

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.**

A SPECIAL 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 8, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. (Note: The meeting was delayed until the arrival of Councilman Showalter at 5:37 P.M.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard G. Ballengee; Vice-Mayor Ann H. Carter; D. Michael Barber; Bradford J. Stipes; D. Henry Showalter; James H. Vanhoozier; H. Earnest Wade. ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager R. Lance Terpenny; Town Clerk Michele M. Stipes; Assistant Town Manager Helms; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Public Relations Officer Becky Hawke; Town Attorney Kai Memmer.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

SPECIAL MEETING

MAYOR BALLENGEE called the Special Meeting of Council to order.

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Fees and Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010. Mayor Ballengee reported that the need for this Special Meeting arose after it was realized that Council's vote of June 1, 2010 on the proposed fees and taxes for the Fiscal Year 2010 was invalid because it lacked two-thirds support. Mayor Ballengee recommended separate votes on the proposed meals tax increase and the proposed water and sewer rate increase, because the water and sewer rate increase is a pass-through from the Water Authority and doesn't result in revenue to the Town. Mayor Ballengee entertained the fee structure as separate motions.

After much hesitation by Council, Councilman Barber made a motion to approve the proposed water and sewer rate increase, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, who stated she made the second in order to get the matter on the floor for discussion. Councilman Vanhoozier suggested Council schedule a work session to further review the budget before voting on raising revenues through tax increases. Councilman Wade agreed suggesting that Council may find further cuts within Town departments.

Councilman Stipes said he has concerns with Council's adoption of the budget through a split vote, and he, too, agreed with revisiting the budget before adopting the fee structure. After further discussion by Council, Councilman Barber rescinded his motion to approve the proposed water and sewer rate increase, and Councilwoman Carter rescinded her second on the motion, and Council requested a work session.

Mayor Ballengee set the requested work session for Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Wade said there are several suggestions by the public to be considered when revisiting the budget: Step increases, Crime Prevention Officer, employee furlough days, bus transit, five-percent cut across the board, trash pick-up.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor