

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 15, 2020 7:00pm**

A regular meeting of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order. Council Members Haskins, Kurdt, Braxton, Andrews & Ramsey were present. Council Member Arbogast was absent. Council Member Andrews 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 April and May 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays. Council Member Ramsey motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Citizen Comments None

Evergreen Road Sidewalk Project Mayor Watkins reported that the project was completed and that the drainage issues were resolved. Council Member Ramsey stated that Melody Foster of the Commonwealth Regional Council did a great job and suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent.

Water / Maintenance Report No report.

Solar Farm Mayor Watkins stated that the County Zoning Ordinance was amended to allow solar farms to be constructed no closer than one mile from town limits. He stated that an application may be forthcoming to locate a solar farm on property situated less than one mile from the Charlotte Court House Town limits. Mayor Walker requested that Gary Walker address the Council regarding the matter. Mr. Walker stated that solar farms must be next to a transmission line and there are only two places in Charlotte County where that is possible; one being near the Town limits on Rt. 40 east. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) is considering changing the minimum required distance from town limits from one (1) mile to one-half (1/2) mile. Mr. Walker stated that the project would provide a considerable amount of revenue to the County. Following discussion, Council Member Ramsey motioned that the Town Council of the Town of Charlotte Court House requests the Charlotte County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors provide in the County zoning ordinance that no Utility Scale Solar Energy System shall be located closer than one-half (1/2) mile from the boundary of the Town of Charlotte Court House. Such buffer is necessary to protect town residences and provide opportunity for future growth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Braxton and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Cable TV Franchise Agreement Having received no further communication from Shentel regarding the Town's request that the Franchise Agreement be updated, the Clerk will contact Shentel for a status update.

Approval of FY 2020-2021 Budget Council Member Kurdt motioned to approve the FY 20-21 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrews and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Appropriation of FY 2020-2021 Budget Council Member Andrews motioned to appropriate the FY 20-21 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Haskins and carried by voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Planning Commission Report Council Member Ramsey reported that the Planning Commission was unable to conduct business due to the lack of a quorum. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020.

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Committee Reports No reports.

Clerk's Report Karen Price reported that one zoning application was approved to screen in an existing patio. She reported that the grass at the Schipper property was cut as much as possible, but due to the growth of trees, it still needs maintenance. Karen stated that primary elections will be held on June 23rd and due to COVID-19 the Town office will be closed. Following discussion regarding making the Municipal building more secure, Karen will contact the County Administrator about obtaining the funds that are to be allocated to the towns for this purpose.

Council Comment Period Council Member Andrews thanked the Clerk for the newsletter that was distributed with the water bills.

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

David C. Watkins, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council