

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 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 15, 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 Terpenney, 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 Canada.

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 April 1, 2008. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented on motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted to approve the minutes as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

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

RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIANSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM AND SWIM MEMBERS – Mayor Ballengee welcomed Christiansburg High School wrestling coach, Daryl Weber, his assistant coaches, and members of the Blue Demon wrestling team, and congratulated them on their seventh, consecutive Group A A State Championship win. Coach Weber thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and introduced his team as follows:

Coach Brian Shortridge
Asst. Coach Eli Garshnick
Asst. Coach Alvin Shephard (unable to attend tonight's meeting)

Luke Rakes - Freshman, State Qualifier
Devin Carter - Sophomore, State Champ
Jeff Meredith - Freshman, 7th in state
David Cheney - Junior, State Qualifier
Sam Rakes Senior - Signed with Liberty University and a 3x State Champion
Bobby Shaffer Senior - State Qualifier
Sean Quesenberry - Junior, Regional Qualifier
Derek Woody - Junior, State Runner-up
Trey Dillon - Senior, 5th in State
Braedan Carter - Junior, State Runner-up
Michael Giordano - Junior, Regional Qualifier
Andrew Robertson - Junior, State Runner-up
Rich Eva Freshman - 5th in State
John Weber Junior - 5th in State

Mayor Ballengee read and presented to Coach Weber a proclamation recognizing this tremendous accomplishment by the Christiansburg High School wrestling team. A copy of the proclamation is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Ballengee introduced and welcomed swim coach Amy Brehl, who was selected as Timesland Coach of the Year. Coach Brehl introduced Christiansburg High School junior and All-American, Seth Wensel, who was recognized as the high school's first State Champion swimmer. Seth also placed second in the butterfly, and broke a long-standing record. Coach Brehl commented that Seth's accomplishments are especially remarkable considering that he received severe back injuries in an accident, just last year. Mayor Ballengee congratulated Seth and presented him with a "key to the Town". Mayor Ballengee also

recognized and welcomed several Christiansburg High School students attending the meeting from Ms. Walker's senior government class. Mayor Ballengee called a ten minute recess to allow Council to meet and congratulate those recognized.

MR. SHANE ADAMS WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – Mr. Shane Adams, President of Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, updated Council on the progress of the Tourism Initiative. The Tourism Development Council (TDC) board is complete with nine members, with the exception of Montgomery County representation, which is expected in the near future. The TDC has been meeting since July, 2007. Mr. Adams gave each Councilmember a copy of his Tourism Initiative Progress Report, dated April 15, 2008 (attached), and reviewed with Council the grant and financial information, as well as future plans that will enhance tourism. Council also received a copy of the current visitor's guide. Mayor Ballengee thanked Mr. Adams for his report and for his efforts in developing tourism in our Town.

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

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

SCHEDULING OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TRAINING – A FOIA training session for Town Council and administration is scheduled for June 3, 2008, immediately following the regular Town Council meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK, MAY 11 – 17, 2008 - Mayor Ballengee informed Council that the President of the United States and Congress have designated May 15 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls is designated as National Police Week. Mayor Ballengee submitted to Council a resolution supporting these designations and acknowledging the importance of the Christiansburg Police Department to our community. The Resolution calls for all citizens and civic organizations to observe the week of May 11 – 17 as National Police Week. Councilman Barber made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Wade. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. A copy of the Resolution is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

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

May 6, 2008

1. Conditional Use Permit request, Planned Housing Development, R-1 Single Family Residential, Robin Hood Estates.

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

May 20, 2008

1. Conditional Use Permit request for an auto auction in the B-3 General Business District, Roanoke Street.
2. FY 08 – 09 Budget, first reading.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Huppert, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for May 20, 2008. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

TAXI CAB LICENSE APPLICATION – Town Manager Terpeny submitted to Council a taxi cab license application for Brian Connell 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 Brian Connell as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

MAYOR BALLENGEE invited all to show support for the one-year observance of the April 16 Virginia Tech shootings by wearing Hokie apparel and displaying Hokie memorabilia. Flags will be flown at half-mast on April 16.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

