

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday November 19, 2018 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order. Council Members Andrews, Haskins, Watkins, Walker and Jones were present. Council Member Kurdt was absent. Council Member Watkins motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Andrews motioned to approve the October regular meeting 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 after doing some research he does not understand why U.S. Cellular wants additional space. He stated that the amount U.S. Cellular offered to lease the space is low and that the Town should hire an independent advisor for guidance prior to hiring Precision Cell to oversee the water tower lease.

Grower's Association Mayor Walker stated that the Grower's Association is still interested in using space at the rear of the municipal building.

U.S. Cellular Monopole/Antenna Mayor Walker stated that constructing a monopole may no longer be a viable option since Shentel no longer plans to co-locate on the site. He stated that a decision must be made whether to go forward with allowing U.S. Cellular to install antennas on the Moses Drive water tower and whether to continue to work with Precision Cell. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews to allow U.S. Cellular to install antennas on the Moses Drive water tower. The motion was seconded by Council Member Haskins and carried by voice vote 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Planning Commission Report Terry Ramsey reported that public hearings were held on November 13, 2018 regarding the proposed Telecommunications and Subdivision ordinances. With no comments received by the public, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Town Council adopt the proposed Telecommunications Towers and Antennas Ordinance and the proposed Subdivision Ordinance as presented. Council Member Watkins motioned to schedule two public hearings on December 10, 2018, for the proposed Telecommunications Towers and Antenna Ordinance and the proposed Subdivision Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Haskins and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Terry stated that due to the recent election the Planning Commission needs to fill two seats that will be vacant as of January 1, 2019. He reported that James Watkins and Randy Andrews have agreed to serve on the Planning Commission and requested that the Council make the appointments. Council Member Watkins motioned to appoint James Watkins and Randy Andrews to the Town Planning Commission, with each serving a four year term. The motion was seconded by Shelby Walker and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. In response to a request by Mayor Walker, Council Member Watkins agreed to continue serving on the County Planning Commission. Terry Ramsey concluded his report by stating that a new projector was ordered and received for use by the Planning Commission.

Committee Reports Council Member Andrews stated that the Annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 2, 2018. Council Member Haskins stated that the Eureka Elementary School choir will be providing the special music.

Council Member Andrews stated her hope that the Town could find a way to work with Drakes Branch on acquiring law enforcement assistance and stating that having a presence for just a few hours per week makes a difference. Mayor Walker advised that she consult with Denise Pridgen, Mayor of Drakes Branch to see if something can be arranged.

Water / Maintenance Report Donte Hatcher reported that water test results came back fine. He stated that a new inspector has been hired by the Dept. of Health, Office of Drinking Water. He stated that updated quotes for generators need to be obtained. Mayor Walker stated that a three-phase generator is needed.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that according to Lee Harrison, Amelia County Commonwealth Attorney, the \$8433.00 difference between the court ordered restitution figure (being the greater) and the amount that the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Program is offering as reimbursement (being the lesser) will be paid to the Town. Karen reported that Tanyard Spring Road was severely washed out during the hurricane and will require heavy equipment to repair. She stated that the FY17-18 audit is underway.

Council Comments Mayor Walker stated that the former clerk has not made the required restitution payments and the matter has been turned over to Mr. Harrison, Amelia County Commonwealth Attorney. Mayor Walker congratulated incoming new Council Members Terry Ramsey and Nemiah Braxton.

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

David C. Watkins, Jr. Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council