

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

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**MINUTES - UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 1, 2014**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES
December 1, 2014

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Utilities Board meeting on the above date at 7:02 P.M. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Francis. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Clerk Treasurer were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Utilities Board Meeting of November 3, 2014 as presented; Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Mr. Bob Diss from Lindsey & Associates was in attendance to give an overview of the Town's annual audit report. The Town received an unmodified or clean opinion from the auditors; they gave reasonable assurance that the Town's financial statements are not materially "mis-stated". There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Town Audience, and Mr. Bob Diss in regards to the Town's annual audit.

Mr. Art Willis was in attendance to address the second meters no longer being read and asked to have the Town/Council to reconsider the loss of the second meter. Mr. Art also asked to have a revenue committee put together to introduce new/alternate ways to find revenue for the Town. Mr. Art also mentioned the water/sewer rates currently used by the Town. Mr. Art brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council a leak that had occurred during the last

quarter from the pool at the Sailing Emporium. He requested some kind of forgiveness for the loss of water from the pool leak during that quarter. The Mayor stated, "I'm going to recuse myself from this." There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council and Mr. Art in regards to Mr. Art's requests and suggestions made to the Council. Mr. Art also requested an extension for the payment of the water/sewer bill being discussed. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Clerk Treasurer, and the Town Attorney in regards to Mr. Art's request for an extension of payment for the water/sewer bill in question. Councilmember Jones suggested that the Board determine whether the overage from the leak would be forgiven first, and then that would determine how much the bill is actually going to be. The Board then can decide on a payment plan. Councilmember Jones also suggested that Mr. Art sit down with the office staff and determine a payment plan/schedule and have Mr. Art present this plan/schedule to the Board at the next meeting. The Board can then approve or deny the payment plan/schedule as presented. Councilmember Price also asked Mr. Art to provide the Board at the next meeting a copy of a report of damage/billing/receipt of the leak, the Board would consider relief for this water/bill due to the leak at that meeting (the next scheduled meeting). Town Manager clarified a statement Mr. Art wrote in his letter to the Mayor and Council in regards to the water/sewer rates for Edesville. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and Mr. Art in regards to the water rates for Edesville and the difference between Edesville's rates and the out of Town water rates (that Mr. Art is responsible for). There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members and Mr. Art in regards to the possibility of annexing the Sailing Emporium into the Town limits.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Clerk Treasurer in regards to companies/people who receive water from the Town for tank/pool fill ups.

SEWER ALLOCATION REPORT:

The Town Manager read the sewer allocation report into record.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WORKSHOP MINUTES

December 1, 2014

The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on the above date at 7:50 P.M. All Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Francis. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Clerk Treasurer were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was decided to have Mr. Metcalf invited to attend the next workshop meeting to discuss the drainage issues at Haven Court.

Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Nesspor seconded.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting of November 3, 2014 as presented. Councilmember Jones seconded. There was a 3-0 vote, the Mayor did not vote. Councilmember Jones, Price, and Nesspor vote in favor of the motion made. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made the motion was so carried.

There was a discussion in regards to the October 9, 2014 meeting and the minutes for the October 9, 2014 meeting among the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting of October 9, 2014. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. The Mayor went on record to say “the minutes remain the way they are, the discussion that occurred between myself and the Town Attorney and that was over the drafting of the legislation that we will be voting on tonight which is Charter Amendment Resolution 2014-01, and that Chip had indicated at that meeting that he was directed by the board.” With a majority vote in favor of the motion made, the motion was so carried. Councilmember Jones, Price, and Nesspor voted in favor of the motion made. The Mayor voted in opposition of the motion made. The Town Manager stated for the record “Denny is never going to know whether the marinas or what marinas are hooked up to the sewer plant. It’s Denny’s job to run the sewer plant itself. He doesn’t go around to the marinas to inspect that. His job is to run the sewer plant and whatever comes to him he’s to make sure it runs properly. He’s not someone you should be going to asking anything about the marinas because he has no knowledge of it nor how would he.” There was a discussion among the Mayor and the Town Manager in regards to who is responsible for inspecting the marina hook ups to the town sewer system.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Councilmember Jones gave a brief overview of Resolution No. 2014-07 (Amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual – Computers and Computer System). The Town Attorney gave a more in-depth overview of the Resolution. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Attorney, and the Audience Members in regards to Resolution No. 2014-07 (Amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual – Computers and Computer System).

The Town Manager gave an overview of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney in regards to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council, the Audience Members, and the Town Attorney in regards to Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-01 (Removal of Outdated Charter Language). Councilmember Jones asked the Mayor to drop his lawsuit. The Mayor did not give a yes or no answer to Councilmember Jones request to drop his lawsuit. Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-01 as presented. Councilmember Price seconded. With a majority vote in favor of the motion made the motion was so carried. Councilmember Jones, Price, and Nesspor vote in favor of the motion made. The Mayor voted in opposition of the

motion made.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember