

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2015

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

Absent: Harry Sampson=Jury duty in Baltimore, MD

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

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

I. PUBLIC Hearing for Ordinance No: 11052014

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

II. Approval of Minutes -Town Council December 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Action Items

- Ordinance No: 11052014: To Amend the Chesapeake City Comprehensive Development Ordinance to Amend Yard and Bulk Requirements with Respect to Height, to Prohibit Chain Link Fences, to Amend and Clarify Procedures for Zoning and Building Permits, and Generally Relating to the Chesapeake City Comprehensive Development Ordinance.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to approve Ordinance 11052014. All in favor, motion carried.

- Engineering Agreements –S Edwards

Had four companies bid, KCI, URS, Arro and Landmark Science & Engineering. It was determined that KCI has the more favorable rates, but all the firms are quite capable of handling the position.

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to accept KCI for smaller Town projects. All in favor, motion carried. *Note: KCI will be working with us to help writing RFPs, etc. and may not be able to bid on some projects when they write the RFP.*

IV. Commissioner Assignments

- Harry Sampson: Water/Sewer, Historic
Commissioner Sampson was not in attendance; Miller Environmental gave their monthly report on regular monthly maintenance. Questioning about the update of Mary doing the comparison based on what we're paying for and what we're billing. (Is shopping

Need to make sure we're not losing \$\$\$. No report for Historic – no meeting in December.

- Bill Miners: Finance, Parks & Recreation, Charter, Ethics, Docks, Newsletter
Finishing up meetings for the dock – had the pre bid meeting and no one showed up, no bids have come in – they have until the 20th. Hope to have work started by March 1st and finished in March. Newsletters sent out in the mail today with the water bills. We feel Winterfest was a success, planning a wrap-up meeting.

- Frank Vari: Planning & Zoning, Recycling, Public Relations, Racing Program
P&Z elected Lee Adams to continue as Chair and John Watson will continue as co-chair. Attended Cecil Co Chamber meeting in December with Councilperson Morris. Recycling – will be picking up Christmas trees in January. Regular pick-up will begin back in March. NY Day Run, 35 sponsors, 153 participated and a profit of over \$4700. Over 100 pounds of food for the food pantry. Thanking donations made at end of year.

- Bert Wells: Public Works & Tourism
Concrete work Bohemia & Third and up on Union St. Trying to find a contactor. Asphalt work approved won't happen until Spring because of the weather. Sandra & Dean met with SHA today – plantings on the bridge – need a Sat this spring to finish up the work – wants to make it annual event to make enhancements around Town The Stone Entrances are not moving – nothing structural in their right of way. Bohemia Trail moving ahead with the design plan out to bid. In front of Bayard house up George to the high school. One way on George has been approved. SHA needs to design a plan – but they are on Board for it. We are having CJ to review sidewalk plan. Discussed solution for pavers for Historic District. May be cost effective to do it ourselves instead of their contractors. Discussed amount of maintenance they've been doing. Paving on Biddle & George St – hopefully this Spring.

Habersham – update from Tom – Annex into the Town; looking at getting contract on property, need Habersham to consent to the Annex. And go through the process. After annex, subdivide. Redraft of contract – hoping for it to be signed soon and move forward to the Annexation; Hoping to wrap up in the next week or so. Introduce annex at the next meeting.

- Tom Morris: Public Safety, Noise, Code Enforcement
Sgt. Leas gave his report; Mayor is frustrated with having 2 shifts and not being visible on the corners; wants more visible on Bohemia – 2nd Street. Mayor wants the presence. Does not feel like it's happening. Mayor is driving around Fri/Sat home between 1130p-1am and not seeing the deputies. Schedule change in January. Southside has patrons inside at 230am. Workshop item - options

V. Old Business

- Cecil Night in Annapolis – Thursday. Mayor will be attending. Bill/Bert/Tom not able to attend. Frank Vari is hoping to attend.
- Winterfest Wrap-Up/Meeting Scheduled-Hope to take down this Saturday at 9am. David will start working on it tomorrow. They are all un-hooked and wires are up.

Wrap-Up meeting will be scheduled for a Thursday at 7p. Bill will send an email out to the committee.

- Bridge Loop Plantings – Saturday in April – S Edwards

Wants to make it an annual event for a Beautification Day, maybe around Earth Day? Opening Day for little League is the 11th? Small donation from Town for a sports team participation? Contact Eagle Scouts on Northside plantings that may need attention. Probably the 18th, rain date on 24th.

VI. New Business

- Fireworks-Bert Wells two proposals – bigger the shell, the higher they go. July 3rd, rain date July 5th. Will discuss at workshop and vote at February.
- Project Manager – Mayor Geracimos TJ Gray no longer employed by Town. Have been talking to several people. It was a 32 hr. considering making it a 20hr and move 12 hrs to Tourism person on staff. Marketing the town and press releases to bring more people into Town. Does not feel the Chamber is working. Feels if we do it in house, more exposure. Perhaps to include Economic development. What is the Town willing to do to bring business in town – workshop agenda.

VII. Public Comments Fred – September meeting afterwards – Daughter received a parking ticket, settled in December. Officer didn't show up; Pruitt was the officer. Wife is bartender at Southside grill. Comments at the Sept meeting – two days later got ticket. Will be installing gate between store and Southside – it's been torn down – still urinating behind bar – tenants complaining about noise. There's been shouting between tenants and bar staff/patrons. Vandalism to the vehicles – putting cigarettes out on them = egging vehicles – employees. Haven't seen deputies. Bartender is wife of deputy.

VIII. Mayor's Comment- Parking lot at the plant – waiting on estimate for the costs = David & Sandra met with Mark from Moon – just received proposals today. David has calculations for stone. Confirmation from Delmarva for burying the lines; working contract/lease with the Miss Claire Lease – need to reach out to Mr. Connelly – workshop – update on what he will be doing.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Valerie Wells
Clerk/Treasurer

Bill Miners
Mayor