

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 19, 2016 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Haskins, Jones, Walker and Watkins were present. Council Member Kurdt 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 Andrews motioned to approve the August 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays. Vice-Mayor Watkins motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments Gary Walker stated that the sidewalk project is coming along. He stated that three private citizens had to give consent for an easement and that as a condition, the Hammers requested that their property be graded to allow for mowing. Mr. Walker stated that the embankment on a portion of Mr. Hammer's property is too steep for mowing as it currently stands. He stated that a steep grade was left following construction of the sidewalk on Statesmen Drive making it hard to maintain as well.

Resolution to Request that that the General Assembly and Governor of Virginia Accept Medicaid Funding and Implement the Full Expansion of Health Insurance Coverage as Provided by the Affordable Care Act. Mayor Walker stated that the issue was too controversial and should not be pursued in his opinion. By consensus the Council did not take action on the resolution.

Wellhead Protection Plan Vice-Mayor Watkins motioned to approve the Wellhead Protection Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Shelby Walker and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Committee Reports Building, Grounds, Streets, & Lights – Council Member Andrews reported that the grass contractor quit without advising anyone and that Fred Kenner has been hired to cut grass for the remainder of the calendar year. She stated the importance of making sure the bank on the Hammer property along George Washington Hwy. is replanted. Mayor Walker stated that the condition set by Mr. Hammer with regard to giving a sidewalk easement involved enforcement of the weed ordinance on his property and not grading the bank. Water Committee – Council Member Kermit Jones offered his resignation as Water Committee Chair, citing that he is too busy to devote the time needed. Mayor Walker asked the other committee members to choose a Chairperson to replace Mr. Jones.

Water / Maintenance Report Curtis Inge reported that two water leaks were repaired. He advised of the possibility of getting an employee of Hampden-Sydney College to look at the green sand filtration system. He reported that all routine tests were normal and that he was able to get waivers from the Health Dept. on synthetic organic chemical (SOC) monitoring. Curtis stated that he is willing to extend his stay as water operator through next year if all goes well.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that Verizon has issued a credit of \$9,523.88 due to a "misapplied shortfall," and that a check will be issued to the Town as reimbursement. She reported that the Search Grant PER is essentially complete and will be made available to the Town Council soon. Karen reminded that a meeting with the other Towns is set for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22nd to discuss possible shared employment and/or the development of a Public Service Authority. She also requested that the Council consider planting flowering trees or shrubs along the new sidewalk on George Washington Hwy.

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Executive Session Vice-Mayor Watkins motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the possible indictment of a former Town employee for alleged illegal activities undertaken while employed by the Town. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walker and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. The public meeting reconvened. The following resolution was read by Vice-Mayor Watkins, and adopted by roll call vote, Watkins, aye; Andrews, aye; Walker, aye; Jones, aye; Haskins, aye: Whereas, the Town Council of Charlotte Court House has convened a closed session meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and Whereas, #2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Town Council of Charlotte Court House that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Council of Charlotte Court House hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council of Charlotte Court House.

Council Comment Period Council Member Jones requested that the Town do something to recognize Court House Auto Repair, a new business in Town. Council Member Walker asked if measures have been put in place to prevent future Town employees from dishonest activity at work. Mayor Walker stated that he and Vice-Mayor Watkins sign all the checks.

With no further business, Council Member Andrews 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