

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 20, 2015 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. Council Members Watkins, Andrews, Jones, Kurd, O'Neill and Haskins were present. Council Member Haskins motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Andrews motioned to approve the March 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Watkins motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments None

Committee Reports Water – Council Member Jones suggested the Town consider setting aside funds for a new truck. Water Operator Curtis Inge requested that a generator be purchased for the well at Arcadia instead of a truck. Following discussion there was consensus to allocate funds for a generator in the new budget. Council Member Jones recommended that the fee for water purchases from outside entities be revised to include a flat fee of \$20.00 in addition to the current penny per gallon rate. He also recommended creating an ordinance assessing a \$500.00 fine for unauthorized water draws from the system. Mayor Walker recommended that the Town consider requiring residents to connect to the water system. Building, Grounds, Streets & Lights – Council Member Andrews reported that the grass cutting in Town is an ongoing problem. She has been unable to contact Page Hardy to determine if he plans to continue assisting the Town. Following discussion there was consensus to hire Daniel Schools to cut the grass. Council Member Andrews reported that the parking lot needs to be treated and stated that she knows of a couple of companies that may provide estimates. She reported that the 4th offense on the “Resolution for Penalties Assessed to Ordinance Violations” states that the Town Sergeant will “issue a ticket and Summons to Court...” Since the Town is currently without a Town Sergeant, it is not possible to effectively enforce the weed and nuisance ordinances. Council Member Andrews also reported that Randy Andrews and Dozer Watkins will work on the landscaping in front of the municipal building. Financial Committee – Vice-Mayor David Watkins Jr. reported that the committee convened prior to the council meeting to start work on the new budget, and that they will reconvene following the council meeting to continue the process.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that no new business license or zoning permit applications have been received. She stated that a letter was sent via certified mail to the State Police inquiring about the excessive amount of time it is taking to conclude their investigation of the former clerk. Mayor Walker stated that he spoke with Captain Keese who advised that the new investigator needs to get familiar with the case. He stated that Capt. Keese agreed to submit information to the Amelia County Commonwealth's Attorney as well as Mayor Walker, as benchmarks are reached. Capt. Keese assured Mayor Walker that the case will go to court.

Water / Maintenance Report Curtis Inge reported that there is a leak at 208 Evergreen Road that will be fixed after Verizon comes to mark their lines. He stated that he would like to build a gate for the shed on the back of the municipal building. Curtis stated that he would like to get a SIM card to get alerts for the water system, but was told that it won't work. He plans to research it further.

Council Comments Mayor Walker stated that he forwarded the Historic District zoning to the Town attorney to see if the Town has any say in the design of the new courthouse. Council Member O'Neill stated that courthouse and Clerk's office must be secure which is why the latest designs show them connected.

With no further business, Council Member Haskins motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Stephen D. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, (Interim) Clerk of Council