



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2020

****Meeting minutes are transcribed in a summarized format. For full discussion and further detail of the meeting you can view the streamline video at the following link: <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/rock-hall-md>. There are also available at Town Office****

Mayor Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Collyer, Town Manager Resele, Clerk-Treasurer Loller, and Police Chief Dempsey.

Agenda

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Regular Business Meeting minutes for July 9, 2020. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Challenge

There are 9 new cases in Kent County this week. The Maryland positivity rate is down to 3.63 %. Effective today the State Police will have a tip line to report business violations.

Administrative Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Loller gave the financial report. (*)

Police Chief Dempsey gave the police report. (*) and stated that house parties at private residence are a point of concern for the Town.

Streets and Sanitation

Installed new “Children at Play” signs at the Beach.

Delmarva Power installation of 23 LED lights on Main Street will be delayed until the fall.

Road repairs on Sharp, Chesapeake, Henry, Boundary and Stripper Run have started.

Water and Sewer Operations

Town Manager Resele read the Water Plant monthly report which is attached.

Clarifier 1 in back online and the RAS pump #1 has been repaired.

Met with Maryland Rural Water and they will come back on August 25th to help with heavy hydrant flushing on Bayside and Sharp Street for 2 night.

Addressing all concerns from MDE over the water quality.

Town Manager Resele read the Sewer Plant Monthly report which is attached.

PS#8 is back up and running.

PS#2 needs a transducer.

PS#3 and #2 need a seal replaced.

Replaced all sewer caps that were found during the smoke test.

Parks & Recreation

They had a meeting on July 27, 2020 and will have a Zoom Meeting next in August. Looking into how to celebrate Halloween and Christmas this year. Town Manager talked with Sue Brown about Ball Fields and she wants to volunteer to coordinate with any help with them.

Planning and Zoning

A weekly meeting was held today. Chris made a new fees schedule to amend the old fee schedule which will need an ordinance amendment.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion that the Council institute this new fee schedule. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Also discussed how to get a street address (911) for a new home on Sharp Street.

Museum Board

Museums of Kent County was putting together a promotional video of all the museums of Kent County. They shot some footage at the Town Hall.

Communication Board

Still need to put the Welcome to Rock Hall video up on the Town's website. New information signs are ready to be installed.

Old Business

Loan Refinancing

Vice Mayor presented the Council an updated the loan schedule. There was a discussion that followed.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to complete the application for DHCD for one USDA Loan and possibly check for new money needs that can be identified

for the roof between now and the end of August. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews made another motion to hire Davenport as Financial Advisor and sign their engagement letter. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CDBG Income Survey

There was a discussion on what needs to be done to do another mailing.

Town Hall Maintenance

Town Manager Resele talked about fixing/patching the Town Hall roof at a cost of \$3250.00.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve \$3,250.00 for the patching of the roof. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Events

Pirates & Wenches Weekend – Laurie Walters asked if the Council was okay with having a group of 6 people(pirates) go around to the house and boat that won the decorating contest and take pictures with the winners. A discussion followed.

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to not accept the proposition that was put before the Council for an event as an event. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded to motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vandalism

Discussed what needs to be done to stop the vandalism at the Civic Center. There was also a discussion about the Village bathrooms and how to proceed locking them at night.

Census

There is a major push to get the Census turned in.

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, August 31, 2020 – Utilities Board Meeting and Mayor & Council Regular Workshop Meeting.

Thursday, September 10, 2020 – Mayor & Council Regular Business Meeting.

Closed Session

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to recess the meeting and to go into closed session at 8:03 p.m. under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b)(1) “to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employee, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Actions Taken in Closed Session

Qualification and Town Manager’s recommended compensation of potential new employee for Water and Sewer Plant operations. Recommendation was approved by all Councilmembers in attendance.

Adjournment


Motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 8:32p.m. was made by Vice Mayor Andrews. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

(*) See Town Manager’s, Financial and the Police Report for further details.

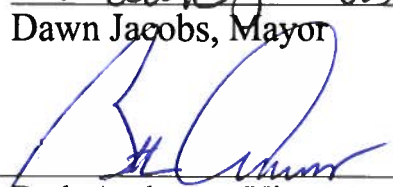
Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl M. Butler

Approved by:



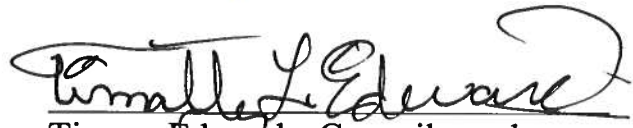
Dawn Jacobs, Mayor



Beth Andrews, Vice Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Councilmember



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember