

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
November 4, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:10 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Town Attorney were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of September 30, 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 gave a brief overview of the Sand Filters. We have found out that the sand filters aren't working properly and we have about eight (8) UV bulbs that have gone out. We have six (6) sand filters altogether, four (4) out of the six (6) need to be replaced. The cost would be about \$14,000.00. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to move forward with the replacement of the four (4) sand filters at an estimated cost of \$14,400.00.

The leak on Chesapeake Avenue has been fixed.

The Town Manager gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant clarifier project.

The Town received a letter from Don Jones in regards to the water clarity/quality on Catholic Avenue. The Town

Manager is going to make some phone calls and give an update at the next meeting.

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Public Hearing Meeting of September 30, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 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

November 4, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:30 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Town Attorney were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Board Meeting of September 30, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Francis asked for an update in regards to the building located behind the Antique Store on Rock Hall Avenue. Councilmember Nesspor gave an update in regards to this issue.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

There was a discussion in regards to the Board of Appeals Attorney among the Mayor, the Council, and the Town Attorney. An update was given by the Town Attorney in regards to the appeals and Circuit Court Appeals in regards to Dollar General and Family Dollar. It was agreed to advertise the need for legal representation for the Town of Rock Hall's Board of Appeals.

There was a discussion among the Mayor, the Council, the Town Manager, and Town Attorney in regards to the bid/contract received from Brambles for the Tennis/Basketball Court project. There was also a discussion in regards to the Tennis/Basketball Court project in its entirety. The project was tabled until the next meeting. It was a majority

decision to pull out of the Bramble Contract and put a new RFP together with better spec.'s included in it and rebid the project for a later date. Due to contract error Councilmember Jones made a motion to terminate the current contract with Bramble's for the Tennis/Basketball Court project. Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor gave an overview of the company MEDI and the services they provide. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council in regards to having a representative come to a future meeting and provide a proposal/presentation in regards to the services and cost their company provides. It was decided to have a representative from MEDI attend a future meeting to discuss in more detail the services they provide and the options available for the Town.

There was an update given in regards to the Community Drug Awareness Meeting scheduled for Thursday; November 7, 2013.

Santa is coming to Town on Saturday; December 7, 2013. There was an overview given of the schedule of events set in place for that day. The Town Manager informed the Mayor and Council that the tree that Mrs. Roseann Zippler had donated has died over the summer course. Do we want to replace it? The Mayor stated that we do want to replace it. The Town Manager stated that he would contact the Nursery and get a comparable tree.

There was a discussion in regards to whether the Town was going to have a Christmas Party this year. Councilmember Price suggested that the Town take the cost of the Christmas Party and divide it among the employees to give them a Christmas Bonus this year and maybe have a small get together somewhere. Councilmember Jones stated that he would like to work on this if everyone was in agreement. It was agreed to have a Christmas Party and to have Councilmember Jones have a cost put together to provide to the Mayor and Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Stephen Maloney was in attendance to discuss the properties he owns on Main Street. There was a discussion among the Mayor, the Council, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney in regards to his properties. It was agreed to have Mr. Maloney come back and attend the next meeting to discuss in more detail the cost of permits, and hook-up fees for his proposed projects and the possibility of incentives offered for businesses located on Main Street. The Town Manager asked about waiving the permit fees for buildings/homes that need reconstruction/rebuilding due to catastrophes/fires. Councilmember Jones made a motion to waive the permit fees for Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jayne for the reconstruction of a new home. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to recess the Workshop Meeting to move into a Closed Session - Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A; Paragraph 1, and Sub-paragraphs 2 for the to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting. We had a closed session to discuss the resignation of a police officer; the resignation was effective on November 3, 2013. The Mayor read the letter of resignation received from Officer McCracklin into record. Councilmember Price made a motion to advertise for a certified officer position to be advertised in the Kent News and Star Democrat for a two week period. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 10: 00 p.m.; Councilmember Jones 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