

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2015**

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Clerk Treasurer and Captain Dempsey were also in attendance.

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 Kuechler seconded. All in favor motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 9, 2015. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. Councilmember Kendall asked to have a change made to the meeting minute's approval of July 9, 2015. Councilmember Kendall stated that he abstained from voting on the approval of these minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes (Ordinance No. 2015-02) of July 16, 2015. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

Mr. John Queen with the Bayside Hoyas (Helping Our Youth Achieve Success) was in attendance to give an overview of the Bayside Hoyas program and their hopes to help the Mayor with his battle against drugs. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and Mr. Queen in regards to the Hoyas program.

The Mayor gave an overview of the RHAD (Rock Hall Against Drugs) campaign/program.

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor recognized the Rock Hall Orioles with the Rock Hall Community Spirit Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Don Jones was in attendance to speak to the Mayor and Council in regards to the water quality on Catholic Avenue. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and Mr. Jones in regards to the water problem on Catholic Avenue.

Dorian Mitchell of the Kent County News asked about Mike Riggins moving his business into the Clam House. The Mayor and Council had not heard any news of this.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$ 10,552.78
Museum Board :	\$ 3,018.81
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 36,492.23</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$ 50,063.82

Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 46,896.86
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ 67,726.53
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Outstanding:	\$114,623.39

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to a letter received from John/Rock Hall Business Association that stated their support for the ZTA.

POLICE REPORT:

Captain Dempsey read the police report into record. Councilmember Nesspor complimented Captain Dempsey for his efforts in policing the weekend events of Pirates & Wenches. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, and Captain Dempsey in regards to the police report and the effects of the Pirates & Wenches weekend has on the youth. There were questions asked of Captain Dempsey in regards to the increase/decrease in drug related arrest and the statistics that are given to the public in regards to them. Captain Dempsey answered these questions accordingly.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. Councilmember Nesspor made mention of a Stormwater Grant that may be used to help fix Walnut Street.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the water and sewer departments. Councilmember Nesspor suggested the purchase of a skid loader and a hand cart for the water plant and streets department to allow the moving of pallets from place to place. The Mayor and Council agreed that the purchase of a skid loader and hand cart for the water and streets departments was a good idea.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Kendall gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

PLANNING/ZONING:

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

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Museum Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Mayor stated that they are currently looking for members for the Communications Board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to Ordinance No. 2015-02 (Zoning Text Amendment). Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02 as presented. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Nesspor abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Nesspor mentioned sending prayers to Arizona.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

None

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Councilmember Price stated that it was a good weekend and very profitable. There was a slide show presentation of photographs taken by Councilmember Kendall during the Pirates & Wenches weekend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Whitman commended the police department with the help in regards to the burglary that took place in their home.

Mrs. Suzanne Einstein thanked everyone for their efforts, help, and support in making Pirates & Wenches a successful weekend.

Councilmember Price thanked Mrs. Suzanne Einstein for all of her hard work that she put into making Pirates & Wenches weekend a success.

Councilmember Price relayed a story of the helpfulness of one of the Town's Tram drivers. Mr. John A. Groves went above and beyond the call of duty to bring someone back to Rock Hall who had to be taken to the hospital during the weekend.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.; Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



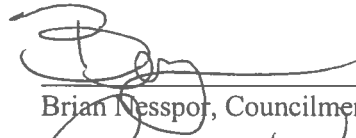
Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Brian L. Jones, Mayor



Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspot, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember