

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 22, 2022 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order. Council Members Braxton, Michaelson & Ramsey were present. Council Members Andrews, Arbogast & Haskins were absent.

Citizen Comments None

Samples Monitoring Service Contract Extension Council Member Ramsey stated that he has drafted a contract extension agreement that reflects the new monthly fee for water operations services provided by Samples Monitoring Service (SMS) and includes a one-time lump sum payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a license for the Town to use a mapping system that SMS is creating. Approval of the contract extension agreement was postponed until the March meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Water Tank Maintenance Council Member Ramsey reported that he contacted Suez representative, Phil Bassett, for a progress update on maintenance of the Town water towers. Mr. Bassett advised that a new project manager has been assigned to the project, and things are on schedule.

Planning Commission Report Council Member Ramsey reported that an informational meeting will be held on February 28, 2022 at the County Administration building regarding the proposed new zoning ordinance and zoning maps.

Committee Reports None

Water Operations Report Mayor Watkins reported that he will meet with a representative of Seegars Fence Co., who installed the fence around the Moses Dr. water tower, to get an estimate for repairs. Mayor Watkins stated that a purchase agreement for land surrounding the water tower is in the works. He stated that an abandoned car on the property needs to be removed.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported no progress on the Thomas Jefferson sidewalk project. She stated that Attorney Gary Elder submitted a draft with revisions to the Weed Ordinance. Council Member Braxton stated that the Town tends to focus more on weeds than other nuisances, and said that more attention should be given to trash removal. Following discussion there was consensus to request that Gary Elder revise the Nuisance Ordinance and to research whether unpaid fines for ordinance violations can be included on the property tax bill, and to provide an update on drafting an ordinance to enable the Town to enforce the VA Maintenance Code. Ms. Price stated that six water meters were cut off in January for non-payment, and ten were cut off in February.

Council Comments Council Member Ramsey stated that the Grower's Assoc. wants to extend their lease of the back side of the Municipal building. He stated that a thermostat in their space was set at sixty and caused the heat to run all winter, which caused greater propane use. He addressed the issue with them and they have agreed to pay the Town \$600.00 for their share of the heating cost. Mr. Ramsey stated that the County is updating their Comprehensive Plan and there has been discussion regarding a by-pass.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

David C. Watkins, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council