

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

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Vice-Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order. Council Members Haskins, Kurdt, Walker & Watkins were present. Mayor Walker and Council Member Andrews were absent. Vice-Mayor Watkins requested that the agenda be amended to include an update on the proposed courthouse by Terrill Ramsey. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Haskins motioned to approve the November 16 and December 7, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Update on Courthouse Terrill Ramsey stated that despite letters from nationally recognized historians and organizations as well as a Town Resolution, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors remain firm on the latest proposed location of the new courthouse. Mr. Ramsey presented a timeline depicting various steps in the decision making process dating from May of 2012, along with a timeline going forward though the estimated date of substantial completion. Mr. Ramsey reported that the estimated construction cost increased substantially from \$9.5 million in March 2015 to \$11.7 million in November 2015. He contrasted the County's current annual debt service with the future debt service beginning in FY 2017, and conveyed pertinent points set forth in the court order.

Citizen Comments None

Committee Reports Water – Following discussion regarding the need for a new generator, water operator, Curtis Inge, stated that he had not received conclusive feedback regarding the estimates he presented to the Council last May. Grounds, Streets & Lights – Council Member Kurdt reported that she submitted to the Town office a list of street lights that are not working. Finance – Council Member Watkins stated that it is time to begin drafting the FY 16-17 budget.

Water / Maintenance Report Curtis Inge reported that several water meters were replaced and that a leak was repaired at well #3. He stated that all water tests were normal and that the Virginia Rural Water Assoc. has offered to help find someone to start up the green sand filtration system at well #7. Curtis provided a water audit showing that the amount of unbilled water has been reduced from 19% in 2014 to 13% in 2015. Council Member Jones stated that the Town needs to develop a plan that requires outside users to notify the Town when they are drawing water.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that one zoning permit application was approved for the enclosure of a carport. She also stated that residents of Gold Leaf Drive have requested that a speed limit sign be posted on their street.

Council Comments Council Member Kurdt inquired about the meeting with the State Police. Karen Price stated that the investigation is ongoing and that they hope to wrap it up by this summer. Council Member Jones stated that it might be helpful to invite a member of the Board of Supervisors to address the Council and answer questions about the new courthouse. Council Member Jones requested that the Council contact list and Town Council Committee lists be updated. Council Member Watkins stated that the Town website is outdated and needs to be taken down.

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

ATTEST:

David C. Watkins Jr., Vice-Mayor

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council