

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Barry Helms, Assistant Town Manager Randy Wingfield, Assistant to the Town Manager Adam Carpenetti; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Planning Director Nichole Hair; Police Chief Mark Sisson; Building Official Jerry Heinline; Aquatic Center Director Terry Caldwell.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Water, sewer and garbage fee increases for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. There was no one to speak for or against this matter.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR BALLENGEE called the regular meeting of Council to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of April 16, 2013, and the Special Meeting minutes of February 13, 2013. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

II. CITIZEN'S HEARING:

1. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIANSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON APRIL 16, 2013. Councilman Barber presented to the Christiansburg High School wrestling team and wrestling coach, Darryl Weber, a resolution recognizing the team's twelfth consecutive state championship in 2012. Councilman Huppert presented individual certificates to the four repeat state championship winners, and recognized assistant wrestling coach, Sonny Close. Mayor Ballengee presented to Leah Piemonte and Ronnie Piemonte resolutions recognizing their individual state diving championships in 2012. The resolutions are attached to the April 16, 2013 minutes.

2. MS. DELLA AKERS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING RELAY FOR LIFE ON MAY 31, 2013. Ms. Della Akers, 2013 Event Chairperson for the Montgomery County Relay for Life, thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and requested assistance in raising funds for the event to be held at Christiansburg High School on May 31, 2013. There are seventy-two teams registered to participate with \$58,213.00 raised toward the fundraising goal of \$180,000. As part of fundraising efforts, handmade purple ribbons can be purchased for ten dollars each and Ms. Akers asked that the Town purchase ribbons to be placed throughout the downtown area and Town Hall in show of support. Ms. Akers requested that Mayor Ballengee declare May 30, 2013 as “A Day of Hope” and requested that everyone wear the color purple that day in recognition of cancer victims and survivors. She also requested that a banner be hung in the downtown area bringing awareness to the Relay for Life event. Councilman Barber asked that she provide her requests to Council in writing for documentation purposes. Relay for Life brochures were provided for information.
3. CITIZEN COMMENTS
 - a. Mr. Dennis Nagel, president of the Christiansburg Soccer Club, spoke in support of the Town assisting with the development of the Christiansburg Institute (CI) property in anticipation that the property could provide an additional athletic field, while bringing community awareness to Christiansburg Institute. Mr. Nagel reported that he met with representatives of CI and is pleased with the possibility of a future nonprofit partnership with CI. The Christiansburg Soccer Club has eight hundred and fifty players representing ninety-six teams in Montgomery County. Councilman Showalter said he has coached within the Christiansburg Soccer Club and he commended the club’s board on a well-managed organization.

III. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. REQUEST BY MS. DELLA AKER’S FOR SUPPORT FOR RELAY FOR LIFE. Councilman Hall made a motion to recognize May 30, 2013 as “A Day of Hope” as requested in support of Relay for Life. Councilman Vanhoozier seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None. A proclamation declaring May 30, 2013 as “A Day of Hope” will be prepared by Mayor Ballengee and provided to the media.
2. TOWN COUNCIL ACTION ON:
 - a. Council’s intention to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 30 “Zoning” of the *Christiansburg Town Code* in regards to sidewalk requirements in the B-1 Limited Business and B-3 General Business Districts. Councilman Barber made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Council was polled on the motion as: Barber Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier– Aye.
3. UPDATE ON LEASE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIANSBURG AND KIWANIS FOR USE OF PARK FACILITIES. Mayor Ballengee provided a brief history of the agreement between the Town and Kiwanis regarding use of Kiwanis Park facilities. This agreement was made with a “gentleman’s” handshake several decades ago, establishing that the Town would take over the Kiwanis recreation programs, and would have access to the use of the park facilities behind Southern States. Under the agreement, Kiwanis would continue to assist in funding maintenance of the facilities. It has been determined that a written lease agreement would be appropriate for this arrangement. Councilman Barber, secretary of Kiwanis, reported that the Kiwanis Park Lease Committee provided recommendations for consideration by Council, including the recommendation that Mr. Brad Epperley, Director of Parks and Recreation, be included in the lease negotiations. Councilman Barber reviewed the recommendations with Council. Councilman Barber reported that Kiwanis has spent three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars on improvements and maintenance at the park since the Town began utilizing the park for recreation programs. Kiwanis continues to provide maintenance and upgrades to the park. Kiwanis supports a continued partnership with the Town and will prepare and provide a lease agreement for Council consideration within the next three weeks. Kiwanis hopes to have a lease agreement in place by the beginning of the next fiscal year. Town Attorney Fontana said that since liability insurance coverage is in place, recreation programs can continue to operate at the Kiwanis Park as usual until a lease agreement is signed. Councilman Barber will review the Kiwanis insurance policy to make sure that the Town is covered during the time it is using the facilities. Councilman Showalter said that consideration of a lease agreement would be appropriate during discussions regarding a partnership with the Rosa Peters Park.

IV. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. MONTHLY BILLS: Councilman Hall made a motion to approve the special revenue bills paid and monthly bills to be paid May 10, 2013, in the amount of \$2,482,440.11, seconded by Councilman Stipes. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.
2. PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST(S): Town Manager Helms presented the following request(s) and recommended setting the Public Hearing(s) as indicated:

May 21, 2013

- a. Annual Budget and tax increases for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014.

On motion by Councilman Vanhoozier, seconded by Councilman Barber, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for May 21, 2013. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

July 2, 2013

- a. A proffer amendment request by Johnny C. Martin for an independent car dealership on property at 3301 Roanoke Street.

On motion by Councilman Stipes, seconded by Councilman Barber, Council voted to set the Public Hearing for July 2, 2013. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

3. PROGRESS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Council was provided a Huckleberry Trail progress report. Town Manager Helms reported an anticipated date of fall 2014 for completion of the Huckleberry Trail bridge over Route 114.
- A public information meeting will be held on May 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. on the effects of the water storage improvement system on Diana Drive.
- **A Town truck purchased last year and delivered to Duncan Ford for body placement may have been damaged while in the care of the dealership. Town Attorneys are involved in seeking compensation for the damaged vehicle. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to authorize the Town's attorneys to take legal action against Duncan Ford as deemed necessary, seconded by Councilman Barber. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.**
- VML Town Section meetings are scheduled for May 23, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in Pulaski, Virginia.
- The Christiansburg Lifesaving and Rescue Squad will hold its volunteer recruitment graduation at the crew hall on May 11, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
- The Street Committee will meet to review numerous requests on May 21, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.
- The building to be removed on the Christiansburg Institute property was found to contain lead paint on its exterior wall. Because there is no way to bind the lead, hazardous waste disposal costs to remove the building is estimated to be \$30,000. A second estimate is expected and once received this matter will be brought to Council for discussion. Additional, unanticipated grading is also needed on the property to prepare for soccer fields. This matter will also be discussed by Council at a future meeting.
- Councilman Hall asked that Town staff draft a document outlining the revenue recovery for rescue squad services as a reinvestment program and to add this matter for discussion to the May 21, 2013 agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor