

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, Billy Abel & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Town Attorney T. Bacon & Council Member Bill Faas

Also Present: Town Manager Wade Walker

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes with Preacher James L. Bradley of Calvary Freewill Baptist Church leading in Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Eanes opened the floor to Judge Mayo Gravatt for the swearing in of the new 2018 – 2020 Council Members and Mayor.

Mayor Eanes then opened the floor to Aaron Hawkins with Robinson, Farmer & Cox for a presentation of the Town of Crewe's FY17 Audit Report.

Mr. Hawkins reviewed the basic layout of the audit process and thanked Town Clerk Tiffany and staff for making the audit a very smooth one. Mr. Hawkins stated the Audit Opinion or unmodified opinion of RFC was that the Audit for the Town of Crewe was free of any material misstatement. He further spoke on revenues, expenditures, proprietary funds, and capital assets for the Town. He concluded his presentation stating their testing of the internal controls of the Town did not find any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

Mayor Eanes then opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2018 – 2019 budget for the Town of Crewe. Hearing no comments Mayor Eanes closed the Public Hearing.

**DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

***Motion made by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$218,251.47. Motion passed.***

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Town Manager Walker stated he looked into replacement shutters for the Town Hall and received a quote of 6500 for new ones. Not feeling comfortable with spending that kind of money for shutters we decided to try and rehab the old wooden shutters. Toney and his group have sanded down to the wood and repaired some of the cracks and it looks like we will be able to salvage them at substantially less cost.

Mr. Walker stated now that the obstructions have been removed from the airport and we are in complete compliance we are able to solicit funds for much needed crack fill and surface treatment of the runway. We recently asked a former bidder to take another look at the surface and they feel because the runway has gotten worse, it will require substantially more work. They advised bringing in a consultant to evaluate the current condition of the runway. I met with them a couple of weeks ago and they are in the process of formulating a plan.

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**Manager's Report, cont:**

Spring clean-up concluded last week and as suspected it was very light. Most metal objects are now being taken by individuals for scrap salvage and there was very little heavy clean up.

Manager Walker then informed Council that the Town had received the 2017 Gold Water Treatment Plant Performance Award for Excellence in Clarification, Filtration, and Backwash from the Office of Drinking Water / Virginia Department of Health. The Gold Award is made in recognition of your efforts to achieve the filtration performance criteria for 2017. Walker restated his appreciation of the hard work and dedication of our Water Treatment Plant operators and congratulated them for their outstanding work.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Absent

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Eanes spoke briefly on the items from his agenda as follows:

- a. Luck Stone Public Meeting was well attended.
- b. 101 Days of Summer started Memorial Day weekend, which is considered the period of the highest accident rates and encouraged safety in all summertime activities.
- c. Luck Stone would like a motion to affirm the previously signed contract between Luck Stone and the Town of Crewe.

***Motion made by Council Member Miskovic to re-affirm the previously signed contract between Luck Stone and the Town of Crewe. Seconded by Council Member Stinson. Motion passed.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Infrastructure:** No report.

**Finance:** No report.

**Personnel:** Thank Town employees for all their hard work and especially congratulate Tiffany during the stressful time with the audit.

**Volunteer Services:** Council Member Faas was unable to attend but did leave a message with Mayor Eanes to be read aloud. "To outgoing Councilmen, I am sorry I could not be at my last Council meeting. It was a great experience and I wish the two new incumbents to a successful term in office."

**Economic Development:** Council Member Miskovic reported the HEAL committee met and learned it is "unofficial" but they did not receive the grant they had applied for. He explained a letter would be sent out once the contracts had been signed explaining why and he hope to also get copies of the successful applications to know what to do better next time. The next HEAL meeting will be Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and the Virginia Grocery Investment Fund did not make into the budget. He also stated that Virginia Tech has resumed the Council Minutes Project.

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**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Council Member Miskovic asked if \$10,000 from the Reserve Fund can be used for the crosswalk at Meade Street. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Reed, voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the use of \$10,000 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of the Crosswalk and necessary lighting at Meade Street. Motion passed.*

Council Member Miskovic asked that Members of Council be paid \$1.00 per year. The reasoning is if a member of council is still paying student loans the Federal Government has a Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program that allows an individual to make student loan payments for 10 years if they are working in Public Service either government or non-profit and after the 10 year period the remaining loan will be forgiven. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to pay Council \$1.00 per year. Motion passed.*

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the 2018-2019 budget as presented. Motion passed.*

Vice Mayor Stinson asked if the \$1,000 allotted to the "Library" has to be paid to the County or can it be given to the actual Library. Mayor Eanes asked Manager Walker to follow up on that and report back.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Miskovic presented Council with information on "Spot Blight Abatement" and asked that it be considered for future use. Discussion followed. Council agreed to further discuss the procedure and revisit at the July 2018 Council Meeting.

Council Member Miskovic prepared a Resolution for outgoing Council Members Sisk and Faas. Mayor Eanes presented Council Member Sisk with the Resolution commending him for his service to the Town of Crewe. Council Member Miskovic presented Council Member Sisk with a parting gift, a jar of local honey.

Council Member Knight mentioned some concern about moving the playground from the Library grounds because of the ongoing issues at the current location. Mayor Eanes placed the issue in the Volunteer Services Committee for further review. Discussion followed.

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Council Member Miskovic reminded everyone of the upcoming Crewe Burkeville Chamber of Commerce Chicken Festival to be held at Southside Electric's Hooper Park on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with gates opening at 4 p.m. He also mentioned that there have been some major improvement over the last 6 years to include water quality and Town audits all in thanks to the Town staff.

Council Member Abel asked if VDOT could come back through and hit the drop boxes again. Mayor Eanes asked Manager Walker to take the issue for action.

Vice Mayor Stinson invited everyone to come by the library on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 11:30 for the library's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**Points of Personal Privilege Cont'd.**

Council Member Sisk extended a thank you to everyone and to his wife for their support. Thank you to Wendy Bowen for her support and assistance in getting the volleyball court put up. Council Member Sisk closed pointing out that the meeting prior to his first term, Council voted to stop paying Council Members \$500 a year for their service and now on the last meeting of his final term, Council has voted to start paying Council again, even \$1.00. He said "I'll see y'all in two years." Mayor Eanes thanked Council Member Sisk for his service, commenting he has served this community in more ways than one.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Smith, resident of Stratton Street, complained about a supposed drainage issue on the property behind his house stating it is causing an issue with mosquitoes. Discussion followed. Manager Walker will look into the issue and get it resolved.

Baxter Stegall, E. Tennessee Ave. resident, attended the Luck Stone public information meeting and was invited by Mr. Riley, the Project Manager, to tour their main headquarters in Goochland. He commented he would be touring the plant and the surrounding neighborhood to get their feedback. Mr. Stegall extended the invitation to anyone that was interested in going, stating it would be early July before he visits.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.***

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Greg Eanes

Mayor

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W. Wade Walker

Town Manager