

Town Council Public Hearing / Special Session / Workshop
May 27, 2014

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

Absent: Bert Wells

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to open into a Public Hearing for Ordinance 5.12.2014. All in favor, motion carried.

- **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.

No Public Comment

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to open into a Public Hearing for Ordinance 5.12.2014A All in favor, motion carried.

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

No Public Comment

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to open a Public Hearing for Ordinance 5.12.2014B. All in favor, motion carried.

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

No Public Comment

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to open into a Special Session to vote on the three ordinances. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 05.12.2014

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to approve Ordinance 05.12.2014 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. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 05.12.2014A

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to approve Ordinance 05.12.2014A to make First Street a one-way street. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 05.12.2014B

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve Ordinance 05.12.2014B to adopt the budget of the Town for fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to close the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

TJ gave updates on the Revitalization Plan, report is attached to the minutes book

Infrastructure Plan: Sewer Plan – meeting on June 3 with the County Council hearing on amending the w/s plan. No contact from the county regarding the new plant. KCI work is moving along.

Sidewalk Plan – Bert is not here for updating; the part that's done looks fantastic. Good aprons. The only negative thing has been the islands. State will be doing a facelift on Second St.

Signage plan: We need to place order for additional signs. Waiting until signs coming down on Biddle on what we have to order. Update at June meeting

Trail Plan: Bohemia Trail – follow up with SHA. Dean wants to sit down with Sandra tomorrow. This needs to be a priority. The Corp will work start in August. Tom drafted easement for safe routes to school at the Elementary School; needs to discuss with Perry Willis.

Historic District booklet: Cannot change a lot. It's from the Maryland Historic Trust guidelines. They have to be followed. Tom has not looked at the Historic guidelines. Also needs to be online.

Noise:

Dean wants to send a letter to Rotheke, Blevins, Ortt's registered letter.

Maryland and the Town have regulations. We can only file the ordinances. Bill Miners suggest, consider posting on website Procedures for Noise complaints. Motorcycles are an issue. Town Attorney Tom Yeager suggested that the Sheriff's Department should be able to address the loud exhausts.

Cannot be enforced if the officer does not hear it. TJ to get on internet to see how other Towns are dealing with motorcycles.

Dean to put together a letter, will circulate letter and vote at the meeting to send it out.

Open Air Music Permit: Charging based on number of people, based on tiers. Larger the facility, larger the fee. Can it be charged by piped music or live music. Music is music.

Create an entertainment fee. Bayard House specifically states that there would be no outside music.

Mayor wants fee based on occupancy and those funds go towards public safety. Find out the capacity of each place. Number of seats stated on the permit the fire marshal gave them. Needs numbers for the next workshop.

Point for MML Convention on Chesapeake City recycling. Yard Sale went well on Saturday - complaints that people didn't know it was going on. Races are getting closer, sponsors & vendors for CBII. Parks & Rec – need to get Beck's Landing in shape – Mulch in tomorrow, will be done by the end of the week. Slats for the benches on boardwalk, Bert will fix the benches. At Union St. Park the opening to the park needs to be 5' wide for ADA.

Bert Wells: Sidewalks on Biddle St. doing sod today. There is an issue with the island on Biddle Street towards the end of Lock. The purpose is to beautify, the traffic will slow people down, traffic calming and it could potentially keep truckers off of the road. It's 10'. Maybe we can make it smaller, reduce the fan tail. TJ will keep Council updated on it. Drain line on Ferry Slip has been completed; hasn't rained hard enough to test it yet.

OLD BUSINESS

- Budget – Changes are listed in green. Moving funds from w/s to general to cover Clerks expenses in the General Fund.
- Paving of various patches throughout Town.

NEW BUSINESS: None

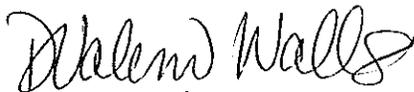
Mayors Comments: Thanking everyone for the last couple of years and the upcoming years will be just at successful.

Public Comment/Announcements:

John Homan: Is there a possibility for a 4 way stop at Lock/Biddle?
Only if we take over the streets. SHA says no.

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos, Mayor