

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 21, 2017 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 7:00 pm. Vice-Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Haskins, Jones, and Walker were present. Mayor Walker and Council Member Kurdt were 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 Jones motioned to approve the January 16, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Haskins motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments Terry Ramsey stated that the State of Virginia now requires that all localities assign a FOIA officer. There was consensus that the Clerk be appointed as FOIA officer. Mr. Ramsey advised of an investment opportunity in southern Virginia whereby funds that are invested can be withdrawn if needed without penalty. He suggested that current minutes be uploaded to the Town website and a link be added to Town maps.

Charlotte Court House Volunteer Fire Dept. Ross Russell requested that the Town consider increasing the annual contribution to the CCHVFD from \$6,000 to \$12,000, stating that it would be more in line with the amount that other Towns provide. He stated that aging equipment will at some point need to be replaced. Vice-Mayor Watkins stated that their request will be taken into consideration during the budget preparation.

Mid-Atlantic Broadband Tower Curtis Inge stated that the school board wants to change the proposed tower location to a spot near well #3. He spoke with the representative from Mid-Atlantic Broadband and advised that the tower would interfere with the water system radio signals and therefore the new location would not be acceptable to the Town.

Committee Reports Council Member Andrews thanked everyone for assisting with the annual tree lighting. Building, Grounds, Streets, & Lights – Council Member Andrews stated that there are several properties that are in violation of the Nuisance ordinance. Regarding the grass contract, she stated that a new contract will need to be signed, and that the Town can choose to keep the same contractor without advertising for bids. Ms. Andrews stated that the municipal building is in need of serious work. She reported that the Town needs to take action for clean-ups since Dexter Andrews isn't sponsoring them anymore. Council Member Walker stated that some areas are difficult to maintain due to steep banks and suggested asking Sheriff Jones if inmates could provide assistance in that regard. In response to a question about traffic control in the Town, Council Member Jones stated that the Sheriff's deputies have been working more in Town, and offered to contact Sheriff Jones for continued assistance.

Water / Maintenance Report Curtis Inge reported that a new power steering pump was installed on the Town truck. He stated that he replaced chemical feed pump heads at wells 5 and 7, and that he ordered soda ash and replacement parts for several chemical pumps. Curtis stated that Chris McCarty repaired a water leak at the fitness center. He also stated that VDOT agreed to repair the sidewalk on George Washington Hwy. where the water leak occurred, but was unwilling to hold the contractor accountable for the cost of water line repairs. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to draft a letter to VDOT to request that they reconsider holding the contractor responsible for repair fees.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that she will start working on the FY 17-18 budget. She suggested that the Town consider using funds received from the VML claim toward tax relief for Town residents.

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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.

ATTEST:

David C. Watkins Jr., Vice- Mayor

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council