

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2008 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 FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ballengee, Councilmembers Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Carter. Also present Town Manager Terpenny, Assistant Town Manager Helms, Town Clerk Stipes, and Town Attorney Memmer.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Councilman Barber.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council's intent to dispose of public property located in the Christiansburg Industrial Park on Industrial Drive (an approximately 3.36 acre portion of tax parcel 500 – ((A)) – 5). Town Manager Terpenny said that the plat for this property has been submitted to Council for approval later in the meeting. Brook's Custom Homes, a local business, will use this property to expand its business. There was no one to speak for or against this request.

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 January 15, 2008. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

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

POLICE CHIEF SISSON to administer the Oath of Office to new Police Officers. Mayor Ballengee informed Council that Chief Sisson has asked to postpone this matter until further notice, due to illness.

MR. KEVIN CONNER addressed Council about an information gathering meeting that Gay and Neel, Inc. will be hosting tomorrow at the Recreation Center. The purpose of the meeting is to receive ideas and comments from the public on Phase IA of the Christiansburg Huckleberry extension. Preliminary drawings will be provided for review. Numerous municipalities have been invited to attend the presentation and Mr. Conner invited Christiansburg to participate. Mayor Ballengee thanked Mr. Conner for the invitation and said that several Councilmembers will be out of town tomorrow attending VML meetings, but that the Town will certainly have staff representation present.

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

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

COUNCIL ACTION ON THE SALE OF LAND IN THE CHRISTIANSBURG INDUSTRIAL PARK. Town Manager Terpenny reported that the Industrial Park Committee has met with the owner of Brook's Custom Homes and recommends Town Council approve the sale of land in the Christiansburg Industrial Park to this business. The lot has been surveyed, and the Public Hearing held earlier in tonight's meeting. Sale of the lot can be finalized once Town Attorney Memmer completes the deed work. The lot is 3.36 acres at twenty-two thousand dollars per acre. Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the sale of land in the industrial park to Brook's Custom Homes, seconded by Councilman Barber. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR KATHY MANTZ. Mayor Ballengee presented to Council a resolution recognizing the retirement of Kathryn C. Mantz. Ms. Mantz is retiring from the Chamber of Commerce after twenty-two years of service. Councilman Stipes made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Huppert. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None. A copy of the resolution is attached herewith and

made a part of these minutes. A framed copy of the resolution will be presented to Ms. Mantz later this month at a reception honoring her retirement.

DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER AND SEWER LATE FEES. Council has previously discussed this matter, and Councilman Wade proposed changes to the *Town Code* that would allow Council to waive utility late fees at its discretion. Provisions suggested by Councilman Wade are that the customer must protest the bill; customer must have twelve consecutive months of no missed payments; and it would be a one-time only waiver for a particular time frame. After further discussion by Council, Mayor Ballengee directed Attorney Memmer to draft a policy, specific to Council's suggestions, for review by Council.

MR. HUPPERT AND MR. WADE – Central Business District Committee:

1. Report on plans for Grand Reopening of Downtown celebration. Councilman Huppert gave each Councilmember a handout outlining plans for the grand re-opening of downtown, and downtown summer festivals. Events are planned for May 17th, June 14, July 12th, and August 23rd, and include activities such as a 5K race, a vintage car display, bands and food vendors, and a children's play area. Many folks are involved with the planning and organizing of these events and are recognized on the attached grand re-opening schedule. This Committee will bring to Council an update at the first Council meeting in June.

MR. STIPES AND MR. CANADA – Street Committee Recommendations on:

1. **Plat Showing Subdivision of Property for Town of Christiansburg, Phase XIV, Christiansburg Industrial Park; 2 lots; Industrial Drive, N.E. and Prospect Drive, N.E.** Councilman Stipes reported that this request is to divide one large lot into two lots. All is in order with the plat and Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Barber. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

MAYOR BALLENGEE reported that the Christiansburg Recreation Center will be hosting the Dixie Youth League baseball tournaments for eleven and twelve year olds, and for thirteen and fourteen year olds, in July and August, respectively.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

MONTHLY BILLS – On motion by Councilman Wade, seconded by Councilman Barber, Council voted to approve the monthly bills to be paid 10 February, 2008, in the amount of \$3,268,069.07. AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

TAXI CAB BUSINESS AND LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS – Town Manager Terpenny submitted to Council taxi cab renewal applications for Christiansburg Cab Service, Inc., and its drivers. The Christiansburg Police Department has investigated the following taxi cab drivers and recommends approval for: Charles W. Bryant, Don T. East, Rita Bradbury, Crystal Slusher, Robert J. Vaughn, James R. Troutt, and Irene Troutt. On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Huppert, Council voted to approve the requested taxi cab license renewals, and business license renewal, as stated above. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST – Town Manager Terpenny presented the following requests and recommended setting the Public Hearings as indicated:

February 19, 2008

1. Sale of the last available lot in the Christiansburg Industrial Park.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Wade, Council voted to set the Public Hearing for February 19, 2008. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

March 4, 2008

1. Conditional Use Permit request, major home occupation, sale of reptiles in the B-3 General Business District, Chapel Street.
2. Conditional Use Permit request for residential use (townhomes) in the B-3 General Business District, Depot Street.
3. Right-of-Way vacation request – Sunnyside Lane.
4. Rezoning request from A Agricultural to B-1 Limited Business District, 910 Peppers Ferry Road.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Stipes, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for March 4, 2008. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Ballengee declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor