

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA, ON APRIL 8, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor James W. Vanhoozier; Samuel M. Bishop; R. Cord Hall; Steve Huppert; Henry D. Showalter; Bradford J. Stipes. **ABSENT:** None.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Barry Helms; Assistant Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Clerk of Council Michele Stipes; Town Attorney Jim Guynn; Planning Director Nichole Hair; Director of Engineering and Special Projects Wayne Nelson; Assistant Director of Engineering Todd Walters; Aquatics Director Terry Caldwell; Director of Public Works Ricky Bourne; Environmental Program Manager John Burke; General Services Superintendent Stan Wilkinson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conditional Use Permit amendment request by Stateson Homes, LLC and Cambria Crossing, LLC for property on Phoenix Boulevard (tax parcels 465 – ((38)) – 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 27A, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 49A) for a planned housing development in the MU-1 Mixed Use: Residential - Limited Business District. Mr. Kevin Conner of Gay and Neel, Inc. provided Council with a packet of information to support and give clarity to the request. A brief history of the Cambria Crossing Master Plan was given and the existing proffers and zoning conditions were reviewed. Mr. Conner explained that he represents Stateson Homes LLC, which is purchasing the remaining unbuilt townhome lots on Phoenix Drive in Cambria Crossing, and is requesting three proffer revisions pertaining to variations in front yard setback, detached garage requirements, and sidewalks, which were reviewed with Council. Mr. Conner provided the architectural plans of the unbuilt lots for visual clarity and offered to answer questions of Council.
2. Council's intention to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 16 "Environment" of the Christiansburg Town regarding erosion and sediment control and stormwater management, including fees and penalties. Wayne Nelson, Director of Engineering and Special Projects, and John Burke, Environmental Program Manager, explained that the State recently mandated that localities adopt a Stormwater Management Regulations program consistent with Virginia State Code for the purpose of providing consistency in stormwater management for construction projects. The Stormwater Management Regulations program would be in lieu of the Town's current stormwater management plan put into place for new construction. Council will be provided electronic access to information outlining the required changes and the resulting effects to the Town. Mr. Nelson commented that he anticipates more discussion on this matter as Council reviews the information. The final copy of the Town's ordinance reflecting the changes must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality by May 15, 2014. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Burke reviewed the required changes, which included fee schedules, additional construction reviews and inspections, and record-keeping requirements. Mr. Nelson spoke of the changes that could provide avenues of revenue to the Town through various fee options. Mr. Nelson requested that Council review the information provided in the agenda packet and be prepared to discuss at a future meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR BARBER called the regular meeting of Council to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of March 25, 2014. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council voted on the motion as follows: **AYES:** Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. **NAYS:** None.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: Councilman Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to include Planning Commission recommendation, and Council action, on a rezoning request by Mark Willard for property located at 205 Robert Street, S.E. (tax parcel 527 – ((17 BK A)) – 29R) from B-3 General Business to R-2 Two-Family Residential. The property is scheduled as Residential in the Future Land Use Map of the Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. The Public Hearing was held on March 25, 2014. Councilman Stipes seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None. The matter was placed as item five under Discussions by Mayor and Council Members.

II. CITIZEN'S HEARING:

1. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIANSBURG HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONS. Councilman Hall read the resolution and presented a copy to Christiansburg High School wrestling coach, Daryl Weber, and to each of the individual wrestlers. A copy of the resolution is attached herewith.
2. PAULA ALSTON WITH MONTGOMERY-FLOYD REGIONAL LIBRARY TO ADDRESS COUNCIL. Paula Alston thanked the Town for its annual contribution to the library and reported on recent facility maintenance and activities hosted by the library throughout the year. Over the last few years, the library has replaced ten of its patron computers, added faster broadband, upgraded computer software, added self-checkout machines, made landscape improvements, and replaced the roof. Ms. Alston spoke of upcoming library events planned for adults and children that focus on meeting the needs of the community. Ms. Alston stated that generous contributions are what allow the library to continue to serve as a valuable community resource for citizens. Ms. Alston offered to answer questions of Council. Council complimented the services and opportunities provided by the library, as well as the friendliness of the library staff, and thanked Ms. Alston for the annual updates on behalf of the library.
3. DIONNE HARRISON, CASA PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TO SPEAK IN HONOR OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. Dionne Harrison thanked Council for the opportunity to bring attention to Child Abuse Prevention Month and the community efforts to address child abuse in the New River Valley. She introduced to Council the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, a division of NRV Cares, which is specifically designed to serve abused and neglected children. The CASA program provides trained volunteers to advocate for abused children in court in partnership with the courts, attorneys, and Department of Social Services. Through the program, one hundred fifty-three local children were represented in court during 2013. A brief history of the CASA program was provided, and Ms. Harrison noted that Judge Viars was instrumental in bringing the CASA program to the New River Valley. Ms. Harrison talked about the positive change the advocacy brings to abused children, which would not be possible without community volunteers. CASA continues to recruit volunteers and Ms. Harrison asked those interested in more information to contact her. Council thanked Ms. Harrison for the report.
4. DAVID FRANUSICH TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING A TRUCK RODEO EVENT. David Verde and Christina O'Connor, who addressed Council on behalf of David Franusich, provided an update on last year's truck rodeo event and provided details on the plans for the 2014 event. An estimated two thousand people attended last year's event, and in response, the organizers are requesting the Town's support in expanding the event to include extended street closures to accommodate an increased number of food trucks, seating areas, and attendees. The number of food trucks expected to attend the event would be more than last year's eight, but not double that number. The event is scheduled for May 17, from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and the requested street closure would be on Main Street from Franklin Street to Dunkley Street and one or both sides of Hickok Street, which would only be used for overflow. The organizers are requesting the street closures from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to allow for set-up and clean-up. A second truck rodeo is planned for September 26, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and the organizers are requesting the same street closures for that date. Mr. Verde reported that a downtown wine and artisan event is scheduled for June 27, 2014, and in the months of July and August an outdoor, community movie will be shown at the College Street Park. Councilman Huppert commented that positive feedback was received from attendees of last year's truck rodeo event, which he said was good for downtown Christiansburg. Mayor Barber commented that, according to the Police Department, there were no incidences reported as a result of the truck rodeo event. Town Manager Helms reported that the organizers have submitted an application for the event and Council only needs to vote on the street closures. Planning Director Nichole Hair recommended the organizers meet with downtown merchants to make them aware of the event.
5. MEGHAN DORSETT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING THE DEPOT DAYS FESTIVAL. Meghan Dorsett reported that the third annual Christiansburg Depot Days Festival, A National Train Day Celebration, is scheduled for May 10, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Ms. Dorsett requested closure of Depot Street/Cambria Street intersection including both sides of the railroad tracks from Montgomery Street on the north side of the tracks to the intersections of Depot and Schaeffer to the west and Depot and East Main to the east, and that the closings be from

9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. to accommodate the festivities and ensure the safety of those attending the event. The festival is open to non-profit and commercial business vendors, and there are no vendor or event fees. Ms. Dorsett stated her appreciation for the Town's continued support of this community-building event.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

- a. Carol Lindstrom, 630 Depot Street, N.E. spoke in support of the guardian ad litem and CASA programs by sharing her experience as a guardian ad litem years ago. She then thanked the Town for its recent efforts to serve the community through health care fairs at the recreation center and aquatic center. Ms. Lindstrom said the fairs are invaluable to citizens, like herself, who are unable to obtain health insurance. The fairs provide opportunities for many to learn the latest medical information on how they can improve their own health. The events also provides an opportunity for many in the community to network, learn and share with one another and she recommended the Town consider hosting more of these important fairs for the health and welfare of its citizens.
- b. Mark Helms, a fifty-seven year resident of Montgomery County/thirty-year resident of Christiansburg, addressed Council regarding food truck sales and the legislation that restricts this type of business in downtown areas. Mr. Helms spoke about the important economic impact this type of service has in a community and he requested that food trucks be allowed to park anywhere in the downtown area, except in front of existing food establishments. A food truck currently operates in the parking lot of Smithman's, and Mr. Helms reported that the service is well received by local citizens.
- c. Lisa Gardner, 11 Phlegar Street, voiced her support for Mr. Helms' request for less regulated food truck sales, noting that the food truck that operates at Smithman's receives a lot of business during swim meets at the aquatic center. Mrs. Gardner suggested allowing food truck service at the aquatic center during events. Mrs. Gardner reported to Council her difficulties in getting questions answered by Town staff, and she stated her support for Christiansburg Depot Days festival. She then reported on her decision to run for Montgomery County Sheriff in next year's election.
- d. Valerie Abbott reported on the efforts of NRV Superbowl to increase its involvement in the community by offering summer camp programs for children and partnering in fundraising efforts with the humane society. NRV Superbowl has donated bowling coupons for the Blacksburg After-Prom, and Ms. Abbott offered to do the same for Christiansburg After-Prom. The business has provided support to area schools through anti-bullying and teacher appreciation campaigns and it continues to seek ways to increase involvement in the community. Ms. Abbott is working with Lisa Bleakley of the Tourism Development Committee to promote events sponsored by NRV Superbowl.

III. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. APPOINTMENT TO THE NEW RIVER VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO). THE APPOINTEE WOULD FILL THE SEAT HELD BY FORMER MAYOR, RICHARD BALLENGEE. Councilman Hall made a motion to appoint Mayor Barber to the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, seconded by Councilman Showalter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.
2. APPOINTMENT TO THE MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY. LANCE TERPENNY'S FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2014. Town Manager Helms reported that the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Committee recommended Council appoint Ricky Bourne, Director of Public Works, to serve on the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority. Councilman Hall made a motion to appoint Ricky Bourne as recommended, seconded by Councilman Stipes. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None. *Councilman Hall requested quarterly staff reports on the meetings of the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority.*
3. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE VIRGINIA'S FIRST REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY. Town Manager Helms reported that the authority was formed to assist localities with industrial type projects too large for a single locality to address. Christiansburg has been a member since 1998, but has not participated in any projects with the authority, although it has continued to pay annual membership fees. Town Manager Helms and Assistant Town Manager Wingfield recommended Council withdraw its membership from the authority. Councilman Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Withdraw from the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Council was polled on

the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON LIONS DRIVE.

Councilman Stipes reported that the Street Committee has studied the request for parking restrictions on Lions Drive, to accommodate the new trash service, with citizen input. As a result of the study, the Street Committee recommended the Town prohibit parking on the right side of Lions Drive on trash pick-up days (currently Wednesdays) between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. and to review the matter in six months for amendment, if necessary. Councilman Stipes made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Councilman Hall said he appreciates that the residents of Lions Drive were invited to the Street Committee meeting and given opportunity to voice their concerns. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None. Mayor Barber recommended the residents of Lions Drive be notified by letter of the parking restrictions put into place by Council.

5. COUNCIL ACTION ON the rezoning request by Mark Willard for property located at 205 Robert Street, S.E. (tax parcel 527 – ((17 BK A)) – 29R) from B-3 General Business to R-2 Two-Family Residential. The property is scheduled as Residential in the Future Land Use Map of the Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. The Public Hearing was held March 25, 2014. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval. Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation, seconded by Councilman Huppert. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: Councilman Huppert made a motion to amend the agenda to include Council action on the Conditional Use Permit request by Stateson Homes, LLC and Cambria Crossing, LLC heard during the Public Hearing. Councilman Stipes seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None. The matter was placed as item six under Discussions by Mayor and Council Members.

6. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT REQUEST BY STATESON HOMES, LLC AND CAMBRIA CROSSING, LLC for property on Phoenix Boulevard (tax parcels 465 – ((38)) – 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 27A, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 49A) for a planned housing development in the MU-1 Mixed Use: Residential - Limited Business District. The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval, and there were no citizens that spoke for or against the request during the Public Hearing. Councilman Hall made a motion to issue the CUP as recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: Councilman Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to include Council action on the requested street closures for the Food Truck Rodeo on May 17, 2014 and September 26, 2014, and the requested street closures for the Christiansburg Depot Days Festival on May 10, 2014. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None. The matters were placed as items seven and eight under Discussions by Mayor and Council Members.

7. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR FOOD TRUCK RODEO ON MAY 17, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 26, 2014. Councilman Huppert made a motion to approve the street closure of Main Street from Franklin Street to Dunkley Street and one or both sides of Hickok Street, as requested. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion. Noting the planned sale of alcohol at the event, Councilman Stipes stated that, while he supports the food truck sales, he is unable to support the event because of the expected sale of alcohol on public property. Councilman Vanhoozier commented that he has been opposed to alcohol sales on public property in the past, but is willing to support the event since there were no alcohol related incidences during last year's event. Councilman Vanhoozier warned that if there were any problems during this year's event, as a result of alcohol consumption, he would not support the event in the future. Councilman Hall also voted against the event last year because of the sale of alcohol on public property; however, because of the organized manner in which the sales were handled, and because there were no reported incidences, he plans to support the request at hand. Like Councilman Vanhoozier, Councilman Hall stressed that if problems arose due to the sale of alcohol, he would not support the event in the future. Councilman Bishop said he attended last year's event and saw how organized the alcohol sales were and how well-received the event was by the community. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Nay; Vanhoozier – Aye.

8. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR CHRISTIANSBURG DEPOT DAYS FESTIVAL. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve the street closure request for Christiansburg Depot Days Festival on May 10, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. from Depot Street/Cambria Street intersection including both sides of the railroad tracks from Montgomery Street on the north side of the tracks to the intersections of Depot and Schaeffer to the west and Depot and East Main to the east. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council was polled as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

IV. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST: Town Manager Helms presented the following requests and recommended setting the Public Hearings as indicated:

April 22, 2014:

- a. Community Development Block Grant - Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

On motion by Councilman Vanhoozier, seconded by Councilman Hall, Council voted to set the Public Hearing for April 22, 2014. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

May 27, 2014:

- a. Conditional Use Permit request for a welding shop at 610 North Franklin Street in the B-3 General Business District.

On motion by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Huppert, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for May 27, 2014. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

May 13, 2014:

- b. Water and sewer rate increase for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

On motion by Councilman Vanhoozier, seconded by Councilman Hall, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for May 13, 2014. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

2. PROGRESS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilman Hall reported that Christiansburg High School track coach, Shane Guynn, has agreed to work with the Recreation Advisory Board in organizing a Town-sponsored race event for later in the year. The group is considering themes, with a focus on commemorating the Renna Knowles Bridge, and anticipates having a plan in place several months prior to the race date.
- Councilman Hall reported that a local supplier will provide parts and labor for the recreation center lighting incentive at a total cost of \$37,000, which is scheduled to be completed prior to the floor replacement.
- Councilman Stipes reported that the Bikeway/Walkway Committee is considering ways to bring attention to the ribbon cutting for the opening of the Renna Knowles Bridge.
- Councilman Showalter reported that the Central Business District Committee is scheduled to meet Friday evening as a follow-up to its December meeting. He will provide an update from the meeting on April 22, 2014.
- Councilman Huppert recommended Council write a letter to Union Bank expressing its concerns with the removal of the digital clock/temperature gauge on the former StellarOne property. Mayor and Council agreed that it is not within the authority of Council to become involved with the decisions of businesses unless they do not conform to Town Code.
- Mayor Barber requested that each Council member provide a brief update, at the end of each Council meeting, on any meetings recently attended as representatives of the Town.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.