

CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2025 – 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 14, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Samuel M. Bishop; Kim Bowman; Deanna Cox; Johana Hicks; Tanya Hockett; Vice-Mayor Tim Wilson

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Assistant Town Manager Scot Shippee; Town Attorney Reid Broughton; Clerk of Council Tracy Heinline; Director of Public Relations Christina Bolt; Director of Public Works Jim Lancianese; Assistant Director of Public Works, Streets Travis Moles; Police Chief Chris Ramsey; Director of Aquatics Terry Caldwell; Finance Director Katie Miano; Planning Director Retta Jackson; Property Maintenance/Zoning Supervisor Daria Chicosky; Human Resources Director Alicia Dials; Engineering Director Mike Kelley; Deputy Chief of EMS Josh Settlage

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Moment of Reflection

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Cox.

II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

No adjustment to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2025
- B. Bill list
- C. Contract with Mid Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc. to repair Falling Branch Water Storage Tank in the amount of \$174,814.00
- D. Contract with Rinker Design Associates, LLC (RDA) for Professional Engineering Services for the Town's North Franklin – Elm to Depot Lighting Improvements project and North Franklin Sidewalk – Elm to Mill Improvements projects in the amount of \$675,539.00
- E. Resolution Recognizing October 28, 2025 as National First Responders Day

Councilwoman Hockett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Wilson. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Cox; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

No introductions or presentations.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marty Gordon, 9 Lee Hy Court, expressed frustration concerning tourism in Christiansburg. Mr. Gordon explained that he felt most individuals living in Christiansburg were unaware of its rich history. He continued that he had presented Town Council with information previously concerning historical markers, public arts, and statues that would add to the Town's enrichment and attract tourists. Mr. Gordon presented Council with a letter of his concerns. *The letter will be included in the final meeting minutes of October 14th.*

Paul Leichner, 160 Alexa Lane, N.W., questioned Council if lights could be installed at the Huckleberry Dog Park for visitors that stayed longer.

Mayor Barber explained to Mr. Leichner that the park closes at a certain time of night but would look into it.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. Street Closure for NRV Indivisible for a protest from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2025 for W. Main Street from Franklin Street to Hickok Street

Mayor Barber explained that based on the breakdown by the Town's Police Department, NRV Indivisible will pay the Town approximately \$3,200 to have their protest in Town.

Police Chief Chris Ramsey explained that the protest request went before the Special Events Committee in order to receive a standard estimate of what the Town's cost would be for Public Works and Police service. Chief Ramsey noted that the protesters would park at the Montgomery County building and march from there. He explained that officers would guide the group onto sidewalks along Roanoke, W. Main, and Franklin Streets. Chief Ramsey added that all downtown businesses had been contacted personally and made aware of the event.

Councilwoman Hicks questioned if additional officers would be needed for the event. Chief Ramsey explained the Town officers would be present for road closure and guiding the protesters in certain directions.

Councilwoman Hicks questioned when the application had been presented to the Town. Mrs. Hicks expressed concern for downtown businesses having time to prepare their businesses for the protest. Mrs. Hicks also noted she would abstain from voting due to owning businesses in downtown.

Chief Ramsey explained the application was brought to the Town approximately one month ago.

Councilwoman Hockett made a motion to approve the street closure for NRV Indivisible for a protest, seconded by Councilwoman Cox. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Abstain; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

B. Street Closure for Christiansburg High School Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. for temporary shutdown for barricade setup and street closure from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on October 29, 2025. The event will be from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Street closures will be the following:

Main Street from Park Street NE to Radford Street NW

Roanoke Street from E. Main Street to First Street SE

Pepper Street from Hill Street NE to First Street SE

Franklin Street from Commerce Street NW to First Street
Hickok Street from College Street NW to First Street SW
Dunkley Street NW from W. Main Street to College Street NW
Phlegar Street SW from W. Main Street to First Street SW
Radford Street NW from W. Main Street to Depot Street NW
College Street NW from Radford Street NW to Sheltman Street NW

Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the street closure for the Christiansburg High School Homecoming Parade, seconded by Councilwoman Hockett. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Cox; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

C. Street Closure for Veterans Day Events from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025, with the event from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Street closure will be W. Main Street from N. Franklin Street to Hickok Street

Councilwoman Hockett made a motion to approve the street closure for the Veterans Day Events, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Cox; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

D. A Resolution to Designate Census Tract 209 Block Group 1 in the Town of Christiansburg as a Revitalization Area

Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution to Designate Census Tract 209 Block Group 1 in the Town of Christiansburg as a Revitalization Area, seconded by Councilwoman Hockett. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Cox; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Town Manager

Mr. Wingfield reported the following upcoming events:

- ♦Fall Clean Up will be completed on October 17th
- ♦Getting Scary on the Huckleberry will be held October 25th with the Kids Fun Run to begin at 8:45 a.m. and the 5k immediately following. Truck or Treat will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- ♦Town Hall Halloween will be held on October 31st beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- ♦Downtown Halloween Treat Trail will begin at 5:00 p.m. on October 31st.

Mr. Wingfield reminded Council to RSVP by October 24th to the Launch Christiansburg graduation on November 6th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. He also questioned Council if they would like to attend the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Dinner on December 4th. Council agreed they would like a table for the event.

Councilwoman Hicks and Councilwoman Bowman both agreed councilmembers should be responsible for their own ticket to the Chamber dinner.

Mayor Barber explained that in the past when a councilmember was nominated the Town covered the cost of the tickets for both the nominee and their spouse.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion for Town Council to be responsible for their own tickets to the Montgomery County Chamber dinner, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

Council agreed to have a Special Meeting of Council on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. concerning the Town Manager position and agreed the standing Work Session for October 19th would be cancelled. Council also agreed to cancel the regular Town Council meeting on December 23rd due to the holidays.

- B. Town Attorney – no report.
- C. Other Staff – no report.

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Hockett reported that she attended the Virginia Municipal League Conference (VML) and mentioned appreciation for good sessions and the location being held in Roanoke this year.

Councilwoman Hicks also said she learned through attendance at the VML Conference about the importance of data storage for the Town. Mrs. Hicks also recognized the Town's Public Works Department for their efforts involving Fall & Spring Clean Up every year. She noted this was a good way to keep the Town clean and taken care of. Mrs. Hicks also recognized staff involved in sidewalk improvements in Christiansburg and how much it was appreciated.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Closed Meeting:

1. Request for Closed Meetings:

- a. Councilman Wilson made a motion for a request for Closed Meetings under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. The Closed Meetings are being held for discussion of possible litigation regarding the structure at 100 W. Main Street as well as discussion of possible litigation regarding the College Street Drainage project.

And under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. The Closed Meetings are being held for discussion of possible litigation regarding the structure at 100 W. Main Street as well as discussion of possible litigation regarding the College Street Drainage project.

- b. Request for a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for 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; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. The Closed Meeting is being held for discussion of the Town Manager position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hockett. Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

2. Reconvene in Open Meeting

3. Councilman Wilson 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. Councilwoman Hockett seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Bowman – Aye; Cox – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Motion Approved

4. Council action on the matters

Mayor Barber explained that staff was instructed to pursue remedies for the first two items discussed in closed session, effective immediately.

Mayor Barber added that three individuals had been selected for the Town Manager position interviews. He added those individuals would be contacted by the Human Resources Department and would be interviewed during the closed session on October 22nd.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Tracy Heinline
Tracy Heinline, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber
D. Michael Barber, Mayor