

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Greg Eanes, Town Manager Wade Walker, Town Attorney Tessie Bacon, Council Members Aaron Reed, Wendy Bowen, James Bradley, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member Billy Abel

Mayor Eanes called the meeting to order with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council member Reed; seconded by Council Member Bowen, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$257,527.58. Motion passed.

MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Walker reported he had received a proposal from Southern Corrosion for a maintenance contract to service our water tanks. As you may remember, we spent \$100,000 recently to have Southern Corrosion paint the Tennessee Ave. tank and it has been about 10 years since work was done to the Railroad Tank. Their proposal is a maintenance contract that includes annual inspection of tanks, emergency service, regularly scheduled interior and exterior wash outs, all interior and exterior cleaning, painting, and repairs, maintenance and upkeep, and planning and budgeting for both short term and long-term maintenance needs. During the initial year of their contract or 2019, they will perform a visual inspection of the Railroad Tank, clean and repair any rust areas both inside and outside, apply necessary coating and paint, re-apply the tank logo, repair roof hatches, and repair the roof vent. Year two would involve inspection of both tanks and any repairs uncovered during the inspections. The contract would be for 10 years, then be subject for renewal at that time. The initial year of cost would be \$21,080.00. Subsequent yearly cost would be based on the previous year's cost plus the % change in the Consumer Price Index for that previous year. The average CPI increase per year for the last 10 years has been 2.00%. Based on that, the second year would be \$21,501.00. Because the value of the first year far exceeds the accumulated value of services performed during the previous year, there is a schedule we would owe should we decide to cancel the service.

As stated, the Railroad tank will be inspected, repaired, and painted during the first year. If done solely by us the cost would exceed \$100,000.00. We would only pay \$21,080.00 and absorb the cost over the 10 years of the contract. If we use an average of \$25,000 per year for the next 10 years, we would spend \$250,000.00. In my opinion, this would be the cost of painting each tank within that 10-year period so the additional services offered with the maintenance agreement would be beneficial. In addition, we would receive all the benefits of the annual service and protection against anything that may happen, including damage and even graffiti. Mr. Walker stated he had talked to several of our neighbors, including Burkeville, who use this service and they are all very pleased with the agreement and service they get from Southern Corrosion. The written proposal is in the office, should any of Council want to review it.

Mr. Walker met with StraightUpNet and the Town of Blackstone on possible broadband service to the town. Initial meeting was to discuss a possible application for grant funds from the Tobacco Commission. It was agreed that the request would be asked through Nottoway County. The representatives of the company will be contacting Nottoway and let them know that at least Crewe and Blackstone are interested in applying for the grant.

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Manager's Report, cont:

There will be a cost involved but we are not sure what that would be. Manager Walker asked Council to approve moving forward with the application and support of it; depending on the final cost.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Bowen, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the Town manager to engage in the process of moving forward with the application and support of the possibility of bringing broadband service to the Town. Motion passed.

We were recently contacted by Randy Burnette, Director with the Virginia Department of Aviation, about our interest in a possible grant for improvements to our airport that would involve a 5% match on funds. Based on information he had compiled related to upgrades we need, he stated we may be looking at from \$50 to \$100,000 as our 5% match. A portion of this could go toward in-kind work so the number may not be that high. Walker told him the Town would be interested but of course we need more information and mine was not a total commitment. He understood and will show us as willing to consider.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon recommended Council update the Town of Crewe Code to reflect the 2015 Building Code. Discussion followed.

She also briefly discussed the Rental Inspection ordinance and suggested Council report to her any suggestions or changes they may have to the Rental Inspection draft ordinance. Discussion followed.

Council agreed to advertise for the public hearings to update the building code and adopt the rental inspection code for the January 2019 meeting.

Attorney Bacon also reported on the noise ordinance to include church bells. She quoted the Albemarle County ordinance on church bells "Exempt Sounds: Church bells or chimes. Sounds generated by church bells or chimes."

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Miskovic. Council voted unanimously by voice vote to advertise for a public hearing to include church bells or chimes, or sounds generated by church bells or chimes.

Attorney Bacon also stated she had spoken with the attorney for the City of Lynchburg in reference to franchise agreements and he offered her some good advice on how to proceed. She commented that the Town needed to reach out to CenturyLink and Shentel and meet with them to discuss the agreements.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes reported he had sent a letter to Congressman Dave Bratt thanking him for his service and support on things that have benefited the citizens of the Town of Crewe. He also sent a letter to Congresswoman Elect Abigail Spanberger congratulating her and inviting her to address Council anytime she is in Town. He also offered the use of the Mayor's Office to set up a congressional office to allow a staff member to be there as a point of contact for people in this area. He did further comment there was interest in the offer from Ms. Spanberger.

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Mayor's Report cont'd:

Mayor Eanes commented the Christmas Parade was a nice night out.

Mayor Eanes informed Council that he had contacted VDOT about some issues that were long standing and VDOT acted very swiftly on the issues pointed out. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Council Member Stinson stated everything is being taken care of.

Personnel: Council Member Reed reported the Town had extended an offer to Phil Morgan for a position with the Crewe Police Department.

Community: Council Member Bowen reported she is working on the Rental Inspection issue.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic presented to Council a proposal for "Vacant Building Registration" that would be a tool to help assist the Town with the enforcement on derelict buildings. Discussion followed. No action taken, the issue was tabled.

Council Member Miskovic also presented to Council his 2019 Goals for their review, touching briefly on goal 3 that focuses on blight reduction. He requested Mayor Eanes appoint a committee to assist with this. Mayor Eanes approved the committee and appointed Council Member Miskovic as chair and Miskovic asked Council Member Bowen to co-chair.

Manager Walker informed Council the County will be closed on Christmas Eve, which will cause an issue with garbage collection for Town residents and businesses. He asked for Council's desire on if they wanted to close Christmas Eve also. Council agreed to close Town Office all day on Christmas Eve.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Miskovic thanked those that provided feedback for the Town's website and he also informed Council he would be absent for the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Faas extended a heartfelt thank you to the Town Council and its staff members for all of their help and support for the last 4 years as President of the Crewe Burkeville Chamber.

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Mayor Eanes asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session consistent with Virginia State Code 2.2-3711 (A), sub-section (1) Personnel, (3) Real Property & (7) Consultation with Legal Counsel.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter into Executive Session consistent with Virginia State Code 2.2-3711 (A), sub-section (1) Personnel, (3) Real Property & (7) Consultation with Legal Counsel. Motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to return to Open Session. Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to certify the Executive Session. Mayor Eanes ordered a roll call:

*Council Member Reed - Yes
Council Member Bowen – Yes
Council Member Bradley - Yes
Council Member Stinson – Yes
Council Member Knight – Yes
Council Member Miskovic – Yes
6-0 Motion passed.*

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize Attorney Bacon to rewrite the restrictive covenants for Luckstone’s conditional use permit.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Stinson; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Greg Eanes Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager