

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 9, 2015**

The Vice Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:35 p.m.

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Francis. The Town Manager and Chief Moore were also present.

Councilmember Price gave the invocation. There was a moment of silence given. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of March 12, 2015. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 12, 2015. 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:

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| General Fund Investment Account:   | \$124,383.83        |
| Museum Board :                     | \$ 3,468.36         |
| Utilities Fund Investment Account: | <u>\$118,274.45</u> |
| <b>Total Available Funds:</b>      | <b>\$246,126.64</b> |
| Property Taxes Outstanding:        | \$ 89,643.20        |
| Utilities Fund Outstanding:        | \$180,517.79        |
| Services Rendered Outstanding:     | <u>\$ 4,900.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Outstanding:</b>          | <b>\$275,060.99</b> |

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Moore read the police report into record. There were questions asked of the Chief, from Audience Members, in regards to drug paraphernalia being found around town.

**STREETS/SANITATION:**

The Vice Mayor gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. There were questions raised about the closing of Hawthorne Avenue during the upcoming Bike Fest. There was an update given in regards to the corner of Bayside Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue.

**SEWER/WATER:**

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record and gave updates for the Water and Sewer Departments. The Town Manager gave an update in regards to the Water Clarifier project. The Town Manager gave an update in regards to the Sewer Plant upgrade project.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

The Rock Hall Lions Club is asking for permission to use the Civic Center on May 1, 2015 to allow the Circus to come to town. Councilmember Price made a motion to give permission to the Rock Hall Lion's Club to use the Civic Center on May 1, 2015 for the Circus. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

Councilmember Price gave an overview/update in regards to the Planning & Zoning Board.

**MUSEUM BOARD:**

There were three letters received from people conveying their interest in becoming Museum Board Members. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve Nicole Benner, Chrissy Stickland, and Mylita Jacob as new members of the Museum Board. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vice Mayor Jones asked to establish a communications board within our charter. The board should comprise of ten members. The Vice Mayor asked for approval to have the Town Attorney Look into drafting up something for a future meeting. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to have the Town Attorney draft a proposal to establish a communications board in the Town Code. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-01 (Authorization of General Obligation Bonds, Bond Anticipation Notes and Refunding Bonds) as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Nesspor stated that “At its March 12, 2015 regular session, the Council adopted RUS Bulletin 1780-27 Loan Resolution (Public Bodies) by a vote of 3 in favor of adoption. Page 2 of such Loan Resolution contains signature blocks for the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to execute certifying as to adoption of such Loan Resolution. The Mayor did not sign the Loan Resolution and instructed the Vice President of the Council to sign the Loan Resolution. Bond counsel to the Town has advised that the Mayor does not have explicit authority to delegate such signature responsibility to the Vice President of the Council and has requested that the Council authorize and direct the Vice President of the Council to sign in place of the Mayor.”

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion that I hereby move that, in place of the Mayor, the Vice President of the Council (who is also sometimes referred to as the Vice Mayor) be authorized and directed to sign and date page 2 of RUS Bulletin 1780-27 Loan Resolution (Public Bodies), which was adopted by the Council by a vote of 3 yeas on March 12, 2015. The Vice President of the Council or the Clerk-Treasurer may strike the Mayor’s name and title by hand and insert the name and title of the Vice President of the Council by hand. If so instructed by bond counsel to the Town, the Vice President of the Council or the Clerk-Treasurer may also make such insertions to the paragraph beginning “IN WITNESS WHEREOF” on page 2 of such Loan Resolution to clarify that such Loan Resolution was adopted on March 12, 2015 although executed on a later date. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the motion made and why there was a reason for it to be made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town Manager read the Fair Housing Proclamation into record.

The Vice Mayor gave an overview of the Grant for Safe Routes to School. The Vice Mayor suggested that the Town hire Mrs. Meg Parry to assist the Town in applying for this grant. Councilmember Price made a motion to hire Mrs. Meg Parry for a cost of up to \$1,000.00 to help the Town apply for the Grant for Safe Routes to School. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. There was a discussion among the Vice Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the motion made. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager gave an update in regards to the Tram schedule for the upcoming year. There was a discussion among the Vice Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to the Trams.

Councilmember Price made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Rock Hall Lion’s Club for the purchase of circus tickets. The Lion’s Club then donates the tickets to the school for each child that attends school. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Vice Mayor gave an update on the Hometown Hero Banners.

#### **TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:**

None

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

Councilmember Nesspor stated that it was a pleasure working for the Town as Councilmember. He hopes that he has four more years to serve as Councilmember.

Councilmember Price gave an overview of the candidates running for election.

Mrs. Edna Marie Sutton-Hubbard asked to have the Mayor and Council reconsider/reevaluate the amount of times a resident can ask for a sewer credit. There was a discussion among the Vice Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to the sewer credit process.

There was a comment in regards to the absence of elected officials and whether they should get paid if they don't attend the meetings.

There was an update given in regards to the Museum Board.

There were questions asked in regards to the occupants of the Clam House.

There were compliments given to Councilmember Price and his service to the Town.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Not in Attendance  
Robert E. Willis, Mayor

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Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Not in Attendance  
Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

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Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

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Brian Jones, Councilmember