

TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 18, 2022 7:00pm

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Ramsey, Braxton and Michaelson were present. Council Members Arbogast and Haskins were absent. Council Member Ramsey requested to amend the agenda to insert Weed/Nuisance Ordinance Revisions between items J and K. Council Member Ramsey motioned to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Andrews motioned to approve the March 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Braxton motioned to approve the March financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments None

Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals Mayor Watkins stated that Michael Haskins has agreed to serve another term on the BZA. Council Member Ramsey motioned to reappoint Mr. Haskins to the BZA with the new term set to expire in September 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrews and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

FY 22-23 Budget Preparation Council Member Ramsey stated that the Finance Committee started working on the FY 22-23 budget. There was consensus for the Financial Committee to meet on May 16th at 6:00 pm to continue budget deliberations.

Planning Commission Report Council Member Ramsey reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the proposed new zoning ordinance, new zoning map and the proposal to increase zoning fees. He stated that Rhonda Algeier contacted him with concern that her property located at the end of Maple Dr. which was re-zoned as business property was not reflected as such on the proposed zoning map. Mr. Ramsey reported that the Planning Commission will have to correct the oversight. Mr. Ramsey reported the need to appoint an Historic Review Board with at least five members and advised that the Planning Commission will assist with securing individuals to serve on the board.

Weed/Nuisance Ordinance Revisions Council Member Ramsey reported that Town Attorney Gary Elder submitted a draft revision of the Weed Ordinance. Following discussion regarding the possibility of combining the Weed and Nuisance Ordinances there was consensus to schedule a work session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 to prepare a draft.

Committee Reports Water Committee – Council Member Ramsey reported that trees near the courthouse tank were removed. Regarding the Moses Dr. tank, Mr. Ramsey stated the need to clear some trees from the fence line and reported that an abandoned car has been removed. He advised that the tanks will be repainted the same color. Grounds, Streets & Lights – Council Member Andrews stated that she still wants to pursue solar operated speed signs. Mayor Watkins reported that the road was patched on David Bruce Ave. in front of the former antique store.

Water Operations / Town Maintenance Report Chris McCarty reported that he removed several tons of sand and paint chips that were left from a previous refurbishment of the Moses Dr. water tank. He stated that he was willing to submit a quote tear down the dilapidated rooms at the rear of the Municipal building. He suggested adding motion sensor lights to both sides of the building.

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Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that as requested by VDOT, the Town submitted a statement of approval regarding changes to the proposed sidewalk route on Thomas Jefferson, with the caveat that any increase in cost would be absorbed by VDOT. Ms. Price stated that a zoning permit application was approved for Bryan and Angie Morris for construction of an addition on the back side of Corban Veterinary. She stated that Dr. Algeier requested that the Town make repairs to Maple Dr. since it is not a state-maintained road. Following discussion there was consensus to follow up with VDOT regarding a prior request from the Town that the state incorporate Maple Dr. into their secondary road maintenance program. She stated that Council Member Ramsey was assisting with fulfilling the reporting requirements for the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received and that there should be no problem meeting the April 30th deadline.

Council Comment Period None

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

David C. Watkins, Jr., Mayor

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council