

**CHESAPEAKE CITY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes for August 13, 2007**

Rebecca Mann
Lee Collins
Tracey Sampson
Bill Kiessler, Mayor
Ernest Shepard
Rich Taylor
Jason Allison, Town Attorney
Gerry Robertson, Town Administrator
Cristal Jordan, Clerk/Treasurer

List of attendees attached to office copy.

Mayor Kiessler brought the meeting to order at 6:31pm. He began the meeting by recognizing Jack Ritter, followed by a moment of silence. Statement made by the Mayor attached to minutes.

Commendations were given to the Chesapeake City All Stars.

I **APPROVAL OF: Town Council Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2007.**
Ernest Shepard made the motion to approve the minutes from July 9, 2007 as written. Lee Collins 2nd.

**Vote Aye – All in favor
 Nay - 0
 Motion Passes**

II **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A.	POLICE REPORT Report attached	TRACEY SAMPSON
B.	PLANNING & ZONING Report attached	RICH TAYLOR
C	HISTORIC REPORT Report attached	TRACEY SAMPSON
D.	PUBLIC WORKS Report attached	ERNEST SHEPARD
E.	ETHICS/CHARTER	REBECCA MANN

Report attached

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| F. | ARCHIVES/HISTORY
Report attached | LEE COLLINS |
| G. | PARKS & RECREATION
ENVIRONMENTAL
Report attached | BARBARA WILKERS |
| H. | TOWN REPORT
Report attached | GERRY ROBERTSON
CRISTAL JORDAN
BILL KIESSLING |

Please note the public comment section of the minutes is not verbatim.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Frank Hill – Is the money from the government going to be on time for the company that is driving the lines under the Canal? Or are we going to miss that?

Response - Gerry Robertson – We are going to get a letter from the Corp. I spoke with Mike Baker who is an engineer for the project last Friday and he said “we will be fine. And I talked with Senator Mikulski’s office today asking if we could get a call or something to help us out and they said everything should be ok.

2. Frank Hill – Could we go ahead and get the sign constructed that’s been knocked down for 3 or 4 months and back charge the person that’s responsible for that?

Response - Gerry Robertson -We’ve got bids from the insurance company that’s taking care of all that and we finally got the bid back and the person responsible for knocking down the sign has offered to pay for it in full.

3. Dick LeGates – What happens if we miss out on the drilling? We don’t have the money, we don’t have the letter, and the contractor pulls out. Does the project then becomes 1.4 million dollars?

Response - Gerry Robertson – The Corp is getting a lot of flack from the Assistant Secretary of the Pentagon and they must know more than I know right now.

4. Frank Vari – I think the City needs to put a No Access to Rt. 213 in the parking area under the bridge on Third Street. People are getting lost to get out of town.

Response - Bill Kiessler – We’ll check into that I think it’s a good idea.

5. Frank Vari – I would like my phone calls returned when we have a problem with the water that is not brown but red.

Response - Gerry Robertson – I did return your call twice.

6. Susanna Lee – We received the drinking water quality report in the mail. I was reading the 2006 drinking water report. We are now in the middle of August and I am reading a report that was for January 1st 2006 to December 31st 2006

Response - Gerry Robertson- It is a state requirement that the Water Operators get the report out between July 31st and Oct.31st

7. Susanna Lee - I realize that there is not a Treasurer's report on here this evening and I would to request that we have some kind of financial report. We don't we have a financial report? Why doesn't the public receive a financial report?

Response- Bill Kiessling – The Council received theirs today. I feel the Council should receive it and review it first before the public gets a copy.

8. Findlay McCool – Reminded the Mayor and Council of their obligations to the Town residents. He also mentioned how the Water plants operated properly in 1996 and the yard waste needs to be picked on a weekly basis.

No Response given

9. Lee Collins – What is the proper procedure for getting items on the agenda?

Response - Bill Kiessling – I thought you were asking for information for updates. I would like to keep Town meetings as action items and Workshops as discussion items.

10. Rebecca Mann – I would like to request that all emails sent to me be hard copied and put in my inbox. I would also like to recommend thinking about getting a plaque and gift certificate for Keith Baynes for all his service. I would like to see that at least by the next Town meeting. Regarding yard waste questions and painting various curbing because it's not complete. Would you please let me know what Topo's duties are?

Response – Bill Kiessling – We can get together a job description, I'm sure there is one in the system.

11. Tracey Sampson – Have we heard any update as to when the Library will be opening?

Response - Gerry Robertson – It looks like when school starts the Library will open.

1. **Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Dept.** - Request permission for Parade 10/20/2007

Lee Collins made the motion to accept the request for the Parade as submitted. Tracey Sampson 2nd.

Vote

Aye – All in favor
Nay- 0
Motion passes.

2. **Formula Business Ordinance Review** – Presentation by Kevin Best
Rebecca Mann made the motion to wait until Planning & Zoning has had the chance to review it before the Council makes any decisions.
Rebecca Mann withdrew her motion.

3. **Town Attorney Nomination** – Mayor Kiessling Nominated Jason Allison as Town Attorney for Chesapeake City.
Rich Taylor made a motion to accept Jason Allison as Town Attorney.
Tracey Sampson 2nd.

Vote

Aye –Tracey Sampson, Ernest Shepard, Rich Taylor
Nay - Rebecca Mann, Lee Collins
Motion passes.

4. **Canal Day Update** – Presented by Mayor Kiessling
Tracey Sampson made the motion the Town Council supports the CCDCA in having Canal Day at this point in time. Lee Collins 2nd.

Vote

Aye - All in favor
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

Rebecca Mann made the motion that Aldrin Salih Facilities/Grounds Manager, pick up yard waste once a week throughout the town and dump it on the Corp of Engineers property. Lee Collins 2nd.

Vote

Aye – All in favor
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

Rebecca Mann made the motion that the Town Council members receive a monthly financial statement of all revenue and expenditures from both the General and the Water/Sewer funds and extra copies are made available to the public after the Town meeting whoever requests one. Lee Collins 2nd.

