

CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2022 – 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 JANUARY 11, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor Samuel M. Bishop; Johana Hicks; Tanya Hockett; Casey Jenkins; Henry Showalter; Tim Wilson.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren; Town Attorney Reid Broughton; Executive Assistant/Clerk of Council Tracy Heinline; Aquatics Director Terry Caldwell; Finance Director Valerie Tweedie; Chief of Police Mark Sisson; Parks and Recreation Director Brad Epperley.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Town Manager Wingfield informed Council that under Action and Discussion by Town Council, item G., the reappointment of Steve Simmons, Beverly Bridges, and Amelia Tuckwiller was to the *Aquatics Advisory Commission*.

Mr. Wingfield also noted that section VIII., item I. should be changed to *dependent on H. above*.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement moving approximately 68.866 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area is commonly known as Falling Branch Corporate Park, Phase II, Parcel 2, Tax Parcel 94 – ((A)) – 8; Parcel ID 004061 (formerly the Cox property) and is located on the southern boundary of the Town of Christiansburg, west of the intersection of Technology Drive S.E. and Parkway Drive, S.E.

Chris Waltz, 1370 Rigby Street, expressed concern that the Town's spending was excessive. Mr. Waltz spoke about the \$300,000 the Town was allotting for the proposed boundary line adjustment and expressed the County had received more funds for infrastructure than the Town

and questioned why the County could not pay the \$300,000. He compared the Town of Christiansburg to the City of Roanoke where minimum wage had been raised for their employees to \$15. an hour, and he also expressed a suggestion for the Town to raise their employee's hourly wages.

Mayor Barber expressed that the cost for the new infrastructure was approximately \$2.4 million, and the county would be responsible for that cost, minus the \$300,000 the Town would grant. Mr. Barber also explained that the said project had been in discussion by Council since 2018.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2021.
- B. Bill list of 12-31-21
- C. Contract with Spartan Silk Screen Company for youth uniforms and clothing in an annual amount estimated at \$62,526.55.
- D. Set Town Council Public Hearing for Budget Amendment #7 for January 25, 2022.
- E. Set Town Council Public Hearing for February 22, 2022, for a Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg, LLC for operation of a carnival from April 27, 2022, through May 8, 2022, on property located at 782 New River Road, N.W. (Tax Parcel 435 – ((A)) – 41; Parcel ID 007741) in the B-3 General Business District. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- F. Set Town Council Public Hearing for February 22, 2022, for a Conditional Use Permit request by Taylor E. Linkous and Blair Lawton LLC for a business auction house on property located at 2790 Roanoke Street (Tax Parcel 501 – ((5)) -2; Parcel ID 030021) in the B-3 General Business District. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion.

Mayor Barber clarified that the Conditional Use Permit for item E. was pertaining to the Uptown Mall area and carnivals had been held there the last several years.

Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. New River Valley Airport Manager Aaron Brummitt and Airport Commission Chairman Nick Glenn to present on airport operations and a funding request for relocation of utilities and hanger construction.

Aaron Brummitt, Airport Manager, addressed Town Council concerning the NRV Airport and noted the airport was currently working on their master plan update which details the development future of the airport for the next fifteen to twenty years. Mr. Brummitt explained they were focused on infrastructure needs for the airport as well as integrating with the Commerce Park that was adjacent to the airport. Mr. Brummitt stated that Target and Corning both were airport users. He spoke about the Gulfstream 700 Aircraft, the airports future C-3 design aircraft, and the importance of maintaining the aircraft to secure FAA funding and explained the airport was studying a hanger for this size aircraft. Mr. Brummitt explained that the adjacent site would accommodate a 140 by 160-foot structure to accommodate larger aircrafts. He referenced a map showing the existing water and sewer lines and the potential relocation for those lines. He explained that the water and sewer lines would be relocated to go around the proposed site instead of underneath. Mr. Brummitt relayed the estimates for the total site project and noted that the Virginia Department of Aviation would assist with part of the project. He explained that the utility relocation, estimating at approximately \$209,000 was not eligible for the Virginia Department of Aviation funding. He stated other localities that participate in the airport were receptive to the relocation for hanger site utilities and were reviewing the request. He noted that Pulaski County and the Town of Dublin had approved their request and currently the airport was waiting on Giles County and the Town of Pulaski to participate. He added that the airport still needed to meet with Montgomery County and the City of Radford.

Councilwoman Hicks questioned if there was any liability for the Town of Christiansburg. Mr. Wingfield explained that an authority was a separate entity from the Town, so the Authority would have their own liability insurance. Councilwoman Hicks asked how the money from the Town would benefit the airport's budget, and if it would decrease the amount of money given to the airport each year. Mr. Brummitt explained that the airport's long-term goal is to be a self-sufficient airport but explained they were still, like everyone else, recovering from the pandemic. Councilman Showalter asked what the total commitment of the Town of Christiansburg would be for the new infrastructure. Mr. Brummitt explained the total cost would be a one-time maximum amount of \$18,797.21. or 8.99% of the project, in addition to the annual grant from the Town. Councilman Showalter questioned if the Authority was expecting to see a decrease in the Authority members costs annually. Mr. Brummitt explained it would be a year-to-year basis and traditionally the payments had gone up between three and five percent per year. Councilman Showalter asked what clients the airport had that benefited Christiansburg. Mr. Brummitt explained that most businesses do not reveal a great deal of information to the airport. Mr. Brummitt concluded that the airport would be happy to give facility tours to any Council members that were interested.

B. Finance Director/Treasurer Valerie Tweedie to present Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Amendment #7.

Mrs. Tweedie addressed Council and explained that this presentation was primarily a rollover of the Town's capital project funds, and the majority was capital projects that had already been approved in the earlier budget. She explained that the Town estimates the amount of money that would be spent in those projects before the end of the fiscal year and the rest is

rolled over into the next budget cycle. She explained that occasionally the Town's estimates are off due to not spending what was estimated or spending more and that is when the budget is readjusted. Mrs. Tweedie talked about the unassigned fund balance and explained that this is where the rollover money is assigned and that now those funds are being placed back into the existing projects. Mrs. Tweedie talked about the Town's capital project funds which are funded primarily from grants and general fund dollars and presented a list of those projects that were being rolled over. Mrs. Tweedie touched on the water and wastewater fund, which is a separate enterprise fund, as well as the stormwater enterprise fund. She explained the stormwater fund had some grant funding in it and most of the water programs did not have grant funding, so these funds did not affect the unassigned fund balance. The other area was special revenue funds which pertained to the Town being awarded two new grants at the beginning of the fiscal year. She explained that both of those grants were revenue and expenditure, so they had no impact on the general fund/unassigned fund balance. Mrs. Tweedie expressed that the Town budgeted conservatively on the meals and lodging tax in this year's fiscal budget because of the pandemic and explained there was an increase in revenue of \$750,000 for meals tax than what was placed in the FY 2022 budget. Mrs. Tweedie explained that the lodging tax had not recovered as well as the meals tax and that number would be left alone for now. She spoke about the increase costs in Public Works due to the prices on items ordered going up substantially, new computers for Town Council, and the request from the regional airport. She included emergency repairs at the Aquatic Center and expanding bus services with Virginia Tech as well as the new software for the Finance department. Mrs. Tweedie explained the incremental rollover amount for the College Street drainage project and noted there was already money in the 2022 budget that had been approved. Councilwoman Hicks added that not all the American Recovery Plan Act money had been assigned and questioned if that could go towards the College Street drainage project or potential raises for Town employees. Mr. Wingfield explained the money needed for the College Street drainage project would depend on the nature of the Town's plan. Mayor Barber explained that the town was still working on the plans for the College Street drainage project, and it was not a quick fix and the town needed to have direction before asking for grant funding.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Paul Leichner, 160 Alexa Lane, addressed Council concerning the boundary line adjustment request between the county and the town and questioned if the town would receive revenue from the project or benefit from it in any way. Mr. Wingfield stated that the town would receive real property taxes from the adjustment once it was in private property ownership. He explained that currently the Economic Development Corporation owns the property, but the plan was to sell it to an economic development prospect. Mayor Barber noted that currently there was an interested party. Councilman Showalter inquired why the County relinquishes the lots into the Town of Christiansburg once they have a developer. Mr. Wingfield explained there were benefits for any corporation to come into the Town. He noted the water and sewer rates were at 100% versus 150% in the County, as well as receiving Town maintenance of streets, water, and sewer lines. Councilman Showalter commented on the human resource portion as well and expressed it would be a job creator for the community. Councilwoman Hicks questioned how long it would take to recuperate the \$300,000 the Town would pay out. Mayor Barber explained that the project would be a multi-million-dollar facility and the real estate and machinery and tools taxes the Town would receive from it would be where the Town would recover the \$300,000.

Mr. Leichner also questioned the Town being sued by Alleghany Construction concerning the intersection at Cambria Street and N. Franklin Street. Mr. Leichner asked why the Town was being sued and not the Engineering firm. Mr. Wingfield explained that the contract was with the Town.

Don Upham, Riner, Virginia, addressed Town Council and Town staff and thanked them for their service and proceeded to pray over Council for good decision making.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bishop – Street Committee Report/Recommendation

1. Plat of Boundary Line Adjustment of Tax Parcel 78-(2)-2, Tax Parcel 92-(5)-3, and Common Area of The Reserve at Round Meadows on Round Meadow Drive and Chrisman Mill Road.

Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren referenced a map of Round Meadow Drive and showed Council where the new construction of homes would be located. Mr. Warren explained that there were two parcels in the County and no new lots were being created. He noted that the current lot would be expanding to take over some of the common area as well as an area that would be an easement for a trail for the subdivision. Mr. Warren explained that all easements and all common areas would be preserved with the lot line adjustments.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the plat of boundary line adjustment at Round Meadows on Round Meadow Drive and Chrisman Mill Road at the recommendation of the Street Committee. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion.

Mr. Warren concluded that Council had approved an amendment to the rezoning for the Reserve at Round Meadows in 2021 where it increased the total number of lots to 56 single-family lots.

Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

2. Plat Showing Bird's Nest Subdivision creating 14 residential lots, creating a stormwater management lot, and dedicating street right-of-way and utility easements located off Weddle Way, N.W.

Mr. Warren referenced a map showing Weddle Way and explained that earlier in 2021 the owner had requested the Town rezone the area to a R-2, Two-Family Residential district to allow for the development of duplexes. Mr. Warren explained the proposal was to build seven duplex structures (fourteen units) on the referenced lots as well as create a stormwater management lot to the rear of the cul-de-sac.

Councilwoman Hicks questioned who would maintain the stormwater pond. Mr. Warren explained there would be a Homeowner's Association that would maintain the pond after it passed Town inspection.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the plat showing Bird's Nest Subdivision creating residential lots, stormwater management, and dedicating street right-of-way and utility easements located off Weddle Way. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Conditional Use Permit request by MFF Holdings, LLC to allow Multi-family Residential District (R-3) uses in the General Business District (B-3) for conversion of a former daycare center to a multi-family use with seven (7) apartments on property located at 95 Patricia Lane (Tax Parcel 501 – ((1)) – 26B, Parcel ID 180188, 0.928 Acre). The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit request by MFF Holding, LLC. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson -Aye.

- B. Blacksburg Transit service

Mr. Wingfield informed Council of the Blacksburg Transit service increase which would provide additional hours for two Go Anywhere service vehicles for the community during its operating hours. He explained that the new service would begin this February and would like Council to let staff know how they like to proceed. Mayor Barber reminded Council that this was due to a direct response to citizen concerns of lack of transit. Councilwoman Hicks questioned if this increase in service would be reviewed after a few months. Mr. Wingfield explained that the Transit working group would review after a certain amount of time.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to approve the Blacksburg Transit increase in service. Councilwoman Hockett seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

- C. Mayor reappointment of Kathy Meadows to the Recreation Advisory Commission. The term is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to approve the reappointment of Kathy Meadows to the Recreation Advisory Commission. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop -Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

- D. Town Council reappointment of Paula Alston, Katy Shepard, and Charlie Whitescarver to the Public Arts Advisory Board. The terms are January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

Councilman Showalter requested that anyone being appointed to a committee or board be present at the Council meetings in the future so Council could officially meet them.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to reappoint Paula Alston, Katy Shepard, and Charlie Whitescarver to the Public Arts Advisory Board. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

E. Town Council reappointment of Earl Shrader and appointment of Kevin Conner and Steve Semones as Alternates to the Building Code Board of Appeals. The terms are January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024.

Councilwoman Hicks expressed concern about a conflict of interest for the potential appointees to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Wingfield assured Council that if a project pertained to either of their businesses they would abstain.

Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Earl Shrader and appoint Kevin Conner and Steve Semones as Alternates to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

F. Town Council recommendation to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of appointment of Dustin Williams to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission. The term is remainder of Joe Coyle's unexpired term, which expires June 8, 2023.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to approve the recommendation to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of appointment of Dustin Williams to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission. Councilman Jenkins seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

G. Reappointment of Steve Simmons, Beverly Bridges, and Amelia Tuckwiller. The terms are from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024.

Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Steve Simmons, Beverly Bridges, and Amelia Tuckwiller to the Aquatics Advisory Commission. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

H. Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement moving approximately 68.866 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area is commonly known as Falling Branch Corporate Park, Phase II, Parcel 2, Tax Parcel 94 – ((A)) – 8; Parcel ID 004061 (formerly the Cox property) and is located on the southern boundary of the Town of Christiansburg, west of the intersection of Technology Drive, S.E. and Parkway Drive, S.E.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to move item H. to the next council meeting due to the Public Hearing having taken place within the same meeting. There being no second, the motion died. Mayor Barber explained that there had been significant discussion concerning the boundary line adjustment agreement and he felt comfortable with Council voting.

Councilman Showalter made a motion to approve the boundary line adjustment agreement moving acreage from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. Councilwoman Hockett seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

- I. Dependent on Item #G. above, Subdivision of Plat for Falling Branch Corporate Park, Phase II, Parcel 2, Tax Parcel 94 – ((A)) – 8 and Falling Branch Corporate Park, Phase I, Parcel A, Tax Parcel 559 – ((1)) – A and dedication of public utility easements and right of way for the Parkway Drive extension.

Councilman Showalter made a motion to approve the subdivision of plat for Falling Branch Corporate Park and the dedication of public utility easements and right of way for the Parkway Drive extension. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion.

Mr. Warren referenced a map showing the two lots and the road that adjoined to make the subdivision. He explained the largest lot, the economic development prospect was considering, would be 41.58 acres. He expressed that Parkway Drive would be extended and the right-of-way that would be dedicated. Mr. Warren also pointed out the existing parcel in phase 1 of the Falling Branch Corporate Park which would have to be revised to provide dedication of the road.

Town Attorney Broughton noted the agreement provides that the Town would not fund the \$300,000 until there was a project ready to begin. Mr. Wingfield agreed and expressed that the site plans would be directed to the Town's Engineering and Planning Departments and the building plans to the Town's Building Department.

Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Town Manager

Mr. Wingfield reminded Council that Financial Disclosure forms were due February 1, 2022, and COIA training was to be completed by all Council members this year. Mr. Wingfield asked permission to advertise for representatives to the Board of Zoning Appeals and explained it would be a five-year appointment. Mr. Wingfield noted that Town Council recommends the appointments to the Circuit Court, where the final decision would be made. Town Council agreed to advertise for the position.

Mr. Wingfield made Council aware of the passing of Mr. Eddie Trump, a Life Member of the Christiansburg Rescue, and expressed he would have the Town flag lowered in his honor.

B. Town Attorney

No report.

C. Other Staff

No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Barber recognized Logan Kessinger, General Manager for Hampton Inn, for coming to the aide of hotel customers that were accidentally struck by a vehicle on the way to the Roadhouse restaurant. He mentioned there was an article in the news and wanted to thank her for a job well done.

Councilman Showalter
No report.

Councilman Bishop
No report.

Councilwoman Hicks
No report.

Councilwoman Hockett
No report.

Councilman Jenkins
No report.

Councilman Wilson
No report.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Re-organization for the Year 2022:

1. Town Council election of Vice-Mayor.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to elect Councilman Showalter as Vice-Mayor for the year 2022.

Councilwoman Hicks expressed her interest in the Vice-Mayor position.

Councilwoman Hockett seconded the motion to elect Mr. Showalter as Vice-Mayor and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Nay; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Abstain; Wilson – Aye.

2. Town Council to set regular meeting dates and times of Council.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to keep the regular meeting dates and times of Council as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Hicks questioned if Council should plan-ahead and cancel the second Council meetings in November and December due to the holidays. Councilman Showalter expressed that since the Town Council usually decides to cancel the meeting closer to the holiday season, it should remain the same process.

Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

3. Mayor appointment of Town Council Committees:
 - a. Water and Waste Committee
Mayor Barber appointed Councilwoman Hicks and Councilman Wilson to the Water and Waste Committee.
 - b. Street Committee
Mayor Barber appointed Councilman Bishop and Councilwoman Hockett to the Street Committee.
 - c. Finance Committee
Mayor Barber appointed Councilman Showalter and Councilman Bishop to the Finance Committee.
 - d. Emergency Services Committee
Mayor Barber appointed Councilwoman Hockett and Councilman Wilson to the Emergency Services Committee.
 - e. Central Business District Committee
Mayor Barber appointed Councilwoman Hicks and Councilman Jenkins to the Central Business District Committee.
 - f. Public Health and Welfare Committee-Ad hoc
The Public Health and Welfare Committee is not assigned to a representative and convenes as needed.
 - g. Council on Human Relations Committee-Ad hoc
The Council on Human Relations Committee is not assigned to a representative and convenes as needed.
4. Mayor appointment of Town Council Representative to Aquatics Advisory Board.
Mayor Barber appointed Councilman Bishop to the Aquatics Advisory Board.
5. Mayor appointment of Town Council Representative to Recreation Advisory Commission.
Mayor Barber appointed Councilman Showalter to the Recreation Advisory Commission.
6. Town Council appointment of Committees, Commissions and Boards:
Mayor Barber recommends the following for Town Council consideration:
 - a. Town Council Representative to Town Bikeway-Walkway Committee
Councilwoman Hockett was nominated to the Town Bikeway-Walkway Committee.

- b. Town Council Representative to Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
The mayor is historically the representative to the Chamber and Councilman Jenkins was nominated as the Alternate to the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.
- c. Town Council Representative to New River Valley Regional Commission
Councilman Wilson was nominated to the New River Valley Regional Commission.
- d. Town Council Representative to Public Arts Advisory Board
Councilman Jenkins was nominated to the Public Arts Advisory Board.
- e. Representative and Alternate to New River Valley Agency on Aging Board
Councilwoman Hicks was nominated to the New River Valley Agency on Aging Board.
- f. Representative to Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority Board
Brad Stipes was nominated to be reappointed to the Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority Board ending in 2025.

Councilman Showalter made a motion to approve and appoint the nominated members to the boards and committees for the year 2022.

Councilman Showalter encouraged all Council to attend, listen, and learn at the committee and board meetings and to not push an agenda on the members.

Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

7. Town Council reaffirmation of Town Council Code of Ethics

Councilman Showalter made a motion to approve the reaffirmation of Town Council Code of Ethics.

Councilwoman Hicks expressed hope that for the year 2022 the Town Council Code of Ethics would be more about residents than Council members. She expressed hope for no intimidation by other Council members and for the community to grow in a way that would be productive for everyone. Mayor Barber clarified that the Christiansburg Code of Ethics pertained to the Council's code of ethics, not the residents. Councilwoman Hicks referred to the Code of Ethics being used as a "political weapon" last year. Councilman Showalter expressed disagreement with Mrs. Hicks statement.

Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

8. Town Council reaffirmation of Town Attorney Engagement Policy

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to approve the reaffirmation of the Town Attorney Engagement Policy.

Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Town Attorney Reid Broughton, Sands Anderson, expressed to Council the firm's interest in increasing the hourly rate being charged to the Town. Mr. Broughton explained the increase would be for an additional \$5.00 an hour to current rates with an additional increase in July. Mayor Barber requested two weeks to look over the proposal from Sands Anderson.

B. Closed Meeting:

1. Councilman Showalter made a motion to enter into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(1), for the discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employments, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. The Closed Meeting was held for discussion of personnel, specifically the appointment of officers for the year 2022. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.
2. Reconvene in Open Meeting.
3. Certification.
Councilman Showalter made a motion 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 Councilwoman Hicks and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.
4. Council action on the matters.
No action on the matter.

C. Appointment of Officers:

1. Town Manager
Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Randy Wingfield as Town Manager. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Nay; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.
2. Clerk of Council
Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Tracy Heinline as Clerk of Council. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.
3. Finance Director/Treasurer

Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Valerie Tweedie as Finance Director/Treasurer. Councilman Jenkins seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

4. Police Chief

Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Mark Sisson as Police Chief. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

5. Town Attorney

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to reappoint Sands Anderson PC as the Town Attorney. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.



Tracy Heimine, Clerk of Council



D. Michael Barber

D. Michael Barber, Mayor