

Town Council Meeting
October 9, 2012 6:30 PM

Harry Sampson
Bert Wells
Elaine Shepard
Rich Taylor
Dean Geracimos, Mayor
Ron Francis, Absent

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

Approval of minutes: September 10, 2012

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the minutes from September 10, 2012 with adjustments. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes: September 4, 2012

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion seconded by Bert Wells to approve the minutes from September 24, 2012. Aye 3 Nay: 0 Rich Taylor abstained, he was not in attendance. Motion Carried.

Action Items:

A. Zoning Administrator: Lee Hutton: on call basis

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to hire Lee Hutton as the Zoning Administrator on an 'on-call' basis. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Code Enforcement Officer: Bill Staker , 10 up to 15 hours a month.

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion to accept Bill Staker as the Code Enforcement officer, working approximately 10 to 15 hours per month – Harry Sampson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Rental Ordinance:

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion to have an up/down vote on as it's written. Elaine Shepard seconded. Aye: 0 Nay: 4 Ron Francis was absent. *Will go back on to the workshop agenda for November.*

Commissioner reports:

Ron Francis: Mayor read Commissioner Francis monthly report

Miller report – no one in attendance from Miller Environmental.

Other items needing attention. No news with the water plants. Announcing with the current rate increases MDE we qualify for 87.5% forgiveness. Estimated up to \$800K water loan 300K for water meters. New estimated loan is \$1.13K. Costs could still go down to under \$100K. Project updates – line permits, have paperwork. Signatures needed and we can put a shovel to the ground – within the next couple of weeks. Meters – final paperwork on Friday and it should

start in the next few weeks. Adding two zone meters, this will measure the total amount of water into Town. Give us the support to find leaks or meter problems quicker.

Engineering for school lines. Arro will do suggested changes – final plans should be done in the next couple of weeks. County, MDE and SHA will get the plans – asking for quick turnaround. Shovel to the ground in early Spring.

With the meters – if it's inside, the Town will need access.

Public Works – Dave Pardee started last week. Will be cutting grass and remove the contract for outside labor. Helen Titter Park roof was repaired. Junk-Bee Gone hauled storm damage from Wolf Creek. Town Hall parking lot got a facelift with new plantings.

Noise – Rich & Ron took reading on Schaefer's and others. Meter is being calibrated. The clock is off. Readings are not enforceable.

Civic – new fountain installed by Pell Gardens at no cost to them.

Bert Wells – Cpl Leas is not in attendance. Met with him on Monday. Things calming down with close of summer – noted increase in break-ins. Moving "Your Speed" sign around. Problems with dates on reports. Is it slowing people down? Data. Considering purchasing one or two more.

Tourism – lot of work with Winterfest, press releases, rack cards, bill boards – Carla doing most of it. Wifi in basin area for Visitors and in Pell Gardens.

Rich Taylor – No September historic meeting. No financial report. September 24th meeting minutes Rich abstaining. He was absent.

Sidewalk repairs, samples of stamped brick sidewalks. Historic does not accept the concept, if not brick. Several from Historic looked at the samples. Do not like the color. If you insist on the it, please have it match what's in front of the church or in front of Bonnie's house. They have a discolored look. Historic should meet this month to discuss.

Harry Sampson – no public relations, Chamber – nothing from website discussion. Oct 18th Town night at football game. Meeting with Riggs Cunningham to put together a proposal. For solar panels on the waste water plants. No scheduled parking committee meetings; they will meet on an as needed basis.

Elaine Shepard: working very hard to get Winterfest up and moving. In need of volunteers. Revitalization plan – needs help with landscaping plan. Docks – slowing down with the weather. Not sure when the north dock will be raised; possibly keeping it open through Winterfest if there's no ice.

Project Manager Report attached in the minutes book.

Treasurer Report: Elaine and I attended the Fall Conference in Hagerstown this past week for three days. Legislative Priorities, one the creation of protections to ensure that municipal HURs are not diverted to the state's general fund and two, allowing municipalities to post legal notices on their websites instead of in newspapers of general circulation in their communities.

One of the workshops was Green Initiatives on a limited budget, the presentation will be posted on MML website. There will be slide shows from Chestertown, Mt. Rainier, Berlin and Rockville.

Mayor: Lee Collins had picked up the up to 5% for admin costs for Bay Restoration Fund. Prices for EQ tank are pretty expensive – Dean to discuss with Ron using the old water towers and use them as holding tanks. Lowering down can be costly, cutting the plates and re-welding. Not sure that DNR would even approve. Revitalization notes for workshop. Please be prepared to discuss what has been assigned. Need to call for a closed meeting to review some staffing issues within the next week.

OLD Business:

Project manager – received a new resume today. It is a top priority. Those that are qualified are out of our range financially or they're not qualified.

A. New Business:

Introducing Ordinance 10.9.2012 to amend the Chesapeake City Comprehensive Development Ordinance to provide that one member of the Town Council shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Town Planning Commission.

There will be a public hearing on Monday October 22nd before the workshop.

B. Introducing Resolution 10.09.2012 Resolution of the Town of CC for adopting a policy for attendance at Convention

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to pass Resolution 10.09.2012. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Joe at Tap Room. Charge for upstairs apartment. Does not like the charge for the apartment. Didn't realize that they were paying for the apartment when nobody lives up there.

Dean – we are redoing water & sewer ordinance to address issues like this. Some things are going to change.

Joe: Three apartments, second & third floor nobody lives. Can't rent – nothing works over there. Only have the business and one apartment. Being charged for one business and one apartment. Not collecting rent, using as storage. Dean to contact Joe at the end of the week.

Frank Vari – Salvageable metal on northside this week. New Years Day Race is approaching, looking for volunteers and sponsors.

Ed Schwitzer. Looking for status on the placing the cable and utility wires underground.
Mayor: Meetings are scheduled this month, but do not have time line or cost yet.

Bert Wells: Asked Lee Collins to give a hand on the financial information on water/sewer. Gap in historic information – wanted to thank Lee. Been instrumental in helping Malia bringing the new program on line.

Mayor: Winterfest meeting today. It's going to be a grand event for the Town. Hoping the Guardian would be a sponsor, asking for ½ page ad to give as a prize to the winner of the business that has the best business display.

Harry Sampson–Questioning the striping machine purchased several few years ago. We've had a striping company come in and do it. Mike was painting by hand. Parking spaces need to be redone.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Rich Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm, Elaine Shepard seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:

D. Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Dean Geracimos, Mayor