

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 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 APRIL 1, 2008 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.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Councilman Barber.

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 March 18, 2008. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

MAYOR BALLENGEE asked the Town Attorney to research the Freedom of Information Act and advise Council regarding proper meeting notification, and what constitutes an official meeting. Several questions have been raised lately as to the Town's compliance with FOIA laws, and the Mayor asked that the Attorney hold a training session with Council and staff administration, on the research findings, to ensure understanding and compliance with the laws.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

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

REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAIN INJURY SERVICES OF SWVA TO ADDRESS COUNCIL. Mr. Jim Baldwin, Director of Brain Injury Services of SWVA, along with case manager, Susan Mayorga, asked Council to consider providing financial support in the upcoming 2008-2009 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$3,496.00. The amount requested is fifteen percent of the projected Christiansburg expenditures, and will provide case management services for their Christiansburg clients. The non-profit organization currently provides support and services for five Christiansburg residents with brain injuries and hopes to expand to seven clients by the end of the year. Mr. Baldwin said the organization receives 75% of its funding from the State. The goal of the organization is to remove clients as a financial liability to the community, and reintegrate them back into the community as self-sufficient and contributing citizens. Mayor Ballengee turned this request over to the Finance Committee for consideration.

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

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

1. Subdivision on the property of Montgomery County Farm Bureau located at the intersection of Peppers Ferry Road, N.W. and Walters Drive; creating 2 lots. Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the subdivision plat, second by Councilman Barber. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.
2. Plat showing relocation/vacation of lot line between properties of Elmer Lee Hall & Mammie Davis Hall and Daniel Lee Hall located on Tower Road; 2 lots. Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the plat, second by Councilman Wade. 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 Councilman Wade, seconded by Councilman Barber, Council voted to approve the monthly bills to be paid 10 April, 2008, in the amount of \$1,770,436.25. 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 May 6, 2008:

1. Conditional Use Permit request, 375 Bell Road, contractor equipment storage and scrap metal storage, 1-2 General Industrial District.
2. Conditional Use Permit request, 385 Radford Street, equipment sales and rental, B-3 General Business District.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for May 6, 2008. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

MAYOR BALLENGEE reported that Barry Helms' term as representative on the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority expires June 30, 2008. Mayor Ballengee stated that Mr. Helms has served the Town well on this authority, and he has agreed to serve another term, if Council desires. Councilman Barber made a motion to reappoint Barry Helms to serve another term as representative on the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority. Councilman Huppert seconded the motion, and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

COUNCILMAN WADE requested street closings for the Cruisin' Christiansburg festivals on May 17, June 14, July 12, and August 23. He is not sure of the specific areas to be closed at this time, but it will only be portions, not entire streets. This request requires formal action by Council. Councilman Barber made a motion to allow the street closings as necessary on the mentioned dates, seconded by Councilman Stipes. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None. The police, fire, and rescue departments have been involved in the planning of these festivals. Councilman Barber suggested providing signage notification of the closings several days in advance, as a courtesy.

AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Town Manager Terpenny reported that progress is continuing on the aquatic center, with approximately sixty-percent of the roof enclosed. Much work has also been done on the access road, which, once completed, will accommodate bus turns. Several Councilmembers suggested placing a sign at the site announcing that it is the future home of the aquatic center.

MAYOR BALLENGEE recognized and welcomed several visiting students from the Christiansburg High School senior government class.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor