007. The meeting on November 14, 2007 was to review the proposed Riley Thorton subdivision at Cottage Avenue. Councilmember Price noted conditions are to be met by Mr. Thorton prior to final approval. The meeting held on December 12, 2007 was to review Sailor's Rest proposed Zoning Text Amendment which was subsequently denied by Planning and Zoning.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler reported at the next meeting in January, new officers will be chosen to serve on the Museum Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jacobs spoke of the upcoming New Year's Eve activities, including the Hat Parade which will feature Dixie Land Band, local bands playing at various establishments, and the annual "Rockfish Drop" at the bulkhead.

OLD BUSINESS:

A miniature Skipjack replica, built by Mr. Stanley Vansant, will be placed in front of the Municipal Building.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported a dead oak tree on Boundary Avenue at the Elementary School has been taken down; a fence has been erected at Ferry Park Beach to contain the sand from blowing onto Beach Road; water and sewer meter readings are complete and ready to be entered for the next billing cycle; the signs for the Information Center, located at Stuff-N-Things, are in place.

A special "Thank You" was given in recognition of the Garden Club for the beautiful home-made Holiday decorations at the Municipal Building and on the street light poles lining Main Street.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Nothing to report.

At 9:08, the Mayor recessed the Regular Meeting to move into Executive Session – Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 172, in order to discuss personnel issues.

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:55pm. There was no action taken. With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:58pm; Councilmember Willis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina L. Edwards
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Jay A. Jacobs, Mayor

Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember

Olin B. Price, Jr., Councilmember