

TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday March 20, 2017 7:00pm

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Haskins, Jones, Kurdt, Watkins and Walker were present. Council Member Andrews motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Kurdt motioned to approve the February 20, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Kurdt 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

Commonwealth Regional Council Annual Report Mary Hickman distributed copies of the Commonwealth Regional Council's (CRC) annual report. Ms. Hickman stated that the three primary areas of service provided by the CRC involve grant writing, regional governmental activities and regional support initiatives. She stated that CRC membership dues are \$15,700.00 per county and that the towns of Charlotte County are covered under the county's membership.

Committee Reports Mayor Walker stated that the former Clerk Holly Skelton accepted a plea agreement, and that sentencing will be in August. Mayor Walker reported receiving a letter from Bob Goff requesting that the Town cut the grass in the ditch at the front of his property. The Clerk was instructed to draft a letter to Mr. Goff advising that the Town only cuts grass where sidewalks are located. Building, Grounds, Streets & Lights - Council Member Andrews reported that Fred Kenner has agreed to cut the grass for the Town and needs to know how much extra to charge for the addition of George Washington Hwy. Council Member Jones stated that the Town should advertise for bids.

Comprehensive Plan Mayor Walker stated that the Comprehensive Plan needs to be completed and would like to take action on it in April.

Planning Committee Appointments Mayor Walker stated that Bobby Howard has agreed to continue serving on the Planning Commission and that Terry Ramsey is willing to be appointed as well. Council Member Andrews motioned to appoint Bobby Howard and Terry Ramsey to the Planning Commission, with each serving a four-year term from March 2017 through February 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kurdt and carried by voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Water / Maintenance Report A written report stated that all routine water tests were normal. It stated that Mid-Atlantic Broadband has suggested installing a repeater on the proposed broadband tower at well #3 and that SUNAPSYS will advise of the cost.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that a revised, second request for water line repair reimbursement was submitted to VDOT. She stated that she will be attending FOIA training on April 12th in Farmville. She reported that the Band Boosters will be picking up trash in Town the first Saturday in April.

Council Comment Period Mayor Walker stated that in lieu of a flat sum of money, the Town should consider offering to assist the Volunteer Fire Dept. with construction of their building and cited purchasing bricks as an example. Council Member Kurdt suggested that the Town consider investing \$50,000.00. Council Member Jones stated that not everyone in Town has access to internet and that he was unsuccessful acquiring it for his daughter. Mayor Walker offered to contact Shentel, an internet and cable/tv provider, with whom the Town has a cable/tv franchise agreement to get service installed. Council Member Jones stated that the Town owns an alley along the Andrews property and asked that it either be maintained by

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the Town or returned. The Clerk was instructed to contact attorney Gary Elder about abandoning that alley as well as one next to Charlotte Drug Company. Council Member Jones stated that a silt fence installed during the sidewalk project on Rt. 40 was not properly constructed and has allowed sediment to drain into his pond. He agreed to submit a written account so that the Town can report the problem to VDOT. Council Member Watkins asked if the Town had plans for the space that will be vacated when the VFD moves out. Council Member Jones asked if the Town planned to move into the old courthouse building.

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, Clerk of Council