

**Town Council Meeting
May 12, 2014**

Present: Harry Sampson, Bill Miners, Bert Wells, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Elaine Shepard, Town Attorney Tom Yeager.

Closed Session 6pm to discuss the potential property acquisition for a public purpose.

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order at 6:35pm followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting on April 14, 2014

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Session on April 28, 2014

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the minutes from the Special Session on April 28, 2014. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstaine: 1 Harry Sampson – was not in attendance.

Introduction of Ordinances:

- Introducing 05.12.2014 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE CITY TO AMEND ORDINANCE 97-3-1 IN REGARD TO REGULATING OPEN-AIR MUSIC TO CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING MUSIC PERMITS AND TO EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRODUCE MUSIC IN THE OPEN AIR ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE FROM THE PERMITTING REQUIREMENT.

- Introducing 05.12.2014A – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE CITY TO MAKE FIRST STREET A ONE-WAY STREET.

- Introducing 05.12.2014B – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 through JUNE 30, 2015.

Public hearing set for these invoices will be at the workshop May 27

Action Items

- A. Ordinance 04.12.2014 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE CITY REQUIRING UTILITY COMPANIES TO RELOCATE EXISTING OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES AND FACILITIES UNDERGROUND WITHIN THE TOWN'S HISTORIC DISTRICT AND TO REQUIRE A UTILITY COMPANY TO PAY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COSTS FOR SUCH RELOCATION OF ITS LINES AND FACILITIES

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to approve Ordinance 04.12.2014 – An Ordinance of the Town of Chesapeake City requiring utility companies to relocate existing overhead utility lines and facilities underground within the Town's Historic District and to require a Utility Company to pay fifty percent of the costs for such relocation of its lines and facilities. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Constant Yield Tax Rate

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to accept the Constant Yield Tax Rate of \$.4485 per \$100. All in favor, motion carried.

Nomination of John Homan to the Planning Commission to fill vacancy from Bob Miller's resignation.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to nominate John Homan to replace Bob Miller on the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Purchase of walk-behind commercial mower – tabled to workshop. David to give Council currently inventory including when it was purchased.

Purchase of two pumps for the Bank Street Pump Station

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to spend up to \$7603 for new pump for the stations. All in favor, motion carried.

NOTE: The hoist we currently have is unsafe. TJ, Sandra, Doug to discuss the hoist.

Helen Titter Park – waiving of the user fee for Cub Scout Pack 336's annual picnic & awards

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion seconded by Elaine Shepard to waive the fees involved for this Cub Scout Event. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Harry Sampson:– Miller gave monthly report for Miller Environmental.

Noise Complaints: TJ has done numerous readings, including pictures, all readings have been according to Maryland State Law; no one is in violation. Continues to be an issue; cannot do anything legally if the numbers are within the ordinance. Add to the workshop agenda to relook at the Ordinance. Bert would like to discuss sound barriers at the workshop, also.

Elaine Shepard– a lot of visitors at the docks. Need new signs - Buddy will order. Historic – book submitted to Sandra – Harriet Davis –(Historic Chair) suggested ordering 1000 for homeowners and realtors. Workshop agenda for booklet. Newsletter not due for another month.

Prayer meeting at Pell Gardens–Mayor would like to meeting with Linda Squires regarding the music.

Bill Miners– nothing on charter; finance wise, ordinance on the budget was introduced tonight. Will have public hearing on workshop 5/27. Would like to vote on ordinance that evening, if there is no public comment. Will the upcoming MML Convention, would like to consider moving the meeting because there would not be a quorum for June 9th Meeting. Council agreed to have one meeting on June 16th for the month as a voting session and workshop.

Frank Vari – Sgt Leas gave his report that is attached to the minutes. Elaine Shepard requested more radar on Biddle Street. Bench sample is ordered. All available recycling cans from JBG have been delivered. Electronics will be picked up twice a month for no charge to the Town. Working on Power

Codification of Ordinances. Did not get \$15K grant. Still think it's an important issue. Sandra met with Pat Smith – services they offer at the July workshop. Review them for state law, make us aware of issues. Tom worked with them in Galena. July 28th.

New Business

Town Hall inside/outside maintenance. We could try for MHT; mostly it's a tax credit - and we don't do taxes. How are we going to pay for this? Should get some estimates and then we can figure out how to pay for it - put off to the Fall – TJ to work on it.

State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Grant – apps due in fall, date not set yet. Dean suggested meeting with them at MML. Sandra to work on it. This years application is not online. Keep this on the agenda.

Replacement Benches at Becks Landing boardwalk & Town Hall

Bench in room for George St.

Suggested: two metal ones for in front of Town hall and purchase 10 for Beck's Landing Boardwalk. No policy dealing with what happens to the benches. Ten on Beck's Landing. Plaques are on the boardwalk. Not going to do anything with the planters. Pull the money out of the trust. Will need to order nine more.

Fence to screen the north side maintenance shop

Electronics are picked up as a service to the residents. Metals – we get the credit and split funds. Frank to talk to Dave about picking up the recyclables. Mayor feels we'll get more – we would split with Dave. David has been stock piling materials = mulch stone, dirt, etc. Would like a 6' fence to keep it hidden. Would have to go to the Board of Appeals for a variance. Sandra will have prices at next meeting. TJ has manager from Long Fence to give us a price to do it.

Referendum and Public ways Sections of Town Charter

Section 26-14. Same-Referendum

Tom will prepare it in the form of a Charter amendment. Will be at the next meeting.

SHA's Sidewalk Retrofit Project on Second Street

Council has no issues with this project.

Public Comment

Frank Vari – Chesapeake City will be doing a Flash Session on our recycling program at the MML Convention.

Harriet Davis- Don't forget to come out and vote on June 2.

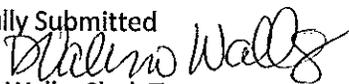
Tom Yeager will be doing a talk on election law at MML.

Elaine Shepard: David – you did an excellent job around the flag pole. It looks very nice.

Sandra Edwards– open air music fees to workshop for June dual meeting.

Adjourn: 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted



D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer



Dean Geracimos, Mayor