

Mayor and Council Regular Business Meeting

July 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Edwards and Councilmember Collyer.

Councilmember Jones gave the blessing.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda needed to be amended with additions of Girl Scout Troop 404 visiting and Old Business/Correspondence concerning the Wheelhouse.
Councilmember Collyer motioned to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mayor Jacobs reminded the audience that all meetings are to be kept civil and orderly.

Recognize 4th of July Behind the Scenes Heroes

The following events would not have been possible without the certain people who organized and cared for the event.

Beauty Contest: Amy Nickerson

Street Dance: Parks and Recreation

Hometown Heroes: Neil Metzbower, American Legion Post 228

Kent County Waterman's Day: Coordinator Andrea Jacquette, Kent County Waterman's Association Officers Chuckie White, Wayne Wilson, Jimmy Reihl

Fireworks: Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Andrea Edwards Coordinator, representatives Carolyn Jones, Troy White, Timmy Edwards

Parade: Coordinator Penny Usilton, Announcer Jan White

Events in Park: Parks and Recreation Jessie Burton Chairman and Coordinator

Trams: John A. Groves reported that they had carried 1,536 passengers. He also said that he would like to give a special thanks to Taylor Walker who continued to drive the tram into his shift to give him a break.

Police Force: Thank them for doing a great job keeping things in control; Chief Dempsey, Clif Wilson and Chris Wode.

Town of Rock Hall Office Staff: Stephanie Jones, Cheryl Butler, Candy Porter

Key Street and Sanitation Staff: Troy White and J.B. Walls; Taylor Walker Waterplant; and Tonya Rutherford Maintenance Staff.

Councilmember Jones reminded that volunteers are need for all events.

Guests

Girl Scout Troop 404 was represented. They would like to raise enough money to purchase trash cans for trams stops. Their goal is for five cans. Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to support the Girl Scouts as they make this improvement to the town. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Laurie Walters was present to report that the murals are up, cozies are here and new brochures for the murals have been produced. Cindy Genther, a member of the Main Street Rock Hall Committee wanted to thank Laurie for all the work put into this project. A special commemorative photo book was presented to the Town Museum.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes will be deferred due to an error.

Department Reports

Mayor Jacobs gave the Financial Report.

Acting Chief Dempsey gave the Police Report

Mayor Jacobs mentioned things concerning the Streets and Sanitation. A trailer for the skid loader has been found for \$2,000. Councilmember Edwards knows about this trailer and thinks that we should continue to search.

The repair on the backhoe is \$2,884. A new backhoe purchase has been discussed. Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to repair backhoe for \$2,884. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Water and Sewer

Councilmember Edwards said he had no other information to report other than the two ongoing leaks on Mercer Avenue and Route 20.

Mayor Jacobs said the backflow preventer in the chlorine room at the plant needs to be repaired or replaced. United Backflow quote is \$2,299. Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to replace the backflow preventer at the price of \$2,299. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Two bearings at the sewer plant that run two major obt's need to be replaced. The quote is \$6,180. Expenditure was approved pending cash availability in the next couple of weeks. Motion made by Vice Mayor Andrews to repair obts. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

MDE toured the plant with Vicki Prettyman of SERCAP. It was very productive. and was very productive. Suggestion was to replace impellers until the grant is in place.

Parks and Recreation

Councilmember Jones reported that sand had been put on the beach. They used \$1,200 for this sand.

The new playground at the Lagoon will be dedicated July 27, 2019 from 11 AM-1:00 PM

The light timer on the basketball court does not work after power outages.

Councilmember Edwards suggested a battery backup.

The storage shed at the Civic Center needs a new roof.

One dugout cover has been put on at the Lagoon. The other two will be covered with something temporary.

The American Legion Post 228 has donated money to the automatic batting machines.

Planning and Zoning

The Mayor and Council went before Planning and Zoning to ask Kent County to extend the services they provide for the town 30 days.

At the previous night's meeting, the text amendment for sign rules (specifically at this point Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company). They do not want to extend to all non-profit, only to non-profit with frontage on Route 20.

Transportation

Over the 4th of July holiday season, a van was added to the trams. The van did no business. There was talk of having transportation on call in the future not scheduled.

We will keep looking for to replace our trams.

There are four vehicles here if anyone wants to make a bid. This will remove them from our insurance and other costs wasted.

Old Business

The Town Manager search has been narrowed to five potential candidates.

The brush pile will need to be addressed. Kent County will push back pile when needed. MES will not come chip it until the fall. Recommendations were to restrict access, move recycle bins forward, have it open on Saturdays only with someone sitting there. Acting Chief Dempsey recommended we get the previous person back on Saturdays and Sundays. Councilmember Collyer made a motion to access to the brush pile on Saturdays and Sundays monitored. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence

The Wheelhouse was present to respond to items directed at their business through earlier correspondence to the Town. The following items were addressed:

The music has been lowered and is over between 9:00 and 9:30 PM. Normally their music is single person entertainment.

The porti-pottie has been removed. They had sewage problems and got a permit to have the portable toilet until Roto Rooter could be available if are needed.

The trees that were cut down were taken down by Delmarva Power.

The tents were put up for a private party and was not erected over the fire pit. The staff is gone by 10-11:00 PM during the week and by 12:30 PM on weekends. Bryn and Scott Ponti, owners of the Wheelhouse said they had approached all neighbors before opening the business and they seemed to have no trouble. They are only trying to promote the town. Mayor Jacobs said she hopes by sitting down with The Carriage House owners, they will be able to work something out.

New Business

The search for hiring a new water/sewer plant apprentice/operator has been extended. We will cut off July 18 & 19 then do interviews.

Acting Chief Dempsey would like his auxiliary officers recognized for their help over the weekend.

For the Good of the Town

Kayla Price, an employee of the Wheelhouse, said she feels that the owners are here to have a business where people feel welcome and can work together.

J.J. Simon-5708 Beach Road-Wanted to say that the Wheelhouse is the best thing to happen to the neighborhood. The noise is so much less that the harbor restaurants and also ends much before them.

Mr. Kron, a new resident to Rock Hall, would like to show his support for the Wheelhouse.

Michael Kramer is the Wheelhouse next door neighbor and has had no problems with the restaurant that were not solved by talking to the owners.

Cindy Genter, Rock Hall Properties, said that she did not feel it was fair to have someone speak against a business without the owners having been told before meeting. She hopes this will not happen again.

Betty Ann Glenn: Spoke to show her appreciation of the RHPD.

She would also like to speak about the opioid overdoes. There are Narcan training sessions but some people are afraid to take it with thoughts that they will be targeted after being associated with the opioid group. They also have Fentanyl strips.

David Jones-Wilkens Avenue-says his main complaint for the Wheelhouse is that delivery trucks go through Wilkens Avenue and the road is not built for that. They have spoken to most drivers and there are only one or two left who still use the road.

Dave May-gives his support to the Wheelhouse but the council cannot help unless it violates zoning, noise or parking ordinances. He feels they should work it out with Mylita.

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Candy Porter, Asst. Clerk Treasurer


Approved by:




Dawn Jacobs, Mayor



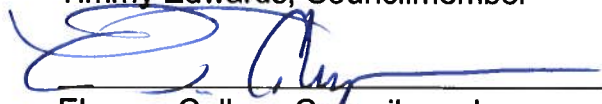
Beth Andrews, Vice Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Councilmember



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember