

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

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**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
November 28, 2012**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES  
November 28, 2012

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 was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of November 1, 2012 as presented; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:**

The Town Manager stated that the sewer allocation report has not changed.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:**

The Town Manager stated that McCrone's has given a report on the research and work that will need to be done to the clarifier. We have Ryan Randall here tonight to walk us through the report and the next step of the process. There are three options available and he's going to let us know which one would be most feasible for us. There is a good possibility of receiving 50% of the cost of this project from USDA grant money and the remaining 50% from a low interest money. Ryan Randall went through the options the Town has in regards to the clarifier and gave an overview of the report given. This project, in its entirety, could take up to 9 months from start to finish. That doesn't mean that the clarifier will be offline for that entire time, and depending on what option you decide to go with, the clarifier may not have to go offline at all. After reviewing all the options and hearing all the information given by Ryan, the Mayor and Council concluded that they preferred option 2 over all the other options. Councilmember Price made a motion to hire McCrone's to oversee the repair of the clarifier project and choosing option 2 with the estimated cost of

\$972,000.00. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. Councilmember Price amended his motion to include the cost of a new generator in addition to the estimated cost of \$972,000.00 to the project overseen by McCrone's. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 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 28, 2012

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 8:35 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager was also present.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Board Meeting of November 1, 2012 as presented; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Mayor introduced Mr. Carl Pergler, the Town's new grant writer, to everyone in attendance. The Mayor had Mrs. Mary Etta Reedy give an overview of the GED program to Carl to see if there may be the possibility of receiving some grant funds to help with the programs process and continuous success of it. Mr. Doug Francis spoke on behalf of the Museum Board and gave an overview of how the board works and their long term goal. We hope to maybe find a way to use Carl's expertise to help find some grant funds for the Museum. The Mayor also mentioned the possibility of finding some extra funding to help with the Police Department as well.

The Town Manager mentioned that the truck Raymond Price uses is falling apart. It's starting to nickel and dime us. The best thing to do in my opinion is to purchase a new truck for one of the boys and pass down their truck to Raymond to use. I've gotten some prices from Ramsey's for a no frill's truck for about \$21,300.00. Councilmember Price made a motion to purchase a new pick-up truck from Ramsey Pontiac for the amount of \$21,300.00 and to take the funds from the janitor's salary that is no longer being used. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. The motion was carried due to majority vote. All were in favor with the exception of Councilmember Francis.

The Waterman/Waterfront committee has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening. They will be discussing the dinghy docks and the restoration of the Clam House. The Mayor stated that we need to be the contact point for the Clam House project, because we are the ones that are going to have to approve or deny the bids that are going to come in for the work that's going to be done to it. Let the questions that are going to arise from this get filtered through the office to have answered.

The Mayor raised the question about what to do with the New Year's rock fish, now that there isn't going to be any fireworks on the water where it's usually dropped. It was suggested to have a fire truck come in and drop it from the fire truck by the gazebo at the Rock Hall Village. Everyone seemed to be in agreement to that idea.

The current plan for the street signs is to find out what regulation standards need to be met by the required date in 2018. Instead of having to replace a brand new sign that may only be a year or two old by the time the new regulation standard has to be met, you might as well replace the signs with new signs that already meet the regulation requirements. And that happens to be the plan we're going to try to follow. We're in the process of finding out what those regulations are going to be so we can order the signs accordingly.

The next utilities/workshop meeting scheduled for December 31, 2012 (New Year's Eve) has been changed to be held on January 3, 2013.

There was a brief overview and discussion in regards to Winter Fest.

The Mayor also mentioned that the Rock Hall United Methodist charge wants to use the Trams to go Christmas Caroling on December 23, 2012.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Francis made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 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