

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2015**

The Mayor convened the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Chief Moore 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 September 10, 2015. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

Carolyn Cameron was in attendance to discuss the drug issue at Baywood and Brittany Bay apartments located on Judefind Avenue. The Mayor and Council and Chief Moore spoke with Mrs. Cameron in regards to the drug issue in the Town. The Mayor asked Mrs. Cameron to supply him with contact information for the Apartment complexes so he could schedule a meeting to discuss this issue with them. There was further discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Chief of Police, and the Audience Members in regards to this issue.

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor recognized the Sustainable Community Action Group for their work and efforts with the Sustainable Community Grant and presented them with a Community Spirit Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Madelyn Reni was in attendance to address closing Bayside Avenue during the Bike Fest event that is scheduled to take place this weekend. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Chief of Police, and the Audience Members in regards to this issue. There was a general consensus among the Mayor and Council that the Town would not close off Bayside Avenue during the Bike Fest event.

Mrs. Cora Dickson was in attendance to discuss the Sustainable Community Grant and to ask questions in regards to the grant. Mrs. Meg Parry went over the Sustainable Community Grant in more detail and helped answer Mrs. Cora's questions. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, and the Town Manager in regards to the Sustainable Community Grant.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

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| General Fund Investment Account: | \$104,950.51 |
| Museum Board : | \$ 2,608.05 |
| Utilities Fund Investment Account: | <u>\$ 21,077.18</u> |
| Total Available Funds: | \$128,635.74 |
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| Property Taxes Outstanding: | \$ 280,539.56 |
| Utilities Fund Outstanding: | \$ 219,951.39 |
| Services Rendered Outstanding: | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Total Outstanding: | \$500,490.95 |

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the water and sewer departments. The Town Manager gave an update on the Water Clarifier project.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Kendall gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Committee. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground equipment at the Civic Center has been scheduled for October 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The Halloween parade and festivities are scheduled for October 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The parade will start on Main Street and Rock Hall Avenue and will march down to the Civic Center from there.

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 gave an update on the new harbor cam connected to the website, it will be posted from Harbor Shack. Councilmember Kendall made a motion to approve the candidates presented

for the Communications Board. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The new Communications Board members are Mr. William Fielder, Mrs. Cora Dickson, Mrs. Jan Plotczyk, Mrs. Kate Johnson, and Mrs. Linda Buckel.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor read a summary of Ordinance No. 2015-08 (Sustainable Community) into record. Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-08 as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor gave an overview of Red Ribbon Week. Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to participate and support the Red Ribbon Week campaign. Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the Special Events Permit draft that has been presented to the Mayor and Council for consideration. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to the Special Events Permits. Councilmember Price made a motion to have the Town Attorney move forward in reviewing the Special Events Permit. There was no second to the motion made, the motion died on the floor. It was agreed to look into the cost of hosting events and gather some more information to be discussed again at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Meg Parry gave an overview of the Sustainable Community Grant and everything involved with the grant (the application, the action plan, and the disclosure/certification). There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Meg Parry and the Audience Members in regards to the Sustainable Community Grant.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Everything has been covered.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

The Fire House Open House has been rescheduled for November 1, 2015 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fall Fest is scheduled for this Saturday with the 5k run to start first thing that morning.

Bike Fest is scheduled for this Sunday.

The Mayor and Council wished Mrs. Edna Cox (Councilmember Price's Mother – in – Law) a Happy 96th Birthday.

The Mayor and Council asked about the health of Mrs. Edna Marie Hubbard Sutton.

The Mayor and Council agreed to remove the dilapidated boat from the front of the Municipal Building and to leave the oyster shells there.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.; Councilmember Kendall seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

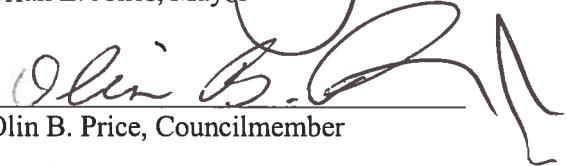
Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



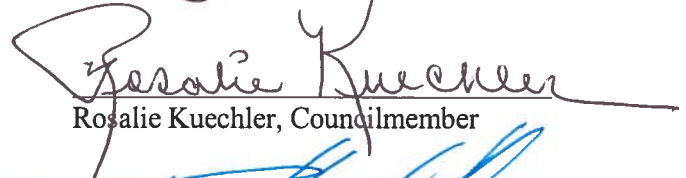
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



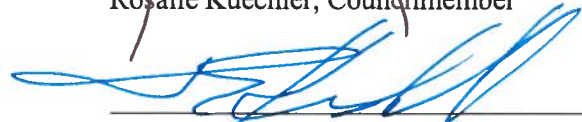
Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember