

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

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**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 30, 2013**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
December 30, 2013

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:05 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and the Town Attorney were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of December 2, 2013 as presented; Councilmember Price 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:

There was an update received from McCrone's in regards to the proposed cost to have repairs done to Catholic Avenue. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, and the Town Manager in regards to the water problems on Catholic Avenue. The Mayor and Council have decided to review the proposal provided by McCrone and discuss the project at a later date. The Mayor and Council have also asked the Town Manager to contact USDA to inquire about the availability of funds for the Catholic Avenue Project.

The Town Manager gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Project. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney in regards to the Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Project.

The Town Manager gave an update in regards to the Energy Grant the Town has received.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Town Manager in regards to the MDE Permit Application.

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
December 30, 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:

There were no minutes available to be approved. The Workshop Meeting Minutes will be added to the January 9, 2014 meeting agenda to have approved at that time.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and the Audience in regards to the Adhoc Website Committee. Councilmember Jones made a motion to have the presentation given by the Adhoc Website Committee. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Prior to the Adhoc Website Committee presentation; the Mayor and Council opened the bids for the Tennis/Basketball Court Project. There were three (3) bids received for the Tennis/Basketball Court Project. A bid proposal was received from David A. Bramble, John Tider, and one from American Asphalt. The Mayor reviewed each bid and went over them with the Council, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and the Audience. It was decided to take the time to overlook the bids and make a decision on whom to award the bid to at the next scheduled meeting. The Adhoc Website Committee gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council in regards to their website proposal. The Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, the Adhoc Website Committee Chairman, and the Audience discussed the Adhoc Website Committee presentation.

There was a discussion in regards to a letter addressed to Dollar General, from the Town, among the Mayor and

Council, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and the Audience. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the letter prepared by the Town Attorney addressed to Dollar General Corporation and to have such letter sent to the Dollar General Corporation. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. The Town Attorney read the letter into record. Councilmember Price amended his original motion to add that the Dollar General Corporation has thirty (30) days from receipt of letter to respond back to the Town. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to remove the language of “food” in the letter and replace it with “grocery items” and to add a thirty (30) day response time upon receipt of the letter. Councilmember Price seconded. There was a majority vote in favor of the motion made of three (3) to Two (2), the motion is carried. Councilmember Price, Nesspor, and Jones voted in favor of the motion made. Councilmember Francis and the Mayor voted in opposition of the motion made. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Attorney, and the Audience in regards to a drafted Ethics Committee Ordinance. The Mayor and Council decided to look over the drafted ordinance and continue the discussion at a later date.

The Town Manager suggested that they table the discussion in regards to the Bay Broadband Contract until Stephanie could put together some more information because she is the one that handles it. The Mayor and Council were in agreement with the Town Managers suggestion.

There was a discussion in regards to the lights at the Hamlet among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience.

There was a discussion in regards to the attendance of Mr. Tom Yeager at the meeting.

There was a discussion in regards to finding a driver for the Tram for New Year’s Eve.

The Town Attorney asked about the grievance filed with the Attorney Grievance Commission.

There was a discussion in regards to the letter issued to the Mayor signed by three (3) members of the Council.

There was mention of the passing of Mr. Bill Betts, the curator of the Tolchester Revisited Museum.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Francis made a motion to adjourn at 9: 50 p.m.; Councilmember Price 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