

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AUGUST 19, 2013

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 Public Hearing or Mayor and Council Meeting of July 15, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Mayor and Council meetings of July 15, 2013 and executive session as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$1,122,064.05.

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

Chief Baker gave the police report for July 2013. Mr. Stetson stated that he was happy to see that overtime was down. Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that college parties have begun. She added that the police seemed unaware of the existence of Poplar Street and asked that it be patrolled more often.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Mr. John MacIntosh, a college student from Wesleyan University, who had interned for the summer, did a terrific job and helped Ms. Mulligan with recording nearly forty (40) years of building permit records and also helped at the marina. The Council thanked Mr. MacIntosh and wished him well at College.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Ms. Pat Diver had a total knee replacement and was doing well.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Ms. Joan Merryman had taken ill and was in the hospital recovering.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Town was turned down for its 2013 Community Development Block Grant for upper Cannon Street. He said that hoped to obtain the funding next year.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he had a grant supporting Resolution for the GAR building and the Historical Society of Kent. He said that they were seeking Community Legacy grants that had already been filed.

Mr. Gatto stated that the Historic Society mentions in their Community Legacy application that they will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. He said that he thought there should be weekend hours when more tourists were in Town. Mr.

Steve Frohock stated that the intent was to have weekend hours with volunteers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Bailey stated that most businesses downtown were open when people were normally working. She said that in many other towns hours were adjusted to accommodate people after 5 p.m.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he had a permit for the Jazz Festival for September 7, 2013. The Council agreed to the request.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Kent County High School has a permit request for their homecoming parade on Saturday, September 21st. The Council agreed to the request.

Mayor Bailey stated that there were written guidelines presented for the free launch of boats at the marina for Chestertown residents starting in 2014. Mayor Bailey read the proposal into the record. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the guidelines for launches at the marina for Town residents, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Stetson stated that he would have liked to been able to begin the marina launching this year, instead of waiting until January 1, 2014.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that she would like to give a report at the next meeting on all that the Town has to offer in the way of recreation. Ms. Kuiper stated that she also had something for the Recreation Commission to add to that discussion.

Mr. Stetson stated that he may have some donations coming in for benches at the Dog Park.

Mayor Bailey stated that there was a dead cherry tree in front of her house. Mr. Ingersoll stated that he would have it removed.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the bike racks in the Fountain Park were installed and the lantern posts were painted black.

Ms. Kuiper stated that there was a new farmer in the market selling mushrooms.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that the new location of the Lemon Leaf on High Street was having a job fair this week, if anyone was looking for employment.

Mr. Gatto moved to annex the Gateway Park into Town, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gatto stated that he reviewed the Request for Proposals for the Gateway Park and had serious problems with it that he would discuss with Mr. Ingersoll.

Ms. Gail Register stated that there was a large pothole developing at Cannon Street and Queen Street. She also asked if the shrubbery on the north side of the Visitors Center could be cut back.

Ms. Register asked if more police presence could be at the Fish Whistle during large events such as fireworks or Downrigging.

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