

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2016**

The Vice Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Price and Nesspor were present. The Town Manager and Officer Sutton were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

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

Councilmember Nesspor mentioned that Tom Strong, son of Mr. Tot and Mrs. Millie Strong, was home for the Christmas Holiday. Tom is currently working on making it through the Navy SEAL training. If all goes well he should receive his pin sometime in April.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 10, 2015. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 15, 2015. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price stated that there was no Closed Session to approve meeting minutes for.

**GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:**

Mrs. Meg Parry was in attendance to give an update on the HEAL grant. Mrs. Meg asked for the Vice Mayor and Council's approval to extend the deadline for letters of interest from people who are looking to become members of the Wellness Committee. The Vice Mayor and Council agreed to extend the deadline for acceptance of Wellness Committee members. Mrs. Meg gave an update on the Working Waterfront Enhancement grant. Mrs. Meg also gave an overview of the possibility of applying for a couple of new grants that could help the Town.

**ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:**

NONE

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Gren Whitman asked about the Special meeting that occurred on December 15, 2015. There was a discussion in regards to the special meeting among the Vice Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$198,599.63
Museum Board :	\$ 2,652.38
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	<u>\$ 69,182.71</u>
<b>Total Available Funds:</b>	<b>\$270,434.72</b>
Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$142,411.66
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$177,371.25
Services Rendered Outstanding:	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	<b>\$319,782.91</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was a letter received from the Rock Hall Elementary School inviting the police to attend Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9, 2016. Chief Moore attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Elementary School.

The MML sent an invitation to attend the Legislative Reception. The Vice Mayor and Councilmember Price attended the event.

The Vice Mayor gave an overview of the Rock Hall Elementary school's visit to the Town Hall for the Essay contest of "If I Were Mayor".

**POLICE REPORT:**

Office Sutton read the police report into record.

**STREETS/SANITATION:**

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. There was an update given on the Hamlet's project. There was mention of a couple of pot holes that could use to be fixed as you come in to Town.

**SEWER/WATER:**

Councilmember Nesspor read the water and sewer reports into record. Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the sewer and water plants. Councilmember Nesspor mentioned that it was about that time that people should be thinking about winterizing their homes, especially for those residents who are not here during the winter season. Councilmember Nesspor gave a phone number of 410-708-1511 for anyone who may need help during this time of year. The Town Manager gave an update on the Catholic Avenue water line project.

**PARKS/RECREATION:**

NONE

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

Councilmember Price gave an update on the Planning & Zoning department.

**MUSEUM BOARD:**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Vice Mayor read the Communications Boards report into record. The Town Attorney has reviewed the requested changes from the Communications Board and made some adjustments accordingly. Councilmember Price made a motion to accept the changes approved by the Town Attorney requested by the Communications Board. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The Town Manager gave an update on the little projects that have been getting done now that the holiday season is over with. The snow plows are ready when needed.

**GOOD OF THE TOWN:**

Councilmember Price apologized for the mistake made earlier in regards to the Closed Session meeting not taking place, it did in fact take place. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Closed Session Summary Meeting minutes of December 15, 2015. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

There was a discussion among the Vice Mayor and Council and Mrs. Cora Dickson in regards to the approvals made for the Communications Board. Councilmember Nesspor thanked the Communications Board for doing more research into the Availability Button on the website.

The Vice Mayor stated that there was an amazing turn out for the meeting held in regards to the Hospital.

The Copper Pearl has closed its business, but there is another candy store that has opened in the same building.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mrs. Patsy Reihl commented about the signs being illegally posted on Rt. 20. There was a discussion among the Vice Mayor and Council and the Town manager in regards to this issue.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; Councilmember Nessor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

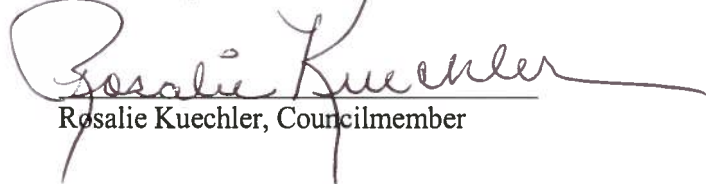
Lacey T. Cox  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Brian L. Jones, Mayor

  
Olin B. Price, Councilmember

  
Brian Nessor, Councilmember

  
Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Arthur Kendall, Councilmember