

Town Council Meeting
January 14, 2014

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

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

Approval of Minutes
Meeting December 9, 2013

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed session 12/23/13

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on December 23, 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Session 12/23/13

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2013 Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Introducing Emergency Ordinance 01.13.2014 - An Ordinance to the Town of Chesapeake City to repeal Ordinance 09.09.2013 so that Bank Street and Harry Jackson street can continue to be utilized for two-way traffic at this time. Mayor Geracimos read Ordinance 01.13.2014 to the public.

PUBLIC Hearing

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to Open the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

No comments from the public

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

Action Items

Emergency Ordinance- Introducing Emergency Ordinance 01.13.2014 - An Ordinance to the Town of Chesapeake City to repeal Ordinance 09.09.2013 so that Bank Street and Harry Jackson street can continue to be utilized for two-way traffic at this time.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the Ordinance 01.13.2014. Yea 4 Nay 1- Elaine Shepard Abstaine: 0 Motion carried.

Dix Hollow Contract \$4,520.00

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to pay Dix Hollow Contracting for the water main break on George Street. All in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer duties

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to add the Code Enforcement Officer duties to our Project Manager's position, with no increase of pay or benefits. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Assignments:

Harry Sampson: Readings once a month at midnight and 5am, going through each account, to get ahead of potential leaks. Doug from Miller Environmental gave update on the sewer plants. Both pumps at the EQ tank have failed. We have one pump in each plant and will continue that way until the next budget, (or emergency).

Noise – one complaint for the skating rink, one for Saturday night.

Elaine Shepard – received grant for the floating dock. Historic working on updating booklet. Ethics is fine and newsletter went out with the water bills. Sandra waiting to hear of the process regarding the floating docks and then it will be turned over to the Project Manager.

Bill Miners; Financial Statements were distributed. Jim Baxter, our auditor will be at the workshop if there's any questions. Charter: will have some changes for the next workshop. *Note: Jim Baxter will be at the February meeting.*

Frank Vari – Cpl Leas gave his report, Council is requesting more details of the drug arrest. A student spray-painter has been arrested. The Mayor requested a projection of doubling costs/shifts and spreading it out, to use as a planning tool. Gave PZ updates, PR – Open House went well in December. Hosted MML Dinner at Chesapeake Inn; Toys for Tots received 3 boxes for toys; CTB II already have two registered online; Winterfest – plan on taking it down this weekend, (but calling for snow AGAIN – has been rescheduled twice because of weather).

Nuisance ordinances, grass, trash – code violation, need ordinances. Not in Comprehensive Ordinance. Have to go back to 1975. Still effective if not repealed. Long time since there was a printing of a code. Will consider Code Publishers to organize and put it together online and in a book. Will take all the ordinances, and put together in subject matter. Fees /fines would need to be updated. Workshop agenda item.

Bert Wells: Sidewalks on Biddle haven't started because of weather conditions. Sandra put together intent for Arts & Entertainment designation. March 18th meeting in Annapolis will get more information. Still waiting on permits from Corp for kayak launch; Meeting on 29th – Delmarva, Verizon, Atlantic Broadband burying or relocating lines in historic District.

Mayors Comment:

Prom committee wants to do the senior walk in Pell Gardens, Dean to get date and information to Harriett.

Brown box theatre: doing work in Ocean city, would like to come into Town.

Bill Miners: An idea for the Skating Rink when season over, keep it up and use it as a cyber café? We have wifi out there, it would be easy to add umbrellas with picnic tables .

Adjourn

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos, Mayor