

Town Council Minutes
July 14, 2014

Council met in a Closed Session starting at 6pm to discuss personnel and possibly the Habersham property.

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

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

Staff: Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

New Council member Tom Morris and returning Councilman Harry Sampson were sworn in.

Approval of June 16, 2014 minutes

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the June minutes.

Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: 2 (Bill Miners was not at the meeting; Tom Morris not on Council at the time.)

Action Items

- Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution 07.14.2014 for purposes of Amending the Charter of the Town of Chesapeake City, Maryland, to Clarify the Powers of the Town Relative to Public Ways to Specifically Provide for the Power to Regulate Traffic Flow.

Charter Amendment was read by Mayor Geracimos. Public Hearing will be before the July workshop.

- Introduction of Ordinance 07.14.2014 to Amend the Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs from Running at Large to Provide for the Imposition of Fines

Ordinance was ready by Mayor Geracimos. Public Hearing will be before the July workshop.

- Tourism Spot for Fox News- Bert Wells

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to pay \$1,000 towards the cost of the spot for the Tourism commercial. All in favor, motion carried.

- Brown Box Theatre – Bert Wells

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve \$3,000 for the production of Macbeth by the Brown Box Theatre. All in favor, motion carried.

- EQ Tank Pump & Chemical Pump-Harry Sampson

EQ Tank Pump & Chemical Pump- we have one pump at each station – we've always had two – we do not have backup \$623.45; for a Chemical pump \$478.16

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to purchase both pumps. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Assignments:

Parks & Rec – no one is showing up for the meetings. Christine Wells only wants to do the Easter Egg Hunt. Commissioner Bill Miners stated he would take it. Commissioner Frank Vari will give him the information he has.

Harriet would like to keep Elaine Shepard on Historic. Harry and Tracey will both be on Historic. At least 3 members have to be members of the Historic district. One member shall be a sitting member of Council. Councilman Sampson will take Elaine Shepard's position as a Council member.

Harry Sampson: Historic – no meeting last month. There will be a meeting this month. Miller gave their report.

Bill Miners: Dock renovations for July workshop. New signs with the Ferry schedule. Will discuss with Ms Clair, running their tours during the ferry schedule, there's been some overlapping in the schedule. On the 4th of July, the schedule was not followed. At noon when they were to pick up, they were late. At 6pm people waiting for parade – the boat showed up at 530 and went on tour; came back to dock at 630-40pm. People waiting with kids, left and probably wound up driving over if they came over at all. Bill would like all contact information for members of the Parks & Recreation committee.

Frank Vari: P&Z meeting on July 2. Schaefer's working on banquet hall; taking reservations for September. Tomorrow night Chesapeake City honored at Cecil County Council meeting for being top recycler in Cecil County. Junk-Bee Gone will be honored for being Top Hauler for 8 years in a row. June 28 5K – Elkton competition color vibe gave us some competition, but still had a profit of over \$4000. Working with cost measures for Electronic Recycling on Mondays with yard waste. Picking up recyclable metals on Tuesday. Town will receive a credit of 20% of revenues as a credit from JBG on their monthly bill. Should get a slip with weights (*Note: information provided on monthly bill from JBG*). CBII press release this coming week. We have 62 sponsors and 40 registered so far. Races 2 Run putting out 9000 email hits to their clients. Goal is 800-1000 people.

Bert Wells: Biddle Street sidewalk island close to being completed. There is punch list of work to be done. Bid for side walk on Union 5' wide to connect to Biddle Street to help move people to Helen Titter Park. All work David's done for storm water management has been a cost savings to the Town. Car bumpers went in except for one car still on 3rd on right hand side towards the canal. The blue Pontiac has valid tags. One tire was flat yesterday. Tourism: would like fireworks feedback. There was the down time with the fire. Does not feel they were as good as in the past. The delay lost the crowd and the impact.

Sandra Edwards felt the parade needed some help. Prime spot with the parked historic cars in Beck's Landing-Chamber said they could park there. Vendor lights were distracting. Fireworks were the same company.

Bert Wells was told that Rock Hall's Fireworks blew ours away. Next 4th would be on Saturday. Next year fireworks will be on 3rd. May not be a parade. Sandra Edwards stated that the horses were nice in the parade – but made a large deposit that she had to clean up. Other sponsors: one okay with them second one was not.

Tom Morris: Sgt Leas gave report – will move him to the top of the Assignments. Last Saturday, South Side closed by midnight. Open containers MD law has been scanned for all deputies. Sandra would like a copy also. Dean & Harry did not have any calls this past weekend. South Side's big night seems to be Thursday. A resident stated to Sandra that, after they close (South Side), the people are drinking up from 2-3am. Eggings on South side – came down bridge steps at George Street, along Bohemia Ave and Pells Garden someone has been throwing eggs at random. Bert was emailed, but no one called police. Permit parking lettering on Bohemia needs to be redone. It's hard to see on street. Good feed back with police lights on Friday and Saturday evenings. Seems they're keeping their voices down. Closing at Schaefer's 1230-1am. Complaint received last weekend about pan handling in Schaefer's parking lot.
Noise – no complaints this weekend.

Old Business

Fence at the N Maintenance. \$8000-\$9000 for fencing. With not having to store metals scraps and electronics, we can eliminate this cost. Want to make sure new tractor is in garage.

Delmarva Power substation Screening Fence – waiving of BOA fee.

Want to drop the fee – will need 7' solid fence as shown on plot. Mayor and Council requested this fence to help screen the substation. Can't they get access from the back of the property and they will not block off the front of the property because of security and liability issues. Federal guidelines have to be followed. TJ & Sandra met with Delmarva on sight. Delmarva said it wasn't possible. Bert wants to plant trees up there to hide the entrance, Bill Miners agrees with him. Felt it should have been a P&Z issue. PZ wanted a landscape plant.

Bids for power washing and staining of docks – tabled to July workshop.

Open Air Music Permits/Entertainment fee- tabled to July workshop.

We have requested Occupancy Limits from the Fire Marshall. Fire Marshall went and did inspections of the properties. Will discuss at the workshop.

Letter to business's and residents regarding noise.

New business: nothing on agenda.

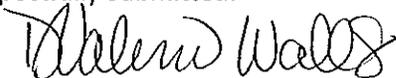
No public comment

Mayors comment: Welcome back Harry Sampson and welcome Tom Morris

Adjourn

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson at 7:54pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos, Mayor