

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2018 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, Billy Abel & Phil Miskovic

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Susan Christian Yeatts, on behalf of the Washbucket Initiative addressed Council for its feedback on the group's recent application for grant funding. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Yeatts also addressed Council about the blight throughout town stating it was heavy weight on the manager's shoulders. She questioned the possibility of forming a group to identify the areas as a way to help the manager. Discussion followed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$136,275.99. Motion passed.

MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Walker informed Council that leaf pickup stops this week. As always, we want to remind everyone that leaves can still be picked up by the town if they are bagged or boxed and placed at or near their garbage receptacles. Debris and limb pick up will resume on an as needed basis.

Manager Walker stated he had been asked to compile a list of water lines based on their known condition and need of replacement. Outside of the main line from Nottoway, which is the oldest and most vulnerable, Moncure Avenue, parts of East Tennessee, and parts of Custis Street would be the ones that require almost yearly maintenance. This would be where we would concentrate, time and work load justified. He stated ironically, during discussion on these lines it was easier to list lines that had been replaced in the past 10 years and then it was basically, pick a line in town, starting with the main line. Many of our water line issues lie in the service connection which is the line from our water main to the property line or the meter. These consist of hundreds of old galvanized lines that have deteriorated over the years and many of the leaks or breaks we experience are these services lines. When they leak or break, we repair them by replacing the old line with new copper and all new fixtures. To systematically try to replace all of these would be nearly impossible therefore repairing them as they break, or being reactionary seems to be the best on most efficient way to replace them. Walker stated 90% of the time when we get a customer complaint it deals mainly with lack of pressure which can be directly attributed to service line deterioration which also includes private lines from meter to house. In the past, water complaints were attributed to old lines but I am convinced due to changes made in the last 10 years with our water treatment process, main water lines are not an issue other than occasional breakage. Town service lines and private service lines are the main issue. We will continue to replace service lines on an as needed basis.

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TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes spoke briefly on the topics from his agenda. He noted a letter of congratulations had been sent to Heaven Bound Baptist Church for their 20th Anniversary. Mayor Eanes also spoke briefly on Senate Bill 196 & House Bill 267. He also wrote a letter to Senator Ruff and Delegate Wright asking for a review of the DCJS Academy police training. Mayor Eanes reported he advocated against the proposed legislation that would have gutted the existing the war memorial protections law.

Mayor Eanes stated he participated in a cost-shared newspaper advertisement with Blackstone Mayor Billy Coleburn and Burkeville Mayor Joe Morrisette and County Board Chairman Sherman Vaughn recognizing the services and sacrifices of Nottoway County's Vietnam Veterans. *He noted no Town of Crewe taxpayer dollars were used in the purchase of the above mentioned ads.

Mayor Eanes closed his report noting February 12th was Abraham Lincoln's birthday and his mother Nancy Hanks, had roots extending to Nottoway County by way of her father that owned property near Barebones Creek.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure: Council Member Sisk reported everything was running along good.

Finance: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Volunteer Services: No report.

Economic Development: Council Member Miskovic updated Council on the Virginia Grocery Invest Fund legislation the Town supported stating both pieces of legislation failed, but there's still money in the proposed budget for the fund.

Mr. Miskovic stated he would be attending an offeror's conference for the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth HCAT grant in Blacksburg, VA. He elaborated saying the grant awards are \$30,000 per year for 2 years with no match requirements for HEAL related activities. Mr. Miskovic did ask for suggestions from fellow Council Members and stated he would be setting up a coalition in the near future.

Mr. Miskovic closed his report informing Council there would be a FASTC meeting in West Virginia on Thursday, February 15th and Mayor Coleburn has room if anyone wanted to go and support the Crewe area.

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CONTINUING BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic asked if Vice Mayor Stinson was still working on getting quotes for the renovation of the library conference room. Mrs. Stinson stated she was.

Mr. Miskovic asked for an update on the annexation Council had discussed. Mayor Eanes reported we had engaged the County and it appears favorable.

Mr. Miskovic presented to Council updated figures for the quarterly newsletters. Discussion followed. Mr. Miskovic stated he would rework the numbers and send out updated quotes via e-mail once available.

Mr. Miskovic made a motion to adopt the chicken ordinance as previously advertised. Discussion followed. Mr. Miskovic withdrew his motion and stated he would present it at the March Council meeting, encouraging Council to review the ordinance prior to the March meeting.

Mayor Eanes asked about the progress Virginia Tech is making on the digital copying of the old Town of Crewe minutes. Mr. Miskovic reported VT is moving along, slowly, but hope to have the project completed by summer.

Vice Mayor Stinson provided Council with an updated Comprehensive Plan worksheet for their review.

NEW BUISNESS

Motion by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Stinson; Council voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the Town Manager to accept the most adequate bid to replace the Town Office HVAC System. Motion passed.

Council Member Knight informed Council the windows at the Town Office were in need of replacement. Discussion followed. Mr. Knight stated they would submit for 3 bids and bring those back to the March Council Meeting.

Council Member Miskovic presented Council with options to help the Town enforce blight. Attorney Bacon stated the building ordinance on the books already covers some of the options available. Discussion followed.

Mr. Miskovic also noted there is a citizen initiated option available under Section 48.1 – 48.6 of the Code of Virginia. Mayor Eanes asked that Mr. Miskovic get the information to Town Clerk Tiffany Sisk for her to disperse to Council.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILIDGE

Council Member Sisk asked Council to keep the Partain's in their thoughts and prayers. He reported they are the family that recently lost their home, some pets, and all of their possessions to a house fire. He stated the family owns property outside of Town and had intentions of moving out of Town, but after the outpouring of love and support from this community in light of such a tragedy they will be staying in Crewe.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

Susan Christian Yeatts voiced concern about the old boat on Meade St. and the house on the corner of E. Carolina Ave. and Russell.

Town Clerk, Tiffany Sisk informed Council that it was Council Member Steve Sisk's birthday. All those in attendance sang Happy Birthday for Mr. Sisk.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Stinson.

Meeting adjourned.

Greg Eanes

Mayor

W. Wade Walker

Town Manager