

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
November 9th, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. October 5th 2015

- III. Chesty Puller 10K

- IV. Christmas on the Town - Road Closures

- V. Chickens

- VI. General Information

- VII. Town Council Agenda

- VIII. Next Meeting: December 14th, 2015

- IX. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 9th, 2015**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present included Mrs. Ball and Paul Kelley.

Also present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Bub Shreaves; Town Council Members; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development, Tim Sawyer, Building Inspector and Bobby Mawyer, Chief of Police.

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

October 5th 2015

Paul Kelley made a motion to adopt the minutes of October 5th 2015, seconded by Deborah Ball. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

III. Chesty Puller 10K

Mr. Edwards advised that Crucible Racing, LLC is the company that successfully arranged this year's event. Crucible Racing is asking if they can organize the event for the next 3 years. This year there was 400 registered attendees that was double the number of entries compared to when the town organized the event and they will donate \$4.00 from each entry to the Marines Scholarship fund.

The consensus of the Committee is for Crucible Racing, LLC to continue to organize the event.

IV. Christmas on the Town

Bone Jenkins presented the attached request that included, but not limited to street closures; collection of refuse; use of the Town Park; use of the Town parking lots and for the Police Department to lead and end the parade. Mr. Jenkins also stated that there is no fee for the parade and the Chamber of Commerce is requesting that the Town put a float in the parade or the Chamber will provide vehicles for Town Council to ride in the parade.

Mr. Hudson asked how many people attended the Crab-o-ween.

Mr. Jenkins advised that he has no idea, that there were people coming and going all day at the Town park and when the corn-hole tournament started there was a lot more people present during the tournament.

The Chief of Police stated that there was well over one thousand people during the day and there was more trick-a-treaters in the evening than there has been in the past.

Mrs. Ball asked if the Chamber of Commerce has advertised the Christmas on the Town.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he does not anticipate attendance from people as far away as Richmond or Colonial Williamsburg due to the Grand Illumination in Williamsburg and there are other events on the same day across central Virginia. The Chamber of Commerce has offered tables to the vendors that had registered for the Crab Carnival, the majority of the vendors wanted to do the Christmas on the Town to try and recoup their losses from the Crab Carnival.

Mr. Edwards advised that Mr. Jenkins has given the information to Ms. McGowan and the Town has filed an application with VDOT to close some streets.

V. Chickens

Mr. Edwards advised that there has been another complaint regarding chickens in town on Bellwood Street and the offensive odor. The Chief of Police has investigated the complaint and advises that there is no odor problem. There is no limit in the Town Code for chickens, at one time there was over 100 chickens in the yard.

Mr. Shreaves suggested the Town research other ordinances to review what other Towns are doing.

Mr. Edwards reviewed section 10-4, (Animals causing unsanitary conditions or odor) from the Town Code: "It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, keeps or controls any animal to keep that animal in such a manner as to cause unsanitary conditions, or in such a manner as to cause offensive odors beyond the boundary of that person's property." Mr. Edwards also stated that Animal Control from King William County has responded to complaints and is advising that there is nothing they can do.

Chief Mawyer advised that he did not find any issue with the odor but he would be willing to talk with the owner of the chickens.

Mr. Edwards advised that there can be odor at different times of the year especially in the summer when it is hot.

Mr. Lawson stated that he has smelt the odor on a hot day.

Mrs. Ball suggested the Town consider placing a limit on the number of chickens a person can own in town.

The consensus of the Committee is for the Chief of Police to talk with the owner of the chickens.

VI. General information

Mr. Edwards advised that the Town has submitted a Town Ornament to be placed on the Christmas tree at the Governor's Mansion in December. There will be holiday tours of the Mansion so you can go and see the tree with the ornaments, there are 125 localities that submitted a tree ornament. Sue Kurfees was kind enough to hand paint an ornament for the Town.

VII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards advised that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th 2015.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: December 14th 2015.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk

Requests to Town of West Point for Christmas on the Town

First, I would like to thank the Town for working with the Chamber to make “Craboween” a success. Many people did not understand the logistics of putting on Crab Carnival and wanted it rescheduled. They wanted another community event. So in order to honor the requests for another event and also, to help the vendors recoup some of their losses due to the cancellation of Crab Carnival we elected to have “Craboween”. The Chamber lost money on the event; however, it was not the intent for it to be a money-maker. I have heard nothing but good remarks from citizens and vendors that attended the event. One vendor in particular told me that it was their second best day of business so far this year. Thank you for allowing this on such a short notice.

The West Point Tri Rivers Chamber would like to request the following for the annual Christmas on the Town event:

- The Town of West Point close the streets from 9th street to 6th street from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on December 6, 2015
- To put up all signs needed to block the streets and take them down at the end of the event. Vendors would be allowed to set up on Main Street at 11:00 AM and be open until 5:00 PM
- Collect the added trash cans that the Chamber will put out on each block (at least one per block) from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
- The use of Town Park from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM to have live music, a corn hole tournament, food vendors, and to sell beer and wine
- To use a part of the parking lot behind Radio Shack for Handicap parking
- The Police Department to lead and end the parade which will line up on Kirby starting at Second Street