

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA, ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ballengee, Councilmembers Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present Town Manager Terpenny, Assistant Town Manager Helms, Town Clerk Stipes, and Town Attorney Waddell. ABSENT: None.

MAYOR BALLENGEE stated there was a quorum present of Council Members.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Huppert.

REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR BALLENGEE called the Regular Meeting of Council to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of August 21, 2007. There being none the Minutes were approved as presented.

MAYOR BALLENGEE extended a welcome to Ms. Ally Tackett, a government student at Christiansburg High School, who is observing tonight's meeting.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

MAYOR BALLENGEE opened the Citizen Hearings for those desiring to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SENIOR OLYMPIC GAMES. Mayor Ballengee welcomed and congratulated the attending senior athletes who participated at the national level this year in the 2007 Senior Olympic Games. Mayor Ballengee turned the floor over to Councilman Barber. Councilman Barber said that the 2007 Senior Olympic Games were held in Kentucky, June 22 through July 7, with over twelve thousand participants from across the United States and other countries. Councilman Barber thanked the athletes, and congratulated them, then introduced Tammy Caldwell, Supervisor of Senior Programs and Special Populations. Ms. Caldwell said many of the athletes have participated in the Senior Olympics for more than ten years. The participants were introduced as follows:

Women's Doubles Bowling, ages 75 – 79: Peggy Duncan and Adrena Palmer came in 8th place out of 10 qualifying teams.

Men's Doubles Bowling, ages 65 – 69: Don Agee and Willis Webb finished 22nd out of 35 qualifying teams.

Mixed Doubles Bowling, ages 60 – 64: Don and Naomi Agee finished 25th out of 27 qualifying teams.

Mixed Doubles Bowling, ages 70 – 74: Doris Oliver and Willis Webb finished 14th out of 38 qualifying teams.

Cycling 5k, ages 75 – 79: Betty Hanbury – 7th place.

Cycling 10k, ages 75 – 79: Betty Hanbury – 6th place.

Cycling 20k, ages 75 – 79: Betty Hanbury – 4th place.

Shuffleboard, ages 75 – 79: Betty Hanbury

Archery, Women's, ages 70 – 75: Betty Gordon, Silver

Archery, Men's, ages 75 – 79: Dean Gordon, Gold

Mayor Ballengee congratulated the athletes and said the Town is proud of their accomplishments.

MS. TACY NEWELL, a Christiansburg resident and business owner, asked Council to consider appointing the Central Business Committee to become active for the purpose of working with the

downtown merchants in regards to sustainable growth in downtown Christiansburg. Mayor Ballengee thanked Ms. Newell for her interest and said Town Council will consider her request.

There being no one else to address Council, MAYOR BALLENGEE closed the Citizen Hearings.

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION OF VIRGINIA TECH POLICE CHIEF WENDELL FLINCHUM. Mayor Ballengee presented to Council a Resolution recognizing Virginia Tech Police Chief, Wendell Flinchum, and commending him for his valiant efforts and leadership throughout the tragic events at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007 and during the weeks and months that followed that fateful day. Councilman Barber made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None. A copy of the resolution is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes.

APPOINTMENT TO NEW RIVER VALLEY ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Mayor Ballengee reported that, historically, the Chief of Police represents the Town on the New River Valley Alcohol Safety Action Program Committee. Councilman Wade made a motion to appoint Police Chief Sisson to the committee, seconded by Councilman Barber. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 – 2008:

- (a) **ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR.** Councilman Barber made a motion to nominate Councilman Wade for Vice-Mayor for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.
- (b) **SET REGULAR MEETING DATES OF COUNCIL.** Councilwoman Carter made a motion to set the regular meeting dates as the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Councilman Canada. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.
- (c) **AUTHORIZE VICE-MAYOR, ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER, AND ASSISTANT TREASURER TO SIGN TOWN CHECKS.** On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Stipes, Council approved the authorization for the Vice-Mayor, Assistant Town Manager, and Assistant Treasurer to sign Town checks. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.
- (d) **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL.** Mayor Ballengee appointed members of Committees of Council for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 as follows:

Committees of Council

Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Committee: Barber and Wade

Street Committee: Stipes and Canada

Finance Committee: Carter and Barber

Fire and Rescue Committee: Carter and Stipes

Public Health and Welfare Committee – Ad hoc

Central Business District Committee: Huppert and Wade

Industrial Park Committee: Canada and Wade

Council on Human Relations Committee: Police Chief Sisson and Huppert

MAYOR BALLENGEE requested a Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711 A(1), Code of Virginia, for the discussion of personnel matters. On motion by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilman Stipes, Council voted to enter into a Closed Meeting. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

MAYOR BALLENGEE declared Council out of Closed Meeting and into Regular Session. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

CERTIFICATION – Councilwoman Carter moved to certify that the Town Council of the Town of Christiansburg, meeting in Closed Meeting, to the best of each member's knowledge, discussed only the personnel matters lawfully

exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law and only such matters as are identified in the Resolution to enter into Closed Meeting. Councilman Barber seconded the certification and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS – Mayor Ballengee recommended Town Council appoint Town Officers as follows:

Town Manager: R. Lance Terpenny
Town Treasurer: Marie Howard
Police Chief: Mark Sisson
Clerk of Council: Michele M. Stipes
Town Attorney: Guynn, Memmer & Dillon, P.C.

Councilman Canada made a motion to reappoint R. Lance Terpenny as Town Manager for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008, with a salary of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars per year, inclusive of the three percent cost of living increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wade and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

Councilman Barber made a motion to reappoint Marie Howard as Town Treasurer; Mark Sisson as Chief of Police; and Guynn, Memmer, and Dillon as Town Attorney for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008, The motion was seconded by Councilman Wade and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. NAYS: None.

Councilman Barber made a motion to reappoint Michele M. Stipes as Clerk of Council for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Councilwoman Carter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Stipes.

MR. BARBER – Street Committee Recommendation on:

1. Resubdivision plat for Michael S. Abraham & Jane L. Abraham, 2 lots, Prospect Drive, N.E. Councilman Barber reported that this resubdivision plat was approved by Council two months ago, but was never recorded. There have been no changes to the plat since the original approval. Councilman Barber made a motion to reapprove the plat, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

MONTHLY BILLS – On motion by Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilman Wade, Council voted to approve the monthly bills to be paid 10 September, 2007, in the amount of \$1,236,110.98. AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

TAXI CAB LICENSE APPLICATION – Town Manager Terpenny submitted to Council a taxi cab license application for James Robert Trout to drive for Christiansburg Cab. The Police Department has investigated the applicant and recommends approval. On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Huppert, Council voted to approve the taxi cab license application for James Robert Trout as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST – Town Manager Terpenny presented the following requests and recommended setting the Public Hearings for October 2, 2007:

1. Street vacation request for an unbuilt portion of Hillside Avenue.
2. Zoning permit request for a contractor equipment storage facility at 895 Park Street.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for October 2, 2007. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY reported that the Town is closing next week on the sale of an industrial park lot to SHAH Development, L.L.C.

TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY informed Council that the Annual Virginia Municipal League Conference is scheduled for October 14th through the 16th, with the annual banquet on the night of October 16th. October 16th is a regular Council

meeting night and, in the past, when a VML function conflicted with a Town Council meeting, Council voted to cancel the meeting, with the option to meet on an as-needed basis. Councilman Barber made a motion to cancel the October 16th regular Town Council meeting, with the option to meet on an as-needed basis. Councilman Canada seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

COUNCILMAN HUPPERT reported that he referred Mr. Terry Sykes to the Chamber of Commerce for tourism funding supporting a bowling tournament to be held in Christiansburg. Mr. Sykes organized and held a successful tournament in Town with the Chamber's assistance, and he wants Council to know that Shane Adams of the Chamber of Commerce was very supportive of the event.

MAYOR BALLENGEE reported that the Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee met Friday afternoon with the Christiansburg Cemetery Corporation Board, and the Montgomery Museum Board, along with the Mayor and Town Manager. The Montgomery Museum Board has offered to take over the cemetery, if the Town will subsidize the cemetery annually in the amount of fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. According to the Museum Board, this additional funding from the Town would provide a full-time salary for their existing part-time Director. The Director would be part-time Museum Director and part-time Cemetery Director. The Cemetery Board, and several Council members, questioned the capability of the Museum Board to run the cemetery in an efficient and successful manner. Councilman Canada said there may be interest by individuals in the community to manage the cemetery, including Planning Commissioner Steve Simmons. Councilwoman Carter commented that managing the cemetery is a time-consuming commitment and questioned the ability of an individual to handle the commitment while employed full-time elsewhere. Councilwoman Carter did agree to meet with Mr. Simmons to discuss this option. Several Council members expressed their desire to meet with the Cemetery Board once more. After much discussion by Council, Mayor Ballengee concluded the discussion by noting that an additional meeting between the Town and the Museum Board is likely, and the Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee of Town Council is expected to make a recommendation soon on this matter.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 P.M. On motion by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor