MAYOR & COUNCIL

REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 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 Regular Workshop meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were Vice Mayor Andrews, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Collyer, Councilmember Edwards, and Town Manager Resele.

Agenda

Vice Mayor Andrews motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes

Regular Workshop meeting minutes from May 4, 2020 were tabled until next meeting.

Councilmember Collyer motioned to approve the Regular Workshop meeting minutes for June 29, 2020. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Collyer motioned to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for June 29, 2020. Vice Mayor Andrews seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Nothing

COVID-19

The positive rate for Maryland is 3.6%.

CARES Funding

The application has been submitted for the Hazard pay to be paid back to the Town. Getting everything else together to finalize the application.

RFQ Projects

No change from the last meeting.

Ditch Renovation Project

Nothing new. There was a discussion about different options about how to clean out the ditches and that they need to be done by heavy equipment which the Town Manger is looking into renting.

Did find out the cause of the flooding on Chesapeake Avenue, Sharp Street and Hawthorne Avenue. There was rip rap covering a drain and after it was removed the water now drains.

Special Events

Fall Fest has been cancelled and the Lions Club Yard Sale and also been cancelled.

Status of Grants

Maryland Heritage Emergency Grant – Requested $85,000.00 for a new Town Hall roof. Still waiting on hearing back from them.

Mid-Shore Community Foundation – declined because of COVID-19. Can try again in October.

Chesapeake Bay Trust – Application has been sent in so there can be bay grass at the beach and put in double snow fence for next winter.

US Department of Agriculture – Application is ready to be sent in for the $25,000.00 to purchase a new lawn mower and trailer to haul equipment.

There have been two bids to repair Sharp Street, Henry Avenue and Boundary Avenue by Brambles ($6,700.00) and Coppage ($3,500.00).

Councilmember Collyer made a motion to approve the road repairs by Coppage. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. Four were in favor. Councilmember Edwards was opposed.

Status of Loan Refinancing

Vice Mayor Andrews gave a presentation on the loan refinancing and a discussion followed. She will present more at the M & C Regular Business Meeting on Thursday.

CDBG Income Survey

Councilmember Collyer presented the letter for the Income Survey that will be sent to residents that didn't respond to the first survey.

Next Meeting Dates

Regular Mayor & Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2002.
Next Regular Workshop Meeting will be Monday, August 31, 2020.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 8:05 p.m. was made by Vice Mayor Andrews. It was seconded by Councilmember Collyer. All were in favor. The motion carried.

(*) See Town Manager's 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

Utilities Project:

1. ENR Grant – Wastewater Treatment Plant:
   - waiting for response from MDE to Derbyshire at GMB

2. Water Meter & Utility Billing Software Upgrade
   - Pre-proposal meeting today with venders for hardware and software
3. 2017 USDA Water Improvement Project finalization
   - Paperwork completed will sent Terry letter

Workshop Items

1. Cares Act Funding
   - Hazard Pay complete and submitted
2. RFQ – N/A
3. Ditch Renovation – reviewing equipment to lease
4. Status of Special Events
   - Lions Yard sale canceled

5. Status of Grants per Valerie Mann:

   - **Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Emergency Grant**- We requested $85,000 for the town hall roof. We will hear something after their 7/9 meeting to review the applications.

   - **Mid-Shore Community Foundation**, Declined next review in October (COVID-19 all funding)

   - **Chesapeake Bay Trust**- I am working on an application for funds to plant grasses on the beach and to install a snow fence. This application submitted on 8/4.

- **US Dept. of Agriculture-** Working on an application for $25,000 to purchase a lawn mower and trailer. These applications may be submitted at any time.

6. **Road Repair**
    - Bramble - $6700
    - Coppage - $3500 (if done with American Legion project)

Closed Session

1. Discuss salary for candidate