Council and Utility Commission Minutes for the Town of Rock Hall

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MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 4, 2014

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
August 4, 2014

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 Town Attorney were also present.

Councilmember Jones opened the bids received for the redesign of the Town's website. There were a total of twelve bids received. The following companies submitted bid proposals for the redesign of the Town's website: EGOV Strategies from Indianapolis Indiana, Virtual Towns & Schools from Maynard Massachusetts, New Valley Media from Aiken South Carolina, Wood Street from Frederick Maryland, MD Web Corporation from Owings Mills Maryland, eLuminous Technology from Nashik India, EVO Government Websites from Annapolis Maryland, Civic Line from Toronto Canada, Civic Plus from Manhattan Kansas, Arch Companies Inc. from Largo Maryland, Gov Office Web Solutions from Minneapolis Minnesota, and Orases Consulting Corp. from Frederick Maryland.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the agenda. The Mayor asked for a vote in regards to the motion made. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of June 30, 2014 as presented; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Jim Rich was in attendance and gave an update on the Transportation/Tram system. There was a discussion in regards to the trams among the Mayor and Council, Mr. Jim, The Town Manager, and the Audience Members.

SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation report into record.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Town Manager gave an overview of the sewer credits that were being requested by Mrs. Jeannemarie (Jamie) Durocher and Mrs. Shirley Kraus. There was a discussion in regards to the sewer credit requests among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager. Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the sewer credit for Mrs. Shirley Kraus contingent upon having the credit amount double checked prior to the credit being given for a one time exception. Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Price made a motion to deny the sewer credit request for Mrs. Jeannemarie Durocher, due to the fact that the leak was caused by a leaky toilet that went through the sewer system. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

There was a discussion in regards to the marina pump out stations among the Mayor and Council, and the Town Manager. Councilmember Price made a motion to allow the marina's to tie in their pump outs and run off into the Town's sewer system. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Chris Rogers from URS who was in attendance to give a proposal in regards to the Town's contract agreement with the County in regards to the usage of the sewer plant. The proposal is in the amount of $3,800.00 for professional services. We would review the 2003 wastewater agreement between the County and the Town and make comments in regards to any revisions that we may suggest. We would also look at the remaining capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and the Audience Members in regards to this issue. It was agreed to see if the Maryland Environmental Services could/would look into the County and Town sewer agreement with no financial burden to the Town. Councilmember Francis made a motion to approve the proposal given by URS for $3,800.00. There was further discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Audience Members in regards to the County and Town sewer agreement contract. Councilmember Francis amended her motion to state that we will look at MES if they are free of charge and if they are not we will come back to URS for $3,800.00, and that MES will provide the same services that URS are willing to do and no less. Councilmember Francis withdrew her motion made to wait until the next meeting to discuss any further questions.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:
Olin B. Price, Councilmember
Susan A. Francis, Councilmember
Brian Nesspor, Councilmember
Brian Jones, Councilmember

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
August 4, 2014

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 8:45 P.M. All Councilmembers were present. The Town Manager and Town Attorney were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilmember Francis opposed the motion made to approve the agenda. She asked to have item number four removed from the agenda. Councilmember Nesspor was okay with this. No additional vote was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Nesspor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of June 30, 2014 as presented; Councilmember Price seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

The Town Manager gave an overview of the Head Start's heating system. There was a discussion in regards to this issue among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager. The Mayor and Council asked the Town Manager to contact Head Start and see if there was anything they could do to help with the situation. The Mayor agreed to talk to Congressman Andy Harris' office to see if there was anything they could do to help.

The Town Manager gave a brief overview of the bills being received on behalf of the Adult Learning Center. The bills are not the Town's responsibility they should be sent to the Adult Learning Center.

The Town Attorney gave a brief overview of Resolution No. 2014-05(Relief from Sewer Charges).

The Town Attorney gave a brief overview of Resolution No. 2014-06 (Fee Schedule).

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager in regards to the County and Town's sewer contract agreement.

There was a discussion in regards to the upcoming Public Hearings scheduled.

Mrs. Betty Ann Glenn thanked the Town Manager for his help and efforts with her daughter's car accident.

Mr. Mark Einstein spoke on behalf of the Pirates & Wenches committee and thanked the town and the town employees for all their help and efforts put into the preparations for the Pirates & Wenches weekend.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:
Olin B. Price, Councilmember
Susan A. Francis, Councilmember
Brian Nesspor, Councilmember
Brian Jones, Councilmember