

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Captain Dempsey and Chief Moore were also present.

Councilmember Price was asked to say the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was given for the soldiers who serve our country.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the November 10, 2011 meeting. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account: \$498,283.59

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$188,621.07

Total Available Funds: \$686,904.66

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$242,093.98

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 9,591.48

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 700.00

Total Outstanding: \$252,385.46

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor moved the correspondence received in with the Good of The Town.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones stated that the guys patched up some road work throughout town around some of the storm drains. The Christmas decorations are up; the town is looking very festive.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the sewer and water reports into record.

PARKS/RECREATION:

We have a very successful season this year. We had a stunning boat parade this past Saturday bringing Santa into town with Mrs. Claus. Durdin's did a wonderful job supplying food and hot chocolate for everyone. There was a very nice turn out with a lot of children excited to see Santa. December 17, 2011 we will be holding a Sensitive Santa get together for the special needs children of Kent County and Rock Hall, who couldn't participate in the festivities this past Saturday. The Sensitive Santa will be seeing the children in the auditorium at the Municipal Building. We will be setting up a parade for the kids through the middle of Main Street with the help of the fire department. Mr. Brian Jones here will be providing some music for us. I just think we can all be proud of the town for putting something together for such a good cause.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported that Planning and Zoning have not met since our last meeting. Our next scheduled meeting is for December 14, 2011. We will be discussing signs for public, charitable, educational, and religious institutions.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Francis read the treasurer's report into record. The board is in the process of electing a new treasurer. Donations were made to the museum; which consist of a Rock Hall parade coat, a potbelly stove. We also focused on more fundraising possibilities. We are looking into organizing a cookbook, and are discussing two (2) boat donations. We appointed Warren Zimmerman to the board at this afternoons meeting. The Mayor proceeded to swear in Mr. Warren Zimmerman into the Rock Hall Museum Board. The Mayor asked Doug Francis what the status of the Museum Board was, if they were at full capacity now. Doug stated that they still have

two (2) seats vacant. We've discussed a new web design for our website. We're also looking a new logo for the museum; that encompasses all three museums. We have put three (3) letters of intent for grants for the upcoming year (2012). We are still looking into the benefits of becoming a non-profit organization.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

We have two (2) proposals for new phone systems. The one proposal comes from Communications and Energy Services with an upward bid of \$8,700.00. We also have a quote from Mark Carlson of Martel Inc. Mark's bid comes in around \$4,000.00. We are currently paying approximately \$950.00 a month for the service. If we accept Marks's proposal, we will then have a monthly service bill of \$385.00 a month. That's a pretty substantial amount of savings there. Councilmember Price made a motion that we accept Martel Inc.'s phone system proposal of \$4,000.00 with a one (1) year warranty. Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that the solar field that we had started working with had come across a couple of hurdles that we didn't expect. We worked our way through the hurdles and we are full speed ahead with the project. The project itself probably won't get started until after the first of the year. I would like to thank the Garden Club for the time and effort they put into decorating the town and making it look so nice and festive. We are getting new doors for the cafeteria and the boiler room. The two (2) for the boiler room were installed today; I assume the other will be installed within the next day or so. The Mayor had mentioned the door at the water plant that needs to be replaced. He would like the Town Manager to get a couple of quotes for the job to get an idea of how much it's going to be to replace. Then we can decide when we may want to get that done. I called the state today to inquire about the dump trucks that you all had approved we purchase, and asked when we could expect to be able to pick them up. They told me that we would probably be able to get one within the next couple of weeks, but we may not get the other one until spring of next year. And that's okay as long as we can get at least one of them before bad weather starts to hit us.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Captain Mark asked what the schedule happens to be for New Years. The Mayor stated that Rock Hall Crawl will start at 6:30 p.m. this year. The hat parade will be going through the middle of Main Street. The traditional Rock Fish drop will be at the bulkhead followed by fireworks. The Polar Bear Plunge will take place at Rock Hall beach the next day.

Joan from Main Street mentioned how well of a job the town did at keeping the water down on the corner of Frederick and Main. She also asked about a follow up on previous discussions they have had in regards to fixing that problem a little more permanently. The Mayor stated that it's been brought to our attention and we are going to continue to try to get something done about it. Mrs. Joan said that she would remind them of such.

The Mayor wished everyone a safe and happy holiday, and a very enjoyable new year.

Councilmember Price wanted to convey his sadness of the passing of some of the town Residents. Mrs. Retz just recently passed away along with Captain Nick; our guardian of our flags. He will be sadly missed.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember