

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 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 (via Skype)

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 silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Eanes opened the meeting with 4 public hearings. The first public hearing was for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding rezoning certain parcels of property, pursuant to Virginia Code 15.2-2204.

Jack Boswell, owner of the parcels spoke briefly to Council stating when he was approached about the lots he wrote a letter to each resident informing them he would do everything in his power to protect their property. He emphasized there would be no rear access to the property.

Marie Peedin with Pungo Engineering Services explained the “cutoff” lighting that would be installed. She revealed that Family Dollar is the business that is interested in the property.

Council Member Reed asked about installing a barrier on the backside of the property. Ms. Peedin further talked about installing a barrier or buffer on the backside of the property to prevent “foot traffic” and noise, stating that was an option.

Council Member Miskovic expressed concern on the Town’s ordinances not being strengthened enough for that end of town. He asked if the potential business would be open to discuss various façade and signage issues. Ms. Peedin stated the budget is not set to be able to provide any architectural upgrades as it is not required in the Town ordinances.

No further comments. Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Eanes opened the second public hearing with the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the vacation of a proposed road pursuant to Virginia Code 15.2-2006.

Thomas Knight, adjacent land owner, expressed his favor for vacating the proposed road.

Hearing no comments the public hearing closed.

The Planning Commission adjourned to discuss the re-zoning of the property that Family Dollar is interested in.

The Planning Commission Chairperson advised Council they would be tabling the decision on re-zoning until next month to allow them adequate time to discuss and review the proposal.

Mayor Eanes opened the third public hearing with the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the amendments of certain ordinances regarding the supervision and control of the police chief and police department.

Mayor Eanes opened the fourth public hearing with the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the amendments of the Charter for the Town of Crewe, pursuant to Virginia Code 15.2-202

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Council Member Miskovic noted the public hearings for the amendments of certain ordinances and amendments to the Charter were to be sent to Attorney Bacon for corrected verbiage and reviewed by Council then advertised. Mayor Eanes agreed.

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to have Attorney Bacon review and correct the amendments for the Charter for the Town of Crewe and the amendments to certain ordinances regarding supervision of the Police Chief and Police Department.*

**DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with the bill sheet and additions totaling \$169,299.68. Motion passed.*

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Walker stated he had received a list of surveyors approved by the Department of Aviation to survey the glide slope off of runway 15 to identify all obstructions. Timberlake and Co. was on the list therefore, he recommended we contact them to do the survey. Department will pay 80% of the cost. Our plan is to try and identify all obstacles and any future obstacles so that we can negotiate with the property owners to have them removed. This is necessary to get back into compliance with the Department so that we are eligible for future funding. If Council approves, I will contact Timberlake.

Manager Walker restated his concerns about the safety of our water supply at Crystal Lake. More and more people have contacted the town relative to property they have purchased around Crystal Lake. Questions are being ask concerning clearing of property and disposal of septic waste. I have asked Tessie to look into what is needed to protect our water supply.

Mr. Walker wanted to remind everyone that our police department is sponsoring National Night Out on August 1, 2017 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Hooper Park. Should be a good time and turnout. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Manager Walker stated he had a couple of items to discuss in executive session dealing with property and personnel.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon reported a judgement by the court had been made on the old theater building. She also stated she had made an initial contact start with the Health Department to determine what authority the Town has in regard to the restrictions at the lake. Discussion followed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Eanes had no official report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Infrastructure:** No report

**Finance:** No Report

**Personnel:** Council Member Stinson thanked the employees for all they continue to do.

**Volunteer Services:** Council Member Faas thanked the Police Department and Town Employees

**Economic:** Council Member Miskovic reported Virginia Tech had completed the first ordinance book dated 1894 – 1900. They now have a second book beginning with 1910. Miskovic announced the Town’s team placed second for the walking competition.

Miskovic also spoke on the most recent events in Town, their successes and the revenue they brought to the Town to include the Chicken Festival and the 100+ mile yard sale.

Miskovic commented on the aggressive approach to blight reduction and major improvements are being seen. He closed his report stating the Town should continue with the aggressive enforcement of blight policies and strong zoning ordinances.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

***Motion by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Stinson; Council voted unanimously by voice vote to vacate the proposed road that runs between tax map numbers 18A37 221 1\*, 18A37 221 6\*, 18A37 221 11\*, 18A37 220 26\*, 18A37 220 23\*, 18A37 220 22, & 18A37 220 14\*. Motion passed.***

Council Member Stinson provided Council with proposed ordinance changes from the past in regards to chickens in town for their review and consideration to be readdressed at the August 2017 meeting.

Council Member Miskovic proposed having a public hearing on moving the curfew from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. Discussion followed. Council agreed to obtain feedback from Chief Dixon and address it at the August 2017 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Council Member Miskovic thanked Council, the Mayor and Manager for allowing him to Skype into the meeting.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Carrie Atkins, homeowner on E. Maryland, expressed great concern about the pollution at Crystal Lake by the recent land clearings. She suggested we look at places for guidance like Swift Creek Reservoir. Discussion followed.

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Mrs. Atkins also stated she is in favor of having an earlier curfew.

**Citizens Comments Cont'd.**

Natasha Abernathy, resident of E. Tennessee Ave., questioned the status of having a second night shift officer. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter into Executive Session consistent with VA State Code 2.2-3711, paragraphs 2 & 3.*

*Motion made by Council Member Knight; seconded by Mr. Faas to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. Motion passed.*

**Open Session**

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

*Council Member Reed – Yes*

*Council Member Sisk – Yes*

*Council Member Stinson – Yes*

*Council Member Faas – Yes*

*Council Member Knight – Yes*

*Council Member Miskovic – Yes*

*Vote 6 -0. Motion Passed.*

*Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Faas, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to hold a public hearing to declare the Beeler property surplus and sell it. Motion passed.*

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

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Greg Eanes                      Mayor

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W. Wade Walker    Town Manager