

MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2010

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 09, 2010

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 7:35 p.m. All Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Toulson, whom showed up just as the meeting reached the Streets & Sanitation part of the agenda. The Manager, Town Attorney, and Chief of Police were also present.

All recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

The Rock Hall Girl Scout Troop #825 was present to speak to the Mayor and Council. They presented a project called the Peace Pole. The Peace Poles will have the word "Peace" engraved on them in different languages to show that we believe that peace should be spread throughout the world. We would like to place two Peace Poles in our community, one at Ferry Park and one at the Civic Center. These two places seem to be visited and frequently used the most in our community where people could be reminded of peace. The Mayor and Council thought this was a wonderful idea. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to allow the Rock Hall Girl Scout Troop #825 to put a Peace Pole at Ferry Park and a Peace Pole at the Civic Center. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Rock Hall Girl Scout Troop #825 with Keys to the Town, for doing such a good job with their presentation.

Mr. Eric Vansant attended the meeting to state his case concerning the Visitor Center's monthly rent. The Mayor informed Eric that he was waiting on information from the Rock Hall Business Association in regards to the matter. At this time there has been no decisions made in regards to the Visitor Center's monthly rent.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Clerk Treasurer read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$457,674.07

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$359,053.67

Total Available Funds: \$816,728.37

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$222,356.96

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$ 8,356.83

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 5,023.06

Total Outstanding: \$235,736.85

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Toulson had nothing to report. It was mentioned that the Christmas lights are up.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Kuechler read the report into record.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Willis reported that there was a nice turn out for Santa Coming to Town. There were seven boats lit with lights. There was a nice crowd of families waiting to see Santa be brought in by boat. All in all it was a nice event that had a nice turn out.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price reported that the Planning & Zoning met last night. They had a lot line adjustment approval for the Charles Beck property; they discussed a comprehensive plan that has been sent off for the sixty day review. They will meet next month to finalize everything. They

also discussed the Brawner Property Project, and everyone seemed to be in favor of the plans.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler reported that the Museum Board no longer has any meetings scheduled until April 2011.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2010-01 Chapter 81 (Building Construction) was scheduled to be voted on. There was a public hearing in regards to the Ordinance on November 29, 2010. There was an additional letter received by Mr. Benjamin Roy, Jr. that you all have, as well as a copy of the County Ordinance that was passed on November 16, 2010. There were some modifications made to the Ordinance, due to noise pollution on the recorded tape, I could not hear what they were, my apologies. Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-01 as presented. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion. All in favor of adopting Ordinance No. 2010-01 please say Aye, there were four Ayes in agreement. Anyone opposed, there was one vote of Nay. In accordance to the majority vote the Ordinance No. 2010-01 will be passed as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor mentioned the Triathlon that he has been in correspondence with, has come up with a date of June 25 & 26 2011. They are meeting with Rock Hall Landing to discuss having it on there property. The Mayor also mentioned Party at the Bulkhead, which is scheduled to take place on September 10, 2011. Councilmember Kuechler mentioned that the Garden Club will be judging the Christmas decorations for the business's and residential homes on December 22, 2010. Judging will start at 7:00 p.m. There are three categories for each.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager stated that the Christmas lights are up and looking good. We helped Millington put their lights up; Galena didn't need any help this year. We received a notice from MDE in regards to the monitoring wells that have been placed at the gasoline and diesel fuel tanks located at Liberty Street. The letter states because the testing has gone so well that we can now abandon those monitoring wells. We have to have this done by a licensed well driller. I've

put a call into AC Schultes to get a price on how much it will cost us to have them do that.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

There was a bitter-sweet ending to the Good of the Town at this meeting. It is Mayor Jacob's last Mayor & Council meeting he will be attending before his resignation of his position as the Mayor of Rock Hall. Councilmember Price stated how it's been a pleasure in his eleven years serving with the Mayor, and I'm sure the rest of the Council feels the same way. Wish you the best of luck in your endeavors! The Mayor thanked everyone for their support and service during his tenure.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.; Councilmember Toulson seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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