

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda C. Kuiper, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and Mauritz Stetson, W. S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Public Hearing or Mayor and Council Meeting of August 19, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Mayor and Council meetings of August 19, 2013 as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion to pay bills. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Ms. Cathie Kempf was present on behalf of the Garfield Center for the Arts to discuss the permit request for their annual block party, scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2013. Ms. Kempf stated that the Garfield would like to close the street from Lawyer's Row to the edge of the Garfield Center at noon in order to set up the stage. The event would be from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Kempf explained in detail what the Garfield was requesting in the way of street closures, trash cans and recycling bins. **Ms. Kuiper moved to approve the permit request for the block party from the Garfield Center as submitted, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Bill Arrowood of the Recreation Commission was present to discuss a co-ed bocce league that was being formed in Chestertown. He said that there were already 35-40 people signed up and there would be teams of 4-6 adults. Mr. Arrowood stated that the league would play on Thursdays from 5:30 to dark. He requested that he be able to hang removable clip lights. Participants would pay \$20.00 which would include t-shirts, trophies and a party at the end of the season. Mr. Arrowood stated that the bocce league was requesting use of Wilmer Park on Thursdays and a waiver of the open container law, noting that all trash would be removed from the site. He said that he was also requesting the Town purchase four (4) glow ball sets and lawn markers to get the league started at a cost of \$360.00. He said that he was hoping to have a spring, summer and fall league.

Mr. Stetson moved to approve \$360.00 for equipment, the use of Wilmer Park on Thursday evenings, and removable lighting for the fall season of bocce ball, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Stetson moved to approve the waiver of the open container law for bocce players for the fall season of bocce 2013, noting that this was at the pleasure of the Council and could be revoked if any problems arose, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Arrowood stated that movie nights in September would be September 13th at the foot of High Street with a Marx Brothers film and a live performance beforehand by Jim and Diane Landskroener. On September 20th there would be a showing of "Remember the Titans" at Washington Park.

Mr. Arrowood stated that he had a meeting with John Queen of the Bayside Hoyas and asked if there could be a line item added in the Town budget for the group. Mayor Bailey stated that the Bayside HOYAS would have to submit a letter to the Council before the next year's budget and any funding would have to benefit youth who reside in the Town limits of Chestertown.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that on Tuesday, September 10th the State Highway Administration would hold a meeting on the second floor of Town Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Rt. 20/Rt. 291 roundabout.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he thought the Town would soon be the recipient of \$32,000.00 for trees in the Rolling Road Park through a stormwater management grant program.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Request for Proposals for the Gateway Park would be in the Kent County News on Thursday, September 5th and Thursday, September 12th. The bid opening was scheduled for Friday, October 4th.

Mayor Bailey showed the "Mabel Mumford Community Service Award" which would be hung in the office foyer. Mrs. Mumford-Pautz would be the 2013 recipient of the award.

Mayor Bailey stated that she would like to write a letter of support on behalf of the Mayor and Council for Pam Ortiz as she was a candidate for one (1) of two (2) at large seats for the Court of Special Appeals. **Mr. Gatto moved for a letter of support from the Mayor and Council for Pam Ortiz, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that USA Fulfillment would be celebrating their 30th anniversary with an open house on Friday, September 13th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Council was invited to attend. **Mr. Gatto moved to designate Friday, September 13th as USA Fulfillment day in Chestertown, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that the State Highway annual consultation meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 8th at 7 p.m. at the Kent County Commissioner's Office.

Mayor Bailey stated that Music in the Park would be held on Sunday, September 8th from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. with the Sea Chanters U.S. Navy Chorus.

Mayor Bailey stated that this Friday was First Friday downtown and the Jazz Festival and Art in the Park were also this weekend. Ms. Kuiper asked that people remember that there are businesses on Park Row and Cannon Street.

Mr. Stetson stated that the Navy Jazz Band was going to be at Washington College on Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

Mayor Bailey stated that "Mended" has opened on Park Row. She said that they refinish furniture and will find special pieces of furniture for a customer.

Mayor Bailey stated that the Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities would be held on Tuesday, September 17th at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

Mayor Bailey stated that on Wednesday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m. Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc. would be having a presentation on their services at Robert Ortiz Studios, 207C S. Cross Street.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that she compiled information on recreation in Chestertown. She said that the Worton Park and Community Center were just four (4) miles away offering many activities for children and adults. Aquafit had an indoor swimming pool and weight machines. The Kent Athletic Center was open and had many events. Wilmer Park had a path for walking and the Rails-to-Trails was well used. The Gateway Park was being developed for people of all ages. There was children's play equipment at Brookmeadow Apartments and Chestertown Landing Apartments. There were church and school activities and summer camps offered through Town and at Washington College. There was sailing and swimming offered at the Country Club and bowling lanes just over the bridge in Queen Anne's County. She said that the Town was in the planning stages for various activities at the waterfront.

Mr. Stetson stated that he had some tree donations for the Dog Park from a local nursery. He said that someone was also donating a bench, which cost \$1,000.00. Mr. Stetson stated that the Friends of the Dog Park would like to purchase signs for large dog areas and small dog areas. The Council agreed to the request.

Ms. Kuiper asked about the availability of crosswalk signs for Saturdays. Chief Baker stated that he would locate what signs were available for use and see that they be put out on Saturday mornings.

Ms. Kuiper stated that the National Favorite Farmer's Market contest was going on and this year's theme was "I love my Farmer's Market". She said that Chestertown was currently twenty-eight (28) out of one hundred (100) Farmer's Market. Voting can take place at www.chestertownfarmersmarket.net. Ms. Kuiper stated that currently Chestertown was ranked number two (2) in the State of Maryland. Voting ends September 9th.

Ms. Kuiper stated that Ms. Bev Miller, who organized the crafter's section, had some ideas for banners for the Market. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Council should approve such a project.

Mr. Gatto stated that sometimes nurseries donate trees at the end of the season and asked if the Town would be interested in paying to have them moved and planted in Town. Mr. Ingersoll stated that he would be meeting with the Tree Committee and discuss the different opportunities for trees.

Mr. Gatto stated that Mr. Donald Green of Fresh and Green's was out of intensive care and he would like a resolution drafted for him. Mr. Gatto would draft the resolution.

Mr. Gatto asked why there was nothing for the Sign Ordinance on the agenda. Mayor Bailey stated that she thought there should be some time to consider the comments and do some community outreach. Mr. de Mooy was going business to business to discuss some of the issues discussed with business owners. Mr. Gatto suggested a workshop with a series of summary points.

Mr. Gatto stated that he would like to move forward on the issue of the Garfield marquee. The Council agreed to consider the passage of that part of the proposed sign amendment at their meeting of September 16, 2013.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that the MML fall legislative conference was being held at Solomon's Island.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that the Council was invited to the Russian Embassy in Queen Anne's County this past Saturday and it was a very nice event.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by: 
Jennifer Mulligan
Stenographer

Approved by:
Margo G. Bailey
Mayor