



MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 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 6:46 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

Vice Mayor Andrews motioned to approve the Regular Workshop meeting minutes for August 10, 2020. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Andrews motioned to approve the Regular Workshop meeting minutes for May 4, 2020 with the proposed attachment. Councilmember Collyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Kelly Gordon wants to make a donation in the memory of Ben Kendall and Sam Briceson to the Parks and Recreation to name the ball fields after them. Councilmember Jones was named liaison for handling the proposed gift.

Mayor Jacobs received an email concerning the maintenance of the beach. Need to assign someone to look at the beach once a day and maybe update the schedule.

COVID-19

The Governor said as of Friday September 1, 2020, schools can be open. There is a big push for flu shots, and it is highly recommended everybody get their flu shot this year.

CARES Funding

Sending all invoices to get reimbursement

RFQ Projects

Creating RFQ for road repair and electrical contract support for bid.

Ditch Renovation Project

Cutting all ditches on Hawthorne, Haven and Judefine. Trying to get Washington College involved looking into the different problems with growth around town.

Special Events

Nothing.

Status of Grants

Maryland Heritage Emergency Grant – Still waiting on hearing back from them.

Mid-Shore Community Foundation – Can apply again in October.

Chesapeake Bay Trust – Application has been sent in.

Community Legacy Program – Have to wait a couple more months.

US Department of Agriculture – Application has been sent in to purchase a new lawn mower and trailer to haul equipment.

Status of Loan Refinancing

Heard back from DHCD they are not going to have a second funding this year. Will be moving forward with a Financial Advisor and have a call set up for Wednesday to discuss our needs with her.

There are three loans that need to be looked at and put to Banks for refinance or replaced with new money. Need a line of credit to use for whatever may be needed for the Town. Vice Mayor Andrews suggested the need to look for a \$75,000.00 loan to replace main roof at Municipal Building. A discussion followed.

CDBG Income Survey

Have been mailed out.

Workshop Items

Brush Pile –

After much deliberation and attempts with the Kent County Commissioners at negotiating the discontinuance of their yard waste operations, the Mayor & Council decided the Residential Brush Pile needs to be closed ASAP. The Town of Rock Hall does not have funding this budget year to have the necessary contractor with equipment to mulch the brush pile. Kent County is allowing all Rock Hall Residents

to use the Nicholson Transfer Landfill on Nicholson Road FREE Of CHARGE to bring their brush to that location.

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to close the brush pile. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy –

Will talk to Legal about updating the Personnel Policy. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

Mosquitoes –

Will spray every week after Labor Day until the end of the season.

Think Big –

They want to use Town land to install a repeater and generator. Will follow up with them and discuss at next meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

Regular Mayor & Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Next Regular Workshop Meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2020.

Closed Session

Vice Mayor Andrews made a motion to recess the meeting and to go into closed session at 7:58 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

Employee health issue and related personnel policy.


Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 8:21 p.m. was made by Councilmember Jones. It was seconded by Councilmember Collyer. All were in favor. The motion carried.

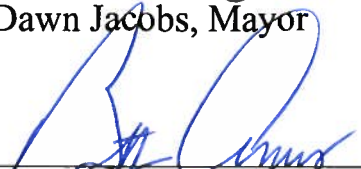
Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl M. Butler

Approved by:



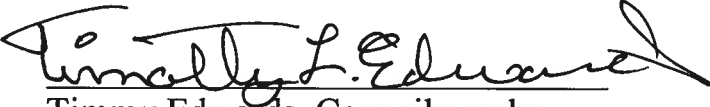
Dawn Jacobs, Mayor



Beth Andrews, Vice Mayor



Carolyn Jones, Councilmember



Timmy Edwards, Councilmember



Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember