

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday October 17, 2016 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, October 19, 2015, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Walker, Haskins, Kurdt, and Watkins were present. Council Member Jones was absent. Council Member Haskins motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Kurdt motioned to approve the September 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Kurdt motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments Bobby Howard stated that for the last ten years he has been under siege by dogs belonging to a neighbor. He stated that at first there was only one dog, but there are currently three. He stated that he has appealed to the dogs' owner several times to restrain or corral the dogs, and also has contacted the County Animal Control person for assistance, but was unsuccessful in each attempt. Mr. Howard stated that the dogs have been a nuisance, disrupting various outdoor gatherings hosted at his property and he has therefore decided to make a formal complaint to the Town Council with the hope that something can be done. Discussion followed regarding the Town's ordinance prohibiting unrestrained dogs, and the fact that the Town Council previously met with the County Animal Control Officer regarding assistance with dogs in the Town.

Committee Reports Building, Grounds, Streets & Lights Committee – Council Member Andrews stated that she will meet with the grass contractor to ensure that requirements are being met. Discussion followed regarding concern over erosion of the embankments along the new sidewalk due to their slope.

Mayor Walker stated that the former clerk was indicted by a grand jury on ten felony counts and that a trial date has not yet been set.

By consensus, the Town will not select a Hometown Leader this year.

Mayor Walker reported that while at the VML conference he learned of a proposed initiative to allocate 5% of the lottery prize pool to the locality where the tickets are sold. He advised that levying a cigarette tax is another potential source of revenue, stating that incorporated towns in Nottoway County have implemented a tax of \$0.22 per pack.

Water Operator/Maintenance Report A written report advised of two water leaks due to construction, causing a total water loss of 80,000 gallons. An electrician has been contacted to determine why the pumping capacity at Well #5 has decreased from 60 gpm to 10 gpm. All routine water samples have tested normal.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that a business license application was approved for Grounds & Maintenance Solutions. She asked the Council to consider building an additional storage facility to supply water to the schools and jail in the event of a water emergency. She stated that Scott Erhardt of Dewberry Inc. has offered to meet with the Council to go over the Preliminary Engineering Report, created for the Search Grant/sewer system study. Mr. Erhardt will be invited to attend the November meeting.

Council Comments Council Member Walker asked if the problem with enforcing Town ordinances has to do with manpower, and suggested that the Towns discuss hiring an officer that could work cooperatively between them. Mayor Walker stated that he will find out why the Dog Warden won't enforce the Town's dog ordinance. Council Member Andrews asked the Council to re-visit hiring a Town Sergeant.

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With no further business, Council Member Watkins motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Stephen D. Walker Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council