

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA, ON JANUARY 13, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Barry Helms; Clerk of Council Michele Stipes.

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Barber called the Special Meeting to order.

II. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Conduct final interviews to fill the vacancy on Town Council. Town Council interviewed the three final candidates for the council seat vacancy as follows: (1) Harry Collins; (2) Richard Johnson; (3) Samuel Bishop.
2. Closed Meeting:
 - a. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to enter into a Closed Meeting under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), for the 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. The Closed Meeting is being held for discussion of the final interviews and possible appointment to fill the vacancy on Town Council. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council was polled as follows: Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.
 - a. Reconvene in Open Meeting. Councilman Huppert made a motion to reconvene in Open Meeting, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council voted on the motion as follows: Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.
 - b. Certification. Councilman Vanhoozier moved 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. Councilman Stipes seconded the certification and Council voted as follows: Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.
 - c. Council action on the matter. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve and appoint Samuel Bishop to serve the unexpired term on Council until a special election can be held in November 2014. Councilman Stipes seconded the motion. Councilman Vanhoozier stated that he was impressed by the pool of candidates interested in serving the Town through the vacant seat, and added that each one of them would have well-served the Town as a member of Council. Councilman Hall echoed the sentiments of Councilman Vanhoozier. Councilman Huppert commented that he was impressed with the individuals interviewed, noting that each one had already offered themselves as servants in the community; he encouraged each one to continue with their community involvements. Councilman Showalter agreed and encouraged each to stay involved with the Town and public service through the Town's various committees, commissions, authorities, etc. He also expressed gratitude for the appointment process and Council's willingness to work together during the process. Councilman Stipes added that each of the final three candidates interviewed were strong in integrity, sincerity, and passion and he was pleased with the unanimous decision by Council to appoint Mr. Bishop. Councilman Stipes also

encouraged those not selected to continue with their community service and involvements. Mayor Barber stated that he was proud of the unification of Council and pleased with the entire process used in selecting a candidate. Mayor Barber offered to provide a letter of appointment for Mr. Bishop to present to the Clerk of Court, and Town Manager Helms agreed to contact the Clerk of Court to arrange a time for Mr. Bishop to take the Oath of Office, preferably before the next regular Council meeting.

3. Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Richard G. Ballengee. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Huppert. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye. A copy of the resolution is attached herewith.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber, Mayor