

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2021 – 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 JULY 27, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor Samuel M. Bishop; Johana Hicks; Steve Huppert; Merissa Sachs; Henry Showalter. ABSENT: Bradford J. Stipes.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren; Town Attorney Reid Broughton; Executive Assistant/Clerk of Council Tracy Heinline; Finance Director Valerie Tweedie; Chief of Police Mark Sisson.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Moment of Reflection
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Showalter made a motion to request the Minutes of July 13, 2021 be separated due to his absence for the Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hicks. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Conditional Use Permit request by James Tannahill (applicant) on behalf of Sawyers Living Trust (owner) for a towing service in the General Industrial (I-2) at 2500 Brammer Lane (Tax Parcel 501 – ((1)) – 13J). The property is designated as Industrial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

James Tannahill, 2397 Tyler Road, Radford, explained that if approved his business would have a location for a truck and a presence at 2500 Brammer Drive in Christiansburg. He explained to Council that he was aware of all conditions set forth by the Planning Commission. Councilman Bishop inquired if this was the same lot as the bus service lot. Mr. Tannahill stated that the bus service lot was a separate lot, and their area would have storage in the lower lot for casualty vehicles from accidents. Mr. Tannahill explained he was a part of the Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) which is a quick clearance incentive program that partners VDOT with heavy-duty recovery companies and pays a monetary bonus for clearing commercial vehicle wrecks within 90 minutes on Interstate 81. The

additional location would provide his company better response times to locations further north on I-81.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2021.
- B. Monthly Bill List.
- C. Approval of contract for purchase of a Caterpillar 308 CR Excavator for Public Works in the amount of \$158,723.
- D. Schedule a public hearing on September 14, 2021 for a Conditional Use Permit for R-3 Multifamily Dwelling District uses in the B-3 General Business District by Bruce A. Moses (owner) on behalf of Bryan A. Rice (Applicant) at 975 Radford Street (Tax Parcel 525 – ((A)) – 19). The proposal is to construct five (5) Townhome units. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- E. Cancel public hearing on July 27, 2021 and Schedule public hearing on September 14, 2021 for a proffered rezoning request by Deerfield Home Estates LLC to rezone Tax Parcels 496 – ((A)) – 68 and 496 – ((A)) – 73 (4.711 acres) from Agricultural (A) and Two-Family Residential (R-2) to Single Family Residential (R-1) and a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development on the same acreage. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. The previous application has been revised requiring a new public hearing to be scheduled.

Councilman Showalter made a motion approve items B. through E. of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sachs. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sachs. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Abstain.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Sachs reported there would be a Central Business Committee meeting on July 28th at noon.

Councilman Huppert reported it had been a productive weekend for the Aquatic Center and the Recreation Center, stating there had been thirty-six ball teams at the Harkrader Complex and

500-600 swimmers at the Aquatic Center. Mr. Huppert also reported that he had visited the Depot Park and wanted to mention that everything there looked nice and well maintained.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. 2020-21 Façade Grant Awards.

Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren informed Council this façade grant was the second round of grants that supported businesses in the historic downtown Christiansburg and Cambria areas. He reported that five awards had been available with a maximum of \$4,500 to spend on each business and the awards do require a one for one match. Mr. Warren explained the criteria for businesses to apply for the grants, which included the building being occupied or in the process of being repaired or upgraded, which involves having a building permit, and the building must be a commercial or mixed-use building. He spoke about the various work that had been applied for through the grant process which included restoration of original windows, painting in historic period colors, along with hardscaping and landscaping improvements. Mr. Warren explained the selection committee had met in April and May of this year, and consisted of five community members which included citizens, business owners, and input from architectural/historical backgrounds. He stated that five awards had been granted in the downtown area throughout the process, these included properties on Main Street, Depot Street and Cambria Street. Mr. Warren referenced a summary of recommendations for all the awarded buildings and the amounts granted. Councilwoman Hicks questioned if any of the referenced businesses had applied for other grants during the year. Mr. Warren explained this was a continuation of these businesses drawings and the committee had hoped for more new applicants but that did not happen. Councilwoman Hicks expressed that she would like to see other businesses take advantage of this grant process.

Councilwoman Sachs made a motion to approve the façade grant awards. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hicks. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Town Manager

No report.

B. Town Attorney

No report.

C. Other Staff

No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Showalter

No report.

Councilman Huppert

No report.

Councilwoman Bishop
No report.

Councilman Sachs
No report.

Councilwoman Hicks reported that the Fourth of July fireworks were great, and she expressed appreciation for everyone involved. Mrs. Hicks also mentioned there were several in the area competing in the Olympics that currently use the Aquatic Center.

Mayor Barber also expressed appreciation for the Fourth of July fireworks and stated there had been several positive compliments from residents. Mr. Barber also reported 750 visitors at the "Christmas in July" Farmers Market on July 15th.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Tracy Heinline, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber, Mayor