

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL  
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 7:00 P.M.  
MARCH 24, 2015**

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 MARCH 24 , 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Barry Helms; Assistant Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Acting Clerk of Council Amber Beasley; Town Attorney Jim Guynn; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Director of Aquatics Terry Caldwell; Planning & Zoning Director Nichole Hair; Planner Missy Martin; Planner Sara Morgan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR BARBER.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution recognizing the Christiansburg High School wrestling team.
2. Resolution recognizing Christiansburg High School student, Ronnie Piemonte.
3. Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015.
4. Monthly Bills.
5. Proclamation in support of the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
6. Proclamation in support of Commit to Graduate (C2G) Week.
7. Proclamation recognizing April 1-7, 2015 as Local Government Education Week.

Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

*Councilman Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add the recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Commitment to Graduate Education Week. Councilman Vanhoozier seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.*

III. RECOGNITIONS

IV. CITIZEN'S HEARING

1. Planning Director Nichole Hair presented Council with an update of what the Planning Department does on a daily basis. She explained the types of violations that occur within town limits which ranged from high grass complaints to disabled vehicles and how the department responds to such violations. Ms. Hair advised that the department responds to these violations with a range of enforcement, from warnings to court enforcement and that were approximately 300 violations the past year. Councilman Hall questioned who absorbed court cost in those situations to which she replied that those costs are passed along to the violator. Councilman Bishop questioned what the Planning Department does regarding weekend sale signs to which she responded the Planning Department will take possession of those signs if they are seen or they are notified by a citizen complaint. Mayor asked if that included Yard Sale signs and it does.

Councilman Stipes questioned out of the approximately 300 violations in a year how many were handled within department and Ms. Hair advised that approximately ninety percent of all violations are handled within the department.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

- a. There were no citizens comments.

VI. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. COUNCIL ACTION ON:

- a. Appointment of Planning Commission members - Councilman Hall made a motion to appoint Hil Johnson, Tacy Newell and Virginia Peeples, seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.
- b. Montgomery County Museum support for the Mountains of Music Homecoming Event – Councilman Hall made a motion to approve support up to \$5,000 from the tourism grant to support the Montgomery County Museum during the Mountains of Music Homecoming Event in June. This event will include food truck vendors, live music and is expected to draw people from all over the state. Councilman Stipes asked that this event be placed on the town website and utility bills to notify the public. Councilman Hall suggested that the town invest in banners for this event if it was to become an annual event. Councilman Huppert seconds the motion. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

VI. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Councilman Stipes and Councilman Vanhoozier welcomed the new members of the Planning Commission.
2. Councilman Bishop spoke as a reminder of a blood drive at the Christiansburg Rescue Squad on March 28, 2015.
3. Councilman Huppert commented on an ad that was created by Mrs. Showalter and assisted by several of the town employees and gave his appreciation and congratulations on a job well done.
4. Councilman Hall thanked Council, Town Manager Barry Helms and the town staff for their support of April Child Abuse Prevention Month. Councilman Hall also reported that community speakers have been scheduled for the month of April in honor of Child Abuse Prevention month. Councilman Hall also reported that a lease was sent to Kiwanis.
5. Mayor Barber reported that he was appointed to a committee to help plan the VML meeting on April 17, 2015 in Richmond, VA. He asked Council members for any suggestions in regards to the planning of the meeting.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. PROGRESS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Requested Work Sessions be scheduled for the Budget, Increased Water/Sewer Fees, Aquatic Free Passes and Stricter Enforcement for Development Codes. Council scheduled a Work Session for the Budget on March 31, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall; a Work Session was scheduled for increased water/sewer fees on April 14, 2015 from 5:30-6:45 pm at the Town Hall; a Work Session was scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall to discuss Aquatic free passes and stricter enforcement of building and site construction.
- Request for a Public Hearing to be set on April 28, 2015 to receive input on increases in Water/Sewer Fees.
- Request for a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit by Billy Massie (agent for Starlight MHP, LLC) for a single family residence on Starlight Drive (Tax Map Parcel 529 – ((A)) – 41) in the B-3 General Business District. Public Hearing was scheduled for the May 12, 2015 council meeting.
- Announced that Gay & Neel had been selected to be lead consultant to develop the Truman Wilson Property Master Plan.
- Reminder that the New River Valley Planning District Commission annual dinner is on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Hotel Floyd.
- Announced that the FY 2015-16 Draft Budget was now available and Ms. Valerie Tweedie, Director Finance/Treasury, handed out copies to members of Council.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before Council, Councilman Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M., seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

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Amber S. Beasley, Acting Clerk of Council

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D. Michael Barber, Mayor