

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 18, 2020 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order. Council Members Kurdt, Andrews, Ramsey and Braxton were present. Council Members Arbogast and Haskins were absent. Council Member Andrews motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Council Member Kurdt motioned to approve the January 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Andrews motioned to approve the January financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments None

Southern Corrosion Brett Woodruff stated that he came to follow up on their quote of \$18,000.00 per year for a water tank maintenance contract. He stated that in his experience, Towns that try to set aside funds for tank maintenance often don't have enough available when needed. Brett stated that costs usually go up about 5% per year and stated that the first year of the agreement would likely be \$20,000.00 or less. He stated that the current cost for painting water tanks is approximately \$35,000 per tank for the outside and \$50,000 for the inside. Clay Samples suggested that the Town conduct additional research, and weigh their options. Mayor Watkins advised that the Water Committee take up the issue.

Hunting in Town Limits Claudia Koch stated that while she does not object to hunting, she would like the Town to restrict hunting within the Town limits. She stated that she confronted hunters with dogs on her property on four occasions and found a tree stand on her land. She expressed concern regarding the range that rifles have and suggested restricting hunting within a certain proximity to residences and highways. Claudia stated that the game warden has agreed to enforce any hunting laws passed by the Town.

Evergreen Road Sidewalk Project Melody Foster reported that construction should soon begin. She stated that Byron Coburn has replaced Tom Druhot as AMT's point of contact for the construction phase of the project. She stated that a Right-of-Way Compliance Review took place on January 14th at the Town office, and that for some unknown reason, she and others were not permitted to be present. Melody reported that certain documents that VDOT was unable to locate, existed, but may have been in a folder that they didn't look in.

Town of Phenix Water Billing Walt Bailey stated that he has been appointed Town Manager of Phenix. He stated that their town clerk is retiring July 1st, and that he has been looking for ways to streamline the water billing process. He inquired if Charlotte Court House would consider assisting Phenix with their water billing and stated that he'd like to form a committee to discuss ways in which the towns might be able to work together.

Water Operator Report Clay Samples reported that two water leaks were identified and repaired. He stated that the new SCADA system was working beautifully and explained that it works based on tank pressure: when pressure lowers, well #7 will automatically turn on; when pressure goes over a certain limit, well #7 cuts back. Clay reported that the annual inspection took place and that there were only minor issues cited. He stated that the Town's Cross Connection/Back Flow program needs to be reinstituted.

Planning Commission Terry Ramsey reported that the Planning Commission is going through the review process for the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that Jim Watkins is leading the effort toward creating a new zoning map. Terry reported that a request was received that the Town abandon Wilfan alley. He stated that the property owners should advise the Town of what it is they want to do.

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Committee Reports Council Member Andrews reported that the grass contract will need to be renewed next month and that she would like to retain Chris McCarty. She stated that a County Deputy is retiring and is willing to serve as Town Sergeant. She stated that there are houses in Town that are falling down due to neglect and that the Town needs to pursue hiring someone to enforce the code. She stated that she met with Scott Frederick of VDOT and relayed the list of issues requiring VDOT's attention, ie. sidewalk repairs, water drainage, etc.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that a zoning application was received from U.S. Cellular, approved by Robert Hendrick and forwarded to John Hess. She stated that tax bills were mailed and that payments are coming in. She reported that the FY 18-19 audit is underway.

Council Comments None

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

David C. Watkins, Jr., Mayor

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council