

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2009 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 JUNE 16, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard G. Ballengee; Vice-Mayor Bradford J. Stipes; D. Michael Barber; Ann H. Carter; James H. Vanhoozier; H. Earnest Wade. ABSENT: D. Henry Showalter.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager R. Lance Terpenney; Assistant Town Manager Barry D. Helms; Town Clerk Michele M. Stipes; Town Attorney Kai Memmer. ABSENT: None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Ballengee opened the Town Council meeting by calling for a moment of silence in memory of Joshua Boley, a Christiansburg employee killed this morning while working along Route 460.

REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR BALLENGEE called the Regular Meeting of Council to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of June 2, 2009. Councilman Wade made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

1. Police Chief Sisson to Administer Oath of Office to New Police Officers – Chief Sisson thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to come before them, then introduced two new police officers, Patrol Officer Nathan Delp, and Parking Enforcement Officer Debbie Almeida. Both officers took the Oath of Honor, and Chief Sisson stated that they are expected to abide by the oath while employed by the Christiansburg Police Department. Mayor Ballengee thanked Chief Sisson.
1. Mr. Bill Cockey to address Council regarding the Cameo Court sewer backup. Mr. Cockey, who previously addressed Council regarding a recent sewer backup on Cameo Court, provided Council with photographs indicating significant flood damage to his basement from raw sewage that gushed from his toilet last month. He also showed various pictures of the sewer line that runs to his home, a hidden manhole, inadequate culverts, and previous flooding behind Cameo Court. Some of the photographs that indicated stormwater system failure were from 2006. Mr. Cockey said that concerns were reported at that time to the Town's engineering department. Mr. Cockey provided each Councilmember with a hard copy of his presentation. Ms. Jennifer Whittemore, whose home was also flooded with sewage, said there were two issues at hand, one, the sewer backup, and two, the massive amounts of stormwater and sewer that flows through the area. Ms. Whittemore said she consulted with a professional and it was determined that the "T" section in the manhole is inadequate for this area and for the number of connections to the system. With the system as it is, she is concerned that the sewer flooding could happen again under normal circumstances, not just during heavy rains. Ms. Whittemore showed home video footage, taken earlier today, of normal flow through the manhole. She explained that the footage shows the "T" system failing, impeding the flow, creating the possibility of another backup. She showed diagrams indicating that an "elbow" system is more efficient for this area. Mayor Ballengee expressed his regret that the families on Cameo Court are experiencing this situation, noting that those affected have been provided with the Town's insurance information.
2. Citizen Comments:
 - a. Brandice Hartsock, President of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, presented the Town with a Five Thousand Dollar donation, on behalf of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, to be used in establishing youth services at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Mayor Ballengee thanked the Kiwanis Club for its generosity, noting that the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club has donated over Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for recreation in Christiansburg.

- b. Councilman Wade, on behalf of Christiansburg High School Coach, Shane Guynn, brought to Council a request for a 5K Race and Fun Run to be held June 27, 2009, through the downtown area, with registration beginning at 6:30 A.M. and the race concluding at 11:00 A.M. No streets will be closed, and volunteers, along with the Police Department, would provide traffic control at intersections. Proceeds from the race, sponsored by the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, will benefit the Christiansburg High School Track Team. This event was successfully held last year.
- c. Ms. Carol Lindstrom, Depot Street, addressed Council on behalf of Town property owners who have recently experienced flood damage as a result of extensive rains. Ms. Lindstrom urged Council to readily provide Town insurance information to those individuals and to work to come up with a solution to prevent flooding in the future. Ms. Lindstrom said she must leave sandbags in front of her business along Depot Street because of inadequate stormwater drainage. Mayor Ballengee informed Ms. Lindstrom that Town crews are working to identify areas of concern in order to create strategies to prevent drainage issues in the future.
- d. Ms. Meghan Dorsett, Evan Street, owner of the Cambria Emporium, and Depot Station, said she recently filed a claim with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for insurance purposes, because of the recent flooding she experienced to her place of business. According to Ms. Dorsett, FEMA determined that the flooding in Cambria was not due to excessive rains, but to debris and failures in an inadequate drainage system. While she thanked Council for the sandbags provided to direct stormwater run-off, she said her historic building, valued at over one million dollars, is at risk for water damage every time it rains. Ms. Dorsett believes the stormwater drainage inadequacies result from continued development in the Cambria area. She said resolution is needed, and asked that Council begin considering soil and slope when approving future development.

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the request for a 5K race and Fun Run through the downtown area on June 27, 2009, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None. Mayor Ballengee said he will notify Coach Shane Guynn of Council action.
2. Stipes and Vanhoozier – Street Committee report/recommendation on:
 - a. Plat Showing Agee Street Subdivision (tax parcel no. 496 – ((A)) – 81, 82 & 84); creating 18 lots; located on Agee Street, N.W. Councilman Vanhoozier reported that this request is to subdivide a large vacant lot into eighteen smaller lots for duplex development. The property is zoned R-2 Two-Family Residential. All is in order with the plat and Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Wade. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council on the motion as follows: Barber – NAY; Carter – AYE; Showalter – ABSENT; Stipes – AYE; Vanhoozier – AYE; Wade – AYE.
 - b. Plat Showing Resubdivision of Tax Parcels 528 – (A) – 71 and 72, prepared for Montgomery County; creating 3 lots; located at the end of Reading Road, S.E. Councilman Stipes reported that this request is to abandon interior lot lines, placing new interior lot lines that will create two lots. This request is the result of property transfer to Montgomery County. All is in order with the plat and Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted as follows: Town Clerk Stipes polled Council on the motion as follows: Barber – AYE; Carter – AYE; Showalter – ABSENT; Stipes – AYE; Vanhoozier – AYE; Wade – AYE.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Town Manager Terpeny introduced Sam Lionberger, Jr., and Butch Osbourne, of Lionberger Construction, and architect Glenn Reynolds, who provided Council with an update on the status of the aquatic center. Mr. Glenn Reynolds reported that the windows, which were previously delayed, have now been installed, the three pools are in, and the deck is partially completed. Once the conduits that run under the deck are completely installed, the deck can be completed. Mr. Reynolds commented that the site work is progressing with completion of the parking lots. Outdoor decking and final landscaping set to begin in the next few weeks. Mr. Reynolds explained that much of the construction delay is the result of increasing the facility size from fifty-two thousand square feet to sixty-five thousand square feet, noting that budgeted costs have not increased with the changes. Mr. Lionberger noted that they have experienced numerous material delays, especially with steel orders, commenting that the economy has negatively impacted material supply. At Council's inquiry, Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds agreed to a completion date of October 2009. Councilman Vanhoozier asked Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds to report to Council, if they experience construction delays that will affect the given completion date. Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds agreed to this request and further discussed construction details with Council. Councilman Wade thanked the

gentlemen for the update and explanation of delays, commenting that this information will be helpful when addressing the public's questions and concerns regarding the aquatic center. Councilman Stipes agreed. During the discussion, at Carol Lindstrom's inquiry, Town Manager Terpenney noted that approximately \$14.8M has been budgeted for the aquatic center.

MANAGER TERPENNEY reported that a meeting has been scheduled for August 17, 2009, with Blacksburg and Montgomery County, to discuss the establishment of a Joint 911 System.

MANAGER TERPENNEY recognized tonight's meeting as Roanoke Times reporter Lerone Graham's last meeting reporting for the Town. Council thanked Lerone for providing fair and objective coverage of Christiansburg in the Roanoke Times.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor