

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2006 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 AUGUST 1, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Linkous, Councilmembers Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present Town Manager Terpenny, Assistant Town Manager Helms, and Town Clerk Stipes. ABSENT: None.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Ashworth.

REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR LINKOUS called the Regular Meeting of Council to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of July 18, 2006. There being none the Minutes were approved as presented.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

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

AWARD PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD OF “SAVED BY THE BELT”. Mayor Linkous introduced Mr. Bob Allen, President of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and Gary Brumfield, Christiansburg’s Police Chief. Chief Brumfield thanked Mayor Linkous for the introduction and took a moment to recognize Mayor Linkous’ upcoming retirement in September. Chief Brumfield said it has been an honor to serve under Mayor Linkous, and he will be missed. Chief Brumfield thanked Council for the opportunity to present an award, as part of the “Click It or Ticket” program, recognizing a citizen whose life was saved by wearing a seat belt. Mr. Tony Whitt was involved in a serious car accident on Roanoke Street, in August, but walked away with only minor injuries because he was wearing his seat belt. Lieutenant Bonds, the Officer who responded to the accident, showed Council pictures of Mr. Whitt’s severely damaged car. The “Saved by the Belt” award is given statewide by application. Mr. Allen was pleased to present Mr. Whitt with the award. Mr. Allen said that the Christiansburg Police Department is a leader in law enforcement and he commended the Department’s dedicated involvement in the “Click It or Ticket” program.

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

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR POLICE SERGEANT KEVIN TUCKER. On June 6, 2006, Town Council passed a Resolution recognizing Sergeant Kevin Tucker of the Christiansburg Police Department for his heroic acts while responding to a call for help on December 29, 2005. Sergeant Tucker rescued a woman and her small child trapped in a burning apartment after kicking in the front door. Town Council commended Sergeant Tucker for his dedication and contribution to the Christiansburg community, and for his outstanding character. Sergeant Tucker is being presented with this Resolution of Recognition tonight, since he was unable to attend the June 6th meeting. Mayor Linkous read the resolution and presented it to Sergeant Tucker, who accepted it along with several of his family members. Sergeant Tucker thanked Council for this honor and recognition. Sergeant Tucker received a standing ovation from those present as a show of appreciation. A copy of the Resolution is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

MONTHLY BILLS – On motion by Councilman Ashworth, seconded by Councilman Barber, Council voted to approve the monthly bills to be paid 10 August, 2006, in the amount of \$1,803,772.84. AYES: Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST – Town Manager Terpenny presented the following requests and recommended setting the Public Hearings for September 5, 2006:

1. Right-of-way vacation request, 12-foot unbuilt alleyway between Harless Street and Forest Street.
2. Sale of lot in the Christiansburg Industrial Park.
3. Street vacation request, unbuilt portion of Nursery Lane.
4. Street vacation request, excess right-of-way, Elm Street.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Ashworth, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for September 5, 2006. Council voted as follows: AYES: Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. NAYS: None.

COUNCILMAN BARBER asked if the Town of Christiansburg has an agreement with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce governing the 1% Lodging Tax. Manager Terpenny explained that an agreement has been drawn up, but not yet executed. The Town of Blacksburg's attorneys are currently reviewing the agreement and, once finished, will forward it to Christiansburg for its review. Manager Terpenny further explained that the Town had the authority to enforce the 1% Lodging Tax, but the County needed General Assembly action before it could impose the tax.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M. On motion by Councilman Ashworth, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted as follows: AYES: Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. NAYS: None.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Harold G. Linkous, Mayor