

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2007 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 JULY 3, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ballengee, Councilmembers Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present Town Manager Terpenny, Assistant Town Manager Helms, Town Clerk Stipes, and Town Attorney Guynn.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Councilwoman Carter.

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 19, 2007. There being none the Minutes were approved as presented.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

MAYOR BALLENGEE opened the Citizen Hearings for those desiring to address Council.

BOB POFF AND KEVIN CONNER TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING A VILLAGE CLOCK. Mr. Bob Poff thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and said that he, along with his partners of Old Town Mall and several downtown associates, would like to donate to the Town a village clock to be displayed on the side of one of the banner poles to be placed on West Main Street in front of Old Town Mall. Mr. Poff introduced Mr. Kevin Conner of Gay and Neel who showed Council a design image of the clock and explained that the clock can be color coordinated with the banner pole, which will be green. The banner poles are approximately twenty-one and one-half feet tall and the clock would be mounted fourteen feet up the pole. Electricity is planned for the banner poles which will be used to illuminate the clock at night. The clock is daylight savings automatic, and for an additional fee the Town can have the clock inscribed. Town Council and the Mayor agree that the village clock is a nice idea for downtown Christiansburg and they appreciate the generous gesture by Mr. Poff, his partners, and the downtown merchants. Councilman Stipes made a motion to accept the donated village clock to be displayed in downtown Christiansburg. Councilman Huppert seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

There being no one else to address Council, MAYOR BALLENGEE closed the Citizen Hearings.

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT. Mayor Ballengee said he has asked VML for a list of fees and taxes allowable according to State Code to use in determining ways to raise revenue for the Town without raising real estate taxes. Upon receiving this information, Mayor Ballengee will turn it over to the Finance Committee for review and a recommendation. Mayor Ballengee said he welcomes input from Council. Councilman Wade asked for a periodic update from the Finance Committee and Mayor Ballengee said the Finance Committee will certainly report to Council as the need arises.

ELECTED OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS. At the April 3rd meeting, Mayor Ballengee gave each Councilmember a draft copy of the *Elected Officials Code of Ethics* to review and consider for adoption. He is sending out this week the final copy to each Councilmember and the Town Attorney for review and action on July 17, 2007. An *Elected Officials Code of Ethics* is to be used as a guideline for members of Council and is recommended by the Virginia Municipal League for each locality.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHRISTIANSBURG LIFESAVING AND RESCUE SQUAD 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. Councilman Barber made a motion to adopt a Resolution recognizing the Christiansburg Lifesaving

and Rescue Squad's sixty years of serving our community. Councilwoman Carter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None. Mayor Ballengee informed Council that a celebration dinner is planned for July 14th at the rescue hall and the resolution will be presented at that time. Each Councilmember received an individual invitation to the anniversary dinner from the Lifesaving and Rescue Squad. A copy of the Resolution is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes.

COUNCILMAN HUPPERT – SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT. Councilman Huppert said that he and Rhonda Hale, director of the Montgomery Museum, have planned a summer concert to be held on July 28th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the museum. There have been several meetings in the community to organize the event and Due South BBQ, and the Coffee Depot, have expressed an interest in participating. Due South BBQ has committed to helping with the advertising and Councilman Huppert hopes to have a flyer advertising the event by the next council meeting. The Parks and Recreation Department has also committed to helping with the organizing and set up. Outdoor, downtown events have been discussed in the past as a way to draw folks to the downtown area and Councilman Huppert said he hopes this event will be a good start in the right direction to achieving that goal. Manager Terpenny said an assembly permit and a loud speaker permit will be needed for the event.

APPOINTMENT TO NEW RIVER VALLEY AIRPORT COMMISSION. Mayor Ballengee reported that Councilman Wade has expressed an interest in serving as the Town's representative on the New River Valley Airport Commission. The vacancy is a result of the untimely death of former Councilman Dale Ashworth who represented the Town on this Commission. Mayor Ballengee appointed Councilman Wade to serve on the New River Valley Airport Commission for a term of one year. Councilman Wade accepted the appointment and thanked Mayor Ballengee.

COUNCILMAN CANADA – AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER TOWN REVENUES. In light of the Finance Committee assignment earlier in tonight's meeting, Councilman Canada withdrew his request to form an ad hoc committee to consider town revenues.

MR. BARBER AND MR. STIPES – Street Committee Recommendations on:

1. Boundary Line Adjustment on lots 3 and 4 of Parcel E, adjoining Section "A" Alleghany Park; 2 lots; Miller Street, S.E. Councilman Barber explained that the property owners are building a duplex on the back portion of the lot. This request is to restructure the lot line for a more uniform shaped lot. All is in order with the plat and Councilman Barber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Wade. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

GLENN REYNOLDS PRESENTATION ON AQUATIC CENTER DESIGN. Mr. Glenn Reynolds, Architect for the aquatic center, presented to Council the current architectural drawings for the aquatic center. The plans were graphic in nature and were presented in the form of displays that showed floor plans for the main and lower floors of the building. Mr. Reynolds explained that the aquatic center will have fitness rooms, multi-purpose rooms, administrative offices, and three pool areas; a 50-meter competition pool, an L-shaped leisure pool, and a therapy pool. The two-story facility will seat fifteen hundred and thirty-six spectators and will provide parking for approximately three hundred and twenty vehicles. He further explained that this facility will be a showcase and that once built the demand for use for competitive events will be tremendous. Construction is set to begin in the next few weeks.

MONTHLY BILLS – On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Stipes, Council voted to approve the monthly bills to be paid 10 July, 2007, in the amount of \$1,574,339.72. AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST – Town Manager Terpenny presented the following requests and recommended setting the Public Hearings for August 7, 2007:

1. Rezoning request, A Agriculture to Conditional B-1 Limited Business District, 950 Peppers Ferry Road, 2.8 acres.
2. Street vacation request for an unbuilt turn-around at the end of Sunnyside Lane.

On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Stipes, Council voted to set the Public Hearings for August 7, 2007. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

COUNCILMAN BARBER took a moment to recognize Kevin Stoner who is in attendance at tonight's meeting. Councilman Barber said Mr. Stoner was instrumental in organizing and sponsoring the second annual Backyard Brawl; an event that consisted of seventeen basketball teams competing at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, Christiansburg Middle School, the Dedmon Center in Radford, and at Auburn High School. Councilman Barber congratulated Mr. Stoner on his efforts to organize and expand the event. Ten State Championship teams from West Virginia participated, as well as great representation from Virginia. Councilwoman Carter commented that next year Mr. Stoner should consider applying for a local tourism grant through the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Ballengee thanked Mr. Stoner for a successful event and thanked Councilman Barber for his continued representation on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

COUNCILMAN STIPES said that since Terry Ellen Carter's request for a noise ordinance at the June 19th meeting, he has researched noise guidelines for other localities and has spoken with Town officers about noise issues in Town. Councilman Stipes said he believes it is in the best interest of the Town to have a basic set of guidelines for noise, without unduly burdening businesses. Councilman Stipes made a motion to direct the Planning Commission to write a clear and enforceable ordinance governing noise within the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wade and Council voted on the matter as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None.

COUNCILMAN CANADA said several citizens have expressed their desire for a walkway from Providence Boulevard to the recreation center and he asked if there were currently plans for such a project. Manager Terpenny replied that the long range plans call for a spur to the recreation center from the Huckleberry Trail, but as of right now, there is no time frame and no drawings for the spur.

MAYOR BALLENGEE said a Cool Cities presentation is scheduled for the August 21, 2007 Town Council meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Ballengee declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor