

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JULY 15, 2013**

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda 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 Mayor and Council Meeting of July 1, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of July 1, 2013 as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$1,218,162.96.

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.**

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion to approve Resolution 05-2013 Washington College Tefra Bonds. **Mr. Gatto moved to approve Resolution 05-2013 Washington College Tefra Bonds, was seconded by Ms. Kuiper and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Chris Rogers was present and stated that Shore Shakespeare would be presenting "Twelfth Night" on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Wilmer Park, free of charge. Donations would be accepted. Mr. Rogers asked for a waiver of the pavilion charge for the duration of the performance and also waive closing time of the park as the show may go past dusk. **Mr. Stetson moved to approve the request from Shore Shakespeare, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

The next request was from Kathy Stevens at Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems to use the Fountain Park on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the second annual observance of World Suicide Prevention Day. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the request for the use of the Fountain Park on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Garet Falcone, Executive Director and Ms. Karen Christiansen, VP of Financial Services of Heron Point and Ms. Lindsey Rader of Funk & Bolton were present to discuss a request from Heron Point for the Town to consider issuing economic development revenue bonds for Heron Point's benefit, not to exceed \$30,000,000.00. The bonds would be used to refinance outstanding debt, finance upgrades/renovations and pay cost of issuance. A TEFRA hearing would be scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on August 5, 2013 and a bond resolution presented at the meeting thereafter. The Council agreed to the request to consider the bonds and hold the TEFRA hearing.

Chief Baker gave the police report for June 2013. Chief Baker stated that Officers Baitsholtz and Piasecki were reclassified to Patrolmen First Class. He said that he modified this in the procedure manual to specify after two (2) years of probationary service an officer can become Patrolman First Class.

Chief Baker read a letter into the record from Deputy Chief Dwyer thanking the Council for allowing him to serve in Chestertown and giving notice of his retirement effective August 1, 2013.

Mr. Ingersoll requested an executive session on a personnel matter after the meeting. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved for an executive session under Section 10.508 of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Ms. Kuiper stated that Deputy Sheriff Marcellene Beck was retiring from Kent County, noting that she first served thirteen (13) years with the Town and thirty-four (34) years combined service. She was the first female officer hired by the Chestertown Police Department in 1979.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that there was a one-time grant available from the State Highway Administration available for highway user funds that had been submitted for the Town between meetings.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he was in receipt of an MOU from the State Highway Administration to take care of the landscaping on the roundabout. Mr. Ingersoll asked that a councilperson be appointed to review the MOU for the Council. Mr. Gatto would review the MOU.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz expressed her concern over a round-a-bout. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the State Highway Administration would like to hold a public hearing at Town Hall to discuss the roundabout. The Council agreed to the request. Mayor Bailey stated that that she would like the Town to host the meeting, but not on a typical meeting night.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he had Ordinance 07-2013 Amending Article X – Sign Regulations. He said that when and if the Ordinance was introduced, there had to be a public hearing scheduled. Mr. Ingersoll explained the Ordinance changes in detail.

**Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to introduce Ordinance 07-2013 Amending Article X – Sign Regulations, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

The public hearing would be scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission would be invited to attend.

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion for authorization to sign bond documents associated with Washington College. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved for Mayor Bailey to sign bond documents, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that Ms. Diver asked for a clarification on the waiving of launch ramp fees for Chestertown residents. Mr. Stetson and Mr. Gatto would meet with Ms. Diver to discuss the program.

Mr. Gatto stated that he would like the Planning Commission to review, in depth, the sign regulations for the entire Town and asked for a full report to the Council.

Mr. Stetson stated that there was a tree down on the rail-trail and that it was being removed.

Mr. Stetson stated that the benches and fountains were received for the dog park. Ms. Kuiper stated that it would be nice to have some trees planted at the Dog Park and to have water available.

Mr. Gatto stated that there was a graffiti problem by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and other spots in Town. Chief Baker stated that the Police Department knew who was responsible and charges would be forthcoming on the following day.

Ms. Kuiper stated that the State announced there was money for internships in government offices.

Ms. Kuiper stated that Ms. McGuire offered sandwich boards for the crosswalks to be used during Farmer's Market hours to help slow down traffic. She said that she would like one in the middle of Cross Street and High Street. Mr. Ingersoll asked Chief Baker to see what pedestrian safety signs were available from the Street Department that could be set out Saturday mornings.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she contacted the Nearly New to see if a handicap space in the parking lot would help their business, but said she had not heard back.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she was surveying the market participants to see if they want to meet for a wrap-up session once the season is over.

Ms. Kuiper asked about the bike racks for the Farmer's Market. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Council had to authorize him to buy about a dozen of the round ones that go on parking meter posts. They cost approximately \$80.00 per rack. The Council agreed.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she asked Bernadette Bowman to attend a Town meeting once she had the FY2013 figures from the Tourism Department.

Ms. Kuiper stated that the fireworks were magnificent this year. Ms. Kuiper stated that First Friday was a wonderful extension of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and was well attended.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Curb Appeal would like to paint the lantern posts in Fountain Park black (by DCA volunteers). Ms. McGuire asked that the glass in the lights be cleaned as well. The Council agreed to consider the request.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she has received complaints of people parking on Spring Avenue between Washington Avenue and Calvert Street. Mr. Ingersoll stated that there was no ban on parking in that location, and that he had previously brought this matter up to the Council and they decided to take no action.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she was hoping to get a table in the Fountain Park for people to sign up for the Alzheimer's Walk.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she has made many calls for the State Highway Administration about the Farmer's Market signs and received no response.

Ms. Kuiper stated that the mosquitoes were a problem and people had to call the Department of Agriculture for spraying.

Mr. Gatto stated that he emailed the Council an addendum to the Resolution that was adopted for Committees. He said that he would like to address it at the next meeting.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

  
Jennifer Mulligan  
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey  
Mayor