

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2011 AT 7:00 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 1, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard G. Ballengee; Vice-Mayor Michael D. Barber; R. Cord Hall; Steve Huppert; Henry D. Showalter; Bradford J. Stipes; James W. Vanhoozier. ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Interim Town Manager Barry Helms; Town Clerk Michele Stipes; Finance Director/Treasurer Valerie Tweedie; Planning Director Randy Wingfield; Town Planner Nichole Hair; Assistant to the Town Manager Adam Carpenetti; Director of Engineering and Public Works Wayne Nelson; Public Relations Officer Becky Wilburn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

WORK SESSION

Councilman Stipes made a motion to enter into a Work Session for the purpose of discussing the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion, and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

Town Council then discussed various aspects of the Annual Budget, with a focus on the cost of employee health insurance, proposed employee cost of living increase and employee step increases, the Christiansburg Bus System, capital improvements, and the reserve fund.

SPECIAL MEETING

MAYOR BALLENGEE called the Special Meeting of Council to order.

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to adopt the original budget as proposed and presented by the Finance Committee and Town Administration, dated April 25, 2011, and modified to reflect the increased cost of health insurance with the Town paying \$30.50 for every employee, and the employee covering the remaining cost of the increase; with the Town taking approximately \$100,000 from the reserve fund to balance the budget. Councilman Stipes seconded the motion. Councilman Hall asked if a tax increase is inevitable for the fiscal year 2012-2013 if this budget is passed as proposed in the motion. Mayor Ballengee responded that this action would not result in an inevitable increase in taxes. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council as follows: Barber – Aye; Hall – Nay; Huppert – Nay; Showalter – Nay; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye. Noting a tie, Mayor Ballengee voted Aye to approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 as stated in the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.