

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
September 28, 2010

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Lt. Wayne Wathen, La Plata Police Department;

Guests: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of August minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the August 10 work session, August 17 session; and the August 31 regular meeting (re-scheduled from August 24, 2010). Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum (No speakers.)
2. La Plata Police Department (LPPD) monthly report – Lt. Wathen

Lt. Wathen reported on the department's activities during the month of August 2010. Following the report Lt. Wathen expressed his and the entire department's condolences to the family of Nancy McConaty, during this time of their loss.

Mayor Hale made a statement regarding the passing of Nancy McConaty, expressing how fair and accurate Nancy was and that she will be deeply missed.

Councilman Winkler requested that the Police Department work with Charles County to find a solution for the dangerous crosswalks on Washington Avenue.

3. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report

Chief Moore reported on the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department activities of August 2010.

Chief Moore also reported that the study regarding the need for a light in front of the Firehouse on Washington Avenue is ongoing, and thanked the Town for the letter of support.

4. Proclamation Trick or Treat Evening, October 31, 2010

Mayor Hale read the Proclamation, declaring October 31, 2010 as Trick or Treat Evening.

5. Proclamation Municipal Government Works Month, November 2010

Mayor Hale read the Proclamation, declaring November 2010 Municipal Government Works Month.

Legislation [None]

Unfinished Business (None.)

New Business

1. Commission Reports

- Councilman Norris reported on the activities of the Design Review Board, which included a work session to discuss possible changes to the C-B and C-H Design Guidelines.
- Councilwoman Mudd reported on the Beautification Commission meeting at Tilghman Lake, the imminent installation of the new Town Boundary Signs, and the LPCGC Wills Park sign project.
- Councilman Back discussed the Planning Commission meeting of September 7, the vote on the recommendation of the Ashraf Medical Clinic PRID Application, and the discussion of the C-B district.
- Councilman Winkler announced the intention of the Parks and Recreation Commission to invite the Council and Planning Commission to attend a presentation of the draft Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the appointment of two (2) new members, and that the Scarecrow Festival will now allow Resident's to participate.
- Mayor Hale reported that the La Plata Business Association did not hold a meeting, and encouraged everyone to participate in the Concert Attendee Survey.

2. Upcoming Events – Mayor Hale

Mayor Hale announced the upcoming events including:

- Community Yard Sale, Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
- Fall Festival / Taste of La Plata, Sunday October 24th, 12 Noon to 4PM

- Children's Harvest Party October 30, 2010

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk