



**Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier
Mayor and Council Meeting**

Date: 9-3-2013

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712

Presiding officer: Mayor Miles

Councilmember's present: Ivy Thompson, Jesse Christopherson, Brent Bolin and Jimmy Tarlau

Councilmember's absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace and Assistant City Manager Michael Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order @ 7:07 pm

Agenda

An Item was added on the agenda. Hiring a Bond Attorney

Moved to approve the agenda

Councilman Bolin

Second Councilman Christopherson

Vote4-0

Motion to approve Minutes for months April, May, June and July 2013 with corrections sent to city clerk by close of business 9-6-2013.

Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0

Ward I Report

Councilman Tarlau would like to have a pool of volunteers of who will be of assistance to people who have the need; for instance seniors who don't want to ask and neighbors in crisis. Set up a hot line for people in need. I attended a neighborhood watch program with the chief and Corporal Kenworthy. This will go in the message.

Councilman Christopher:

I've been putting together an urban forest addition to the city code and working with Bryan Knedler a roadside tree expert we are working on a draft and hope to get it codified within a few months. The Allison Street Levy Project will require cutting down 80 trees. The Green Team and the Tree Commission are working together to make sure the county respects the city's Eco System and keep the traffic running smoothly.

Ward II Councilwoman Thompson:

Mrs. Thompson met with the Youth & Recreation Committee to decide on the movie nights and looking for volunteers and met with DRB & Park & Planning to discuss doing the pattern book. The newsletter is looking for people to submit articles.

Mayor Miles:

I'm amending the agenda and asking Councilman Bolin to do the adding to the agenda.

Councilman Bolin has accepted and says that he was reached out to by a member of Hyattsville Council regarding changes to the Hyattsville City Library. The City of Hyattsville Council asked for Mount Rainier's input. Atha grant to pay for way finding signage to connect people to our business district and the bike trails and didn't get funded and Chesapeake Conservation an item placed with the city to help with the green program didn't get funded as well. Compost bins will help tonnage at our landfill. The Storm water Management program offers rebates to homeowners for rain barrels etc. The MUTC met over the summer to approve signage and façade. A new business Trends of Botanica on 34th Street wants an awning and there's a new hat shop on 34th Street.

Motion to accept discussion of the Hyattsville Library and send a letter to the county asking them to stop the process on renovating the library until they get some citizen input. They are asking this of all the feeder communities.

Motion Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilman Bolin

Vote 4-0

Mayor Miles:

WSSC started a new project on 29th Street and was invading homeowners property. All the work should be complete. Washington Gas will start sewer work on Bunker Hill Road.

There's a meeting with the M.N.C.P.P.C. about changes at the Nature Center. MJ Parker and FFP were invited to do a presentation and used the cent at a discount. I met with Gloria Lawlah regarding programs for services.

The Mayor is reporting that there were lots of cars vandalized on 30th Street and lots of complaints on the basketball courts. Parents have responsibility on these issues. There's the opening of the 37th Street park and covering our park is fantastic similar to rubber sponge material and Park and Planning have been asked to install a safety rail.

Chief Scott:

I'm trying to reschedule National Night Out for 9-27-2013. Movie night at the Nature Center will be the same date. Parking meters are being changed and it's a massive effort. Tom Baker retired and Amanda Cox hired as his replacement. Light is a problem at Queens Chapel Road and Chillum Rd. Our new female officer finished the academy and will be sworn In when she completes field training.

Luther Smith

We have had 4 reports on the Wasp situation and it is the most significant: residents should call the Public Works Department.