

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Greg Eanes, Council Members Aaron Reed, Steve Sisk, Bill Faas, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member Billy Abel

Also Present: Town Manager W. Wade Walker & Town Attorney Tessie Bacon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Eanes opened the meeting with a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on Article IV: Chickens and other fowl. The revised ordinance would allow for regulated keeping of chickens in Town limits.

Nan Vick, E. Carolina Ave., stated the ordinance sounded good the way it was written. She also mentioned with people moving towards healthier and organic choices she believes allowing chickens in town is a good decision.

Kathy Kingery, County Resident, commented she felt there would need to be a lot of resources needed to manage the ordinance based on the requirements as they are written.

Ralph Vick, Indian Oak Ave., commented that he has an adequate amount of land to have chickens and he is in favor of allowing chickens in town.

Additional discussion followed with Vice Mayor stating more thought should be given to the fee to be charged and consider the lot sizes before making any final decisions. Council agreed.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Eanes closed the public hearing.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kathy Kingery, County Resident, asked for an update on the sign ordinance. Council Member Miskovic stated he had a draft ordinance and the only necessary component is in regard to maintenance. He further stated there are several constitutional issues which limit what can be regulated and that includes placement, condition, length of time and size.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with the bill sheet and additions totaling \$. Motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Walker reported

Council Member Miskovic suggested a list of all Town assets over a certain dollar amount be created with a comprehensive list to include how old the equipment is, the life expectancy and the cost of new equipment in an effort to better prepare the Town for next year's capital budget. Discussion followed.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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Attorney Bacon reported she had looked into the recreation zoning and the sign ordinance as requested by Council. She reported the signs are not covered under the property maintenance code.

She also reported on the Lipscomb & Stratton Project stating it is nearing completion and current law requires the Town file petitions in condemnation within one month of project completion.

Attorney Bacon also noted she found additional resources for the source water protection plan to obtain more assistance with the matter. She stated she would provide the Town with a letter to present to the County for their part.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes asked for a further detail on why Council approved a motion to present Section 3.5 Powers and Duties of the Mayor to the General Assembly but did not approve Sections 2-179 Powers and Duties Generally & 2-180 Chief of Police and Police Generally. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted to support the ordinance amendments to take effect 1 July 2018, following the amendment of the Town Charter. And if the Charter Amendment does not take effect the ordinance amendments will also not take effect. Council Member Miskovic opposed the motion. Motion passed with a 5 – 1 vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure: No report

Finance: No Report

Personnel: No Report

Volunteer Services: Council Member Faas stated the gazebo in the park has a new roof thanks to the efforts of the Wash Bucket Initiative. He also reminded Council the Annual Chamber Dinner would be held on Friday, November 3, 2017.

Economic: Council Member Miskovic reported on the annual Virginia Municipal League conference he attended last week: He reported that he participated in a panel discussion featuring Crewe's Healthy Eating/Active Living initiatives; he gave each Council member a copy of the VML Legislative Agenda that was passed at the conference; he reported that VML has established a partnership with the National League of Cities, VML's national counterpart, and all members of VML are now members of the NCL, entitling them to additional benefits and resources; and he reported that he spoke with Dana Schrad, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police who informed him that she uses Crewe Police Department's former social media strategies in trainings as an example of small departments using resources well and engaging with the public. Councilman Miskovic also presented the Town with a popcorn maker he won at the conference as part of a vendor raffle, as well as a bag of popcorn kernels he purchased at Yoder's Market.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- a. Water Rates - Council Member Miskovic stated the advertisement for the public hearing on the water rates should be done for the November 2017 meeting as it had been approved in the September meeting.

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b. Sign Ordinances –

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously to advertise for a public hearing for the sign ordinance. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic reported he and Manager Walker had met with Hurt & Proffitt on a large multi-phase initiative to take place over the next several years that included purchasing the park, renovating the old Division Office, creating the cross walk on 460 as previously discussed and other issues impacted in economic development and recreation.

Council Member Miskovic stated he would like to have Hurt & Proffitt apply for a Virginia TAP Grant. He further reported they met with an expert on this type of grant to obtain additional information. He commented the meeting was very informative and the Town was given options. Further discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to pass a resolution to allow Hurt & Proffitt to apply for the Virginia TAP Grant that is not to exceed \$300,000. Motion passed.

Council Member Miskovic reported he reached out to DHCD to have them explain the processes for blight reduction, the steps to take, the various opportunities not being taken advantage of, and the resources available.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to pass the resolution presented by Council Member Miskovic in support of the Harris Memorial Armory Renovation and Preservation. Motion passed.

Mayor Eanes asked for clarification if he needed to contact Norfolk Southern for a price on the park in regard to the TAP Grant. Council confirmed he did.

Mayor Eanes further asked if Council wished to re-dedicate Crewe Municipal Park as Veteran's Memorial Park with the 100th Anniversary of WWI approaching. Discussion followed. Council agreed to not move forward on the re-dedication at this time.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Miskovic reminded everyone to get out and vote on Election Day!

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Eanes asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session consistent with VA State Code 2.2-3711, paragraphs 3, 4, & 5.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter into Executive Session consistent with VA State Code 2.2-3711, paragraphs 3 Property, 4 Personnel & 5 Perspective Business. Motion passed.

Motion made by Council Member; seconded by Council Member, to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. Motion passed.

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Open Session

Motion by Council Member; seconded by Council Member, to certify the Executive Session. Mayor Eanes ordered a roll call:

Council Member Reed – Yes

Council Member Sisk - Yes

Council Member Faas – Yes

Council Member Stinson – Yes

Council Member Knight – Yes

Council Member Miskovic – Yes

Vote 6 -0. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Sisk; seconded by Council Member Reed, Council voted unanimously by voice to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Greg Eanes Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager