

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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.

Mr. John A. Groves gave the invocation. There was a moment of silence given. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Kendall 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 August 13, 2015. Councilmember Kuechler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

NONE

ROCK HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The Mayor recognized John A. Groves and presented him with a Community Spirit Award.

The Mayor mentioned that there would be a ceremony held at the Fire Department in honor and recognition of the September 11, 2001 tragedy. This event will be held on September 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Patsy Reihl asked for an update on the condition of the boats in the front yard of the Municipal Building. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the condition of the boats and some options that may be possible in replacing or repairing the boats. The Mayor and Council decided to take some time to think about some possible solutions and have this discussion continued at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

General Fund Investment Account:	\$ 72,767.98
Museum Board :	\$ 2,587.93
Utilities Fund Investment Account:	\$ 46,989.54
Total Available Funds:	\$122,345.45

Property Taxes Outstanding:	\$ 45,054.43
Utilities Fund Outstanding:	\$ (475.94)
Services Rendered Outstanding:	\$ -
Total Outstanding:	\$ 44,578.49

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was a letter received from Gren Whitman addressed to the Chief of Police in regards to the success of the Pirates & Wenches event and their efforts in making it a well patrolled and safe event.

There was a letter received from the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post 228 informing the Town they had been chosen to receive financial assistance from their post.

There was a press release given from the Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge in regards to Winter Birding walk/tours available during the winter season.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Moore read the police report into record. There was a question raised in regards to a recent drug arrest that happened within the area and wanted to know if there was any assistance from the Rock Hall Police Department. Chief Moore spoke in reference to the drug arrest and answered any and all questions in regards to the incident.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Kuechler gave an update on the Streets and Sanitation departments. The Town Manager gave an update in regards to the project on the corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Bayside Avenue.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor gave an update on the water and sewer departments. The Town Manager gave an update in regards to the new water clarifier.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Kendall gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Committee. There is a movie night on the beach scheduled for September 25, 2015. The Halloween parade is scheduled for October 24, 2015. Santa's arrival is scheduled for December 5, 2015. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Member's in regards to the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the water clarifier and the playground equipment.

PLANNING/ZONING:

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

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Carol DeGennaro as a museum board member. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Mayor gave an update on the new harbor cam connected to the website. There were two letters of interest received for the communications board.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor gave an update in regards the Sustainable Community project. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Audience Members in regards to the Sustainable Community project. The goal is to have the Mayor and Council endorse the project tonight and have the final draft of the action plan for approval on October 8, 2015 during the Mayor and Council meeting. It was agreed to move forward with the Sustainable Community project.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor asked the Council for approval to proceed with the purchase of new laptops to allow the Mayor and Council to go paperless. The cost of the laptops will be partially covered by the accumulation of points received on the Town's credit card. Councilmember Kendall made a motion to proceed with the purchase of laptops for the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager stated that things seem to be going well. The Town Manager gave an overview of the number of people using the Tram services compared to last year.

There was an update given in regards to the water quality on Catholic Avenue.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

There was a discussion in regards to the attendance of Mr. Art Willis to ask questions of in regards of the future of the 4th of July fireworks display.

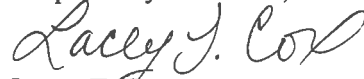
There was a presentation/slide show given of the car show that took place at the bulk head over the weekend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

With there being no further business, Councilmember Kuechler made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lacey T. Cox
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



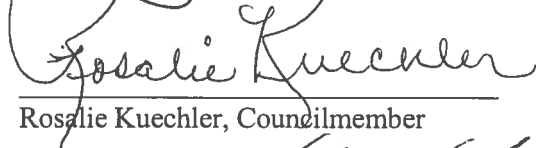
Brian L. Jones, Mayor



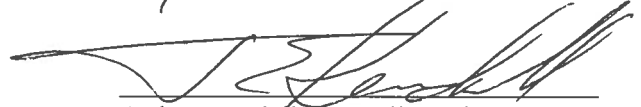
Olin B. Price, Councilmember



Brian Nesspor, Councilmember



Rosalie Kuechler, Councilmember



Arthur Kendall, Councilmember