

**COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL****TOWN OF ROCK HALL**

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**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 4, 2013**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES  
September 4, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:00 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, Clerk Treasurer, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, and Corporal Sutton were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Prior to the minutes being approved Councilmember Jones asked why there were two agenda's for the meeting. The Mayor stated that there was an agenda that was put forth and approved the majority of the Board and there is an agenda that I made. Councilmember Jones made a motion to combine the two agenda's and follow them both. Councilmember Price seconded the motion.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of July 29, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:**

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation into record. There were no changes from last month.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:**

The Town Manager read a letter he prepared into record. Councilmember Price made a motion to contact the States Attorney's office to start an investigation in regards to everything that has been going on. Councilmember Jones seconded. With a majority of the vote in approval of the motion made, the motion is so carried.

The Mayor had questions in regards to a bond counsel engagement letter received from Funk & Bolton. There was a

discussion in regards to this matter among the Mayor, the Council, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney. Councilmember Jones made a motion to ratify, confirm, and approve the prior decisions of the Mayor and Council to move forward with water treatment plant update and to apply for funding

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### WORKSHOP MINUTES

September 4, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 9:15 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, Clerk Treasurer, Assistant Clerk Treasurer, and Corporal Sutton were also present.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 22, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Board Meeting of July 29, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Town Manager mentioned that the Smart Energy Grant the Town is working on required an Energy Audit to be performed on this building, the Sewer Plant, and the Water Plant. We were awarded \$37,000.00 to be able to make these repairs and changes. While doing the Energy Audit they found that there is some asbestos that has been found down towards the Head Start wing. We have been preliminarily told that we will be able to use some of this Energy Grant money to get rid of and remove the asbestos. There are some other issues down there that need to be taken care of and we're working on them.

Councilmember Price stated that the public had asked the Board to look into this recall legislation and that's what we've done. The Town Attorney gave an overview of the Charter Amendment Resolution drafted for a Re-Call of elected officials. There was a discussion among the Mayor, Councilmembers, and the Town Attorney. Councilmember Price made a motion to introduce Charter Amendment Resolution 2013-03 at the next meeting. The Town Manager

stated that the motion to have it introduced didn't have to be made tonight; the motion could be made at the next meeting and introduced then. The motion died. There were some questions asked from the audience in regards to this issue. Their questions were answered accordingly.

The Mayor asked about the Funk & Bolton legal bills. There was some discussion in regards to this issue among the Mayor, the Board, the Clerk Treasurer, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney. It was decided to have the legal fees that address General Fund Services allocated to the General Fund account and the legal fees that address Utility Fund Services be allocated to the Utility Fund account and no longer distribute the legal services billed equally between the two accounts.

The Mayor asked Mrs. Mary Etta Reedy and Mr. Phil to give an overview on the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the 501c3 in regards to the Adult Learning Program. They gave an overview of classes that will be available to take and the hopes to offer credit courses available to take as well. There was discussion among the Mayor, Councilmembers, Town Attorney, Town Manager, and some audience members in regards to this project. There were some changes that needed to be made to the proposed MOU and it was agreed that Mrs. Mary Etta Reedy would make the necessary changes to the MOU and turn it into a letter addressed to the Board of Education. Councilmember Price made a motion to have the Town waive any conflicts with the Town Attorney representing the Town in developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education to move forward with the Rock Hall Adult Learning Center. Councilmember Jones seconded. There was no vote taken in regards to this motion, it was mutually agreed among the Board to proceed in this manner. Councilmember Jones made a motion to allocate \$850.00 to the Adult Learning Center to allow them to file for a 501c3 entity. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Jones gave an update of the Home Town Hero Banners. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their approval of the project, and thanked the staff for all their help. He also gave a big Thank You to Ms. Amy Nickerson for all her help; it couldn't have been done without her.

Councilmember Francis gave an update and overview in regards to the Tennis/Basketball court project. There was a discussion in regards to the RFP among the Mayor, Councilmembers, and the Town Attorney. The Mayor and Council decided on the dates of advertisement and the dates the bids would be required to be in by.

The Rock Hall Garden Club is looking to donate to the town a new Town sign to be placed at the corner of Rt. 20 and Judefind Avenue. They have asked if the Town would help with a few minor details of this project.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 p.m.; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember