

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 15, 2014 7:30pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 7:30 pm. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Watkins and Haskins were present. Council Members Jones and Parsons were absent. Without a quorum present, agenda items C, D, and E were postponed.

Citizen Comment Period None.

Courthouse Square Water Tower Mayor Walker stated that he and Vice-Mayor Watkins met with County officials regarding the proposed new court house. He stated that several design proposals have been submitted, including at least one that would require that the water tower located on the court house square be moved. Mayor Walker stated that the Town does not own the property on which the water tower is located, but was granted an “irrevocable gift [of] a perpetual easement, or right-of-way, which shall enable [the Town] to leave the Tank in place, to operate, repair and maintain the Tank...” He stated that the Town can file a “motion of interested party” which would allow the Town to stay informed as plans develop. At a hearing today, the judge ordered that the County create a five person committee within thirty days, and then that committee must develop a plan within ninety days. Mayor Walker stated that the County would like to renovate the existing court house to accommodate the new requirements, which would cost only a fraction of the amount of building a new one.

Committee Reports Grounds, Streets & Lights – Council Member Andrews reported that she had a list of about fifteen properties that were violating the weed and/or nuisance ordinances. She will forward the list to the Town office so that notices can be sent. She also reported that the Town’s grass cutting contractor was dismissed for failure to comply with the specifications in the contract. She stated that Page Hardy has agreed to cut the grass for the remainder of the season.

Mayor Walker reported that the Museum Board’s plans to renovate the old school buildings on David Bruce Avenue are being held up due to the lack of a means of sewage disposal. He stated that there is grant money available to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the County sewage system can accommodate additional waste.

Mayor Walker reported that he received a letter from VDOT requesting that candidates participating in the upcoming election be advised to refrain from putting campaign signs within their right-of-way.

Mayor Walker advised of an upcoming conference in Roanoke regarding infrastructure planning, and stated that information on available grants and funding sources will be offered. He stated that the proposed development of the land behind the Town office may offer the Town eligibility for grant funding.

Clerk’s Report Karen Price reported that the Charlotte Methodist Church intends to construct an addition, and submitted a zoning permit application and applied for a zoning variance. Another zoning permit application was approved for the repair of a dilapidated structure on Thomas Jefferson Hwy. She stated that Arnold Tharpe has requested that the Town abandon an easement that he granted them for the water project, since it was never used.

Water/Maintenance Curtis Inge reported that all wells are online and that water treatment chemicals have been purchased. A leak at well #3 was repaired, requiring the replacement of six feet of pipe. Another leak on David Bruce Ave. was repaired. The SCADA system is not working at the Moses Dr. water tower and at well #4, due to faulty grounding. He ordered a sewage meter for Arcadia, seven water meters and additional supplies from Consolidated Pipe & Supply. He requested authorization to purchase a computer.

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Council Comment Period None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Stephen D. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, (Interim) Clerk of Council