

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, ON OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Clerk of Council Michele Stipes; Town Attorney Theresa Fontana; Director of Public Relations Melissa Demmitt; Public Relations Specialist Anaika Miller; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Director of Engineering Wayne Nelson; Director of Planning Andrew Warren; Director of Public Works Jim Liancianese; Assistant Superintendent of Streets Travis Moles.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Moment of Reflection
- B. Moment of Silence in memory of the victims of the Las Vegas, Nevada shooting.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Collins took a moment to recognize Virginia Tech student, Alexandra Kahl, who is assisting the Town in developing a program with Christiansburg High School to get students involved and participating with Town Council. Ms. Kahl is able to earn college credits for volunteering her time with the Town, and Councilman Collins stressed the important role she has played in meeting Council's goal to involve high school students in local government. During Council Reports, Councilman Hall talked about the passion Ms. Kahl has had in working with the high school students, and he expressed appreciation for her willingness to offer her assistance to the Town. Councilman Stipes noted that as part of the student participation program, the Street Committee has requested that high school students provide recommendations for naming the future Route 114/North Franklin Street connector road. Council thanked Ms. Kahl for partnering with the Town and for being present tonight.

Councilman Huppert drew attention to a bandage he had on his face and commented that he had spots removed as a follow-up to a skin cancer diagnosis six years ago. Mr. Huppert thanked everyone for the concern expressed and encouraged all to be proactive in skin care management.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council meeting minutes of September 26, 2017.
- B. Resolution in Support of Extra Mile Day 2017.
- C. Approval of the Notice of Award for the Church, Rigby and Ellett Drainage Improvement Project and authorize the Interim Town Manager to enter into a construction contract on behalf of the Town with DCI/Shires, Inc. for the amount of \$1,193,415.00, contract form subject to approval by the Town Attorney.

- D. Approval of the Notice of Award for the Towne Branch Stream Restoration Project and authorize the Interim Town Manager to enter into a construction contract on behalf of the Town with Atkins Excavating for the amount of \$519,201.00, contract form subject to approval by the Town Attorney.
- E. Schedule Public Hearing on November 28, 2017 for a Rezoning Request by John Neel, Gay and Neel, Inc., agent for Sarah Crawford, for Tax Map Nos. 530-(2)-85B, 86A, 87A and Portions of Tax Map No. 530 (A) 1 located on the corner of Glade Drive SE and Curtis Drive SE from A, Agricultural to R-3, Multi-Family Residential. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- F. Contingent upon the above Rezoning Request, schedule Public Hearing on November 28, 2017 for a Conditional Use Permit request by John Neel, Gay and Neel, Inc. for Tax Map Nos. 530-(2)-85B, 86A, 87A and Portions of Tax Map No. 530 (A) 1 located on the corner of Glade Drive SE and Curtis Drive SE for a Planned Housing Development consisting of up to 60 single-family dwellings in the R-3 Multi-Family Residential District.

Councilman Hall made a motion to approve *Items B through F* of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye. Director of Engineering Wayne Nelson noted that the costs noted in Items C and D were lower than expected.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve *Item A* of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Collins. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Abstain (due to absence); Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

VII. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (None)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Street Committee report/recommendation on:
1. Subdivision Plat of Clifton Phase I Planned Residential Development of Tax Map Number 435-A-40 located off of Quin W. Stuart Boulevard (82 Lots).

Councilman Stipes reported that Council approved a rezoning request for Stateson Homes to densify the property in the request on May 9, 2017. The request before Council is the final action on the subdivision plat for Phase I of the Planned Residential Development. The property is zoned R-3 Multi-Family Residential. The Street Committee has studied the subdivision plat and found it to conform with the subdivision ordinance and Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Councilman Collins. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Nay; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.

2. Subdivision Plat of Tax Map Number 558-A-24 located west of Parkway Drive SE and north of Tanglewood Drive SE and Jones Street SE (2 lots).

Councilman Stipes reported that the subdivision plat pertained to the rezoning request by Montgomery County Economic Development Authority, as agent for Cox Family Farms, that was approved by Council on September 12, 2017. The current subdivision plat is to create a new property line that would provide for a portion of the lot to be retained by the Cox family. The Street Committee has reviewed the plat and found it to conform with the subdivision ordinance. Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Councilman Collins. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.

IX. DISCUSSION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Resolution Supporting the Amendment of Chapter 638 of 2010 Virginia Acts of Assembly Relating to the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority. (Carryover item from September 26, 2017.)

Council was provided a copy of the revised resolution in the agenda packet that had been modified to require consent of all four member localities to adopt a funding formula. The revision was made to address the concerns of Council expressed at the September 12th and 26th council meetings with regards to the data used to calculate the funding formula presented in the original resolution. Council expressed appreciation to Dr. Sherman Wilson for listening to its concerns with regards to the use of Christiansburg data that may have been inaccurate, and for his willingness to work with the board to facilitate a revision satisfactory to Council. Councilman Stipes made a motion to adopt the resolution as revised and presented, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye. Dr. Wilson said he appreciated the dialogue with Council, noting his confidence that, with accurate data, the board could develop a funding formula that would be approvable by all four localities. Councilman Showalter requested that future discussions regarding a funding formula be held in a work session.

X. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Town Manager Wingfield:

- Christiansburg, Ohio is celebrating its bicentennial this month and Town Manager Wingfield has prepared a package of items from Christiansburg's bicentennial celebration to send to them.
- An RFP for curbside recycling has been prepared and staff would like to send it out next week. The RFP is not a commitment, but would allow the Town to take proposals. Mr. Wingfield requested a verbal show of support from Council to send the RFP. Councilman Hall and Showalter noted the RFP was an important step in moving forward in realizing the Town's vision for establishing a curbside recycling program, and they expressed appreciation for Mr. Wingfield and Town staff for their focus on this matter.
- The Kenneth B. Gibson Park & Ride dedication will be held October 14, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.
- The Annual Gospel Singing Event will be held October 14, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

- B. Town Attorney:

- C. Other Staff:

XI. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Councilman Collins reported the Christiansburg High School Homecoming Parade was scheduled for October 11, and will include the CHS Wrestling Team Parade in recognition of the team's 16th consecutive state championship. Councilman Collins and Councilman Hall will meet with CHS and Alexandra Kahl once more to final the student involvement program; student representatives will be present at the October 24th meeting for introduction.
- B. Councilman Bishop – No report.
- C. Councilman Hall thanked Town Manager Wingfield and staff for preparing and submitting the RFP for curbside recycling services, and thanked Mayor Barber for the Moment of Silence in honor of the victims in Las Vegas, and Anaika Miller for preparing the display of each victim's name.
- D. Councilman Huppert – No report.
- E. Councilman Showalter reported on the NRV Regional Commission (NRVRC): • New River Community College (NRCC) had joined the commission, and as a result NRVRC has extended membership opportunities to localities surrounding the college. • Renew the New was held August 26, during which four hundred seventy-five volunteers removed twelve tons of trash and tires from a thirty-mile stretch of the river. Renew the New was originally initiated by Giles County. • Kevin Byrd talked about the Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center (RRSBDC), a non-profit whose purpose is to promote and assist small business development through free business counseling and advisement. Montgomery County participates in the RRSBDC, and Councilman Showalter suggested Christiansburg discuss

joining/supporting, since it has offered assistance to various Christiansburg small businesses.

Councilman Showalter noted the metal fish sculptures commissioned and displayed downtown by the owner of the Old Town Mall. Mr. Showalter recommended the Town consider promoting and supporting those types of interests in the downtown and Cambria areas through a sponsorship program or some other means.

- F. Councilman Stipes recognized Todd Walters on accepting the job as Town Manager of New Market, Virginia. Council wished Todd well in his new position. Councilman Stipes thanked Councilman Collins for suggesting the Street Committee seek the involvement of CHS in naming the Rt. 114 future connector road.
- G. Mayor Barber reported on the success of the first annual Battleship fundraiser at the aquatic center on September 29th. The event was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

XII. CLOSED MEETING:

- A. Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into a Closed Meeting in accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. The Closed Meeting was in reference to the town manager position. Councilman Hall seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.
- B. Reconvene in Open Meeting. Councilman Bishop made a motion to reconvene in Open Meeting, seconded by Councilman Collins. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.
- C. Certification. Councilman Bishop moved to certify that the Town Council of the Town of Christiansburg, meeting in Closed Meeting, to the best of each member's knowledge, discussed only the matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law and only such matters as are identified in the Resolution to enter into Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hall and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes - Aye.
- D. Council action on the matter. No action was taken by Council.

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

Michele Stipes, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber, Mayor