

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 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, Billy Abel & Phil Miskovic

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes.

Mayor Eanes opened the meeting with a public hearing.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was for Town council to consider an Ordinance that would amend certain provisions of the Cigarette Tax Ordinance and add other provisions to the Cigarette Tax Ordinance.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Eanes closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Council Member Stinson; seconded by Council Member Faas, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Cigarette Tax Ordinance updates. Motion passed.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. McCormick, Crewe Resident, asked if any revisions had been made to the animal waste ordinance. Mayor Eanes confirmed revisions and updates had been received and Council would review before moving forward.

Mr. McCormick further stated he had collected signatures for a petition in regard to the animal waste ordinance and he felt there was a 90% approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with the bill sheet and additions totaling \$160,895.19. Motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Walker informed Council the new shed at the Public Works Department is complete. All equipment needing protection is now being stored. It is a very nice addition and will benefit the town greatly in protection of most of our expensive equipment.

We are still trying to obtain three bids on tank rehab. One other company may or may not bid. They originally stated they would charge \$1,200 for the inspection and bid. I told them we were not interested. One company called back and stated they may give us a bid without the inspection fee. It is looking more and more like the bid from Southern Corrosion will be the one to go with.

Manager Walker informed Council he had received two local bids on the requested financing of the auxiliary pump necessary to move sewage flow should our Upper East End Pump Station fail. Bids were received from Benchmark Community Bank and Citizens Bank & Trust. Benchmark Community Bank bid a rate of 2.95% with a \$40.00 fee. Citizens Bank bid 2.25% with no fee. Recommend we award the bid to Citizens. An immediate motion was made and approved to award the bid to Citizens Bank & Trust.

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Manager's Report Cont'd

Annual Spring clean-up will be the week of April 17th. This is a time when we pick up basically anything that citizens want to dispose of with the exemption oil tanks, paint cans containing paint, and tires. Great opportunity for citizens to clean up their properties and Walker encouraged citizens to take advantage of this service.

Walker reported the 2017-2018 budget process will begin this week. We typically begin by running a budget worksheet and plug in all the known numbers based on previous years, and anticipated revenues; followed by anticipated expenses for the operation of the town. Once these numbers are entered, we meet with the various departments to review the numbers and hear any additional concerns they may have. We will then present the proposed budget to the Finance Committee for review, followed by a Budget Work Session with the full Council.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Citizen's Bank & Trust Co. for financing of the emergency pump at a rate of 2.25%. Motion passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Bacon reported she filed the Payne & Payne complaint in Court. She also stated she had reached out to an area representative with DEQ in regard to concerns about regulations at Crystal Lake to ensure the drinking water supply is safe. She is awaiting a return call.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes reported that Senator Ruff and Delegate Wright would be attending the April 10, 2017 Council meeting to brief Council on the recent General Assembly Session.

He stated on April 4 from noon to 5 p.m. there would be several AmeriCorp volunteers coming to Crewe to help with the development of the proposed Mush Jennings Park.

He further reported the deed of transfer for acquisition of the property behind the VFW to be used as a children's playground has been completed.

Mayor Eanes closed his report proudly announcing the National Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans and their ladies auxiliary the Daughters of '98 will be holding their 81st National Convention in Crewe from September 22 – September 24, 2017 at the Rich Inn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure: Council Member Sisk stated the shed at the Public Works department looks great. He also stated he continues to work on the kiosk for Hagberg Park.

Finance: Council Member Knight stated the finances look good. Council Member Knight also questioned the repeal of the decals.

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Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Reed, to repeal the current requirement for Town Decals. Motion passed with a 6 – 1 vote, with Council Member Abel in opposition of the motion.

Finance Cont'd.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve imposing a \$5 water surcharge to be split 60/40 with 60% to cover daily operational expenses and remaining 40% dedicated to water maintenance. Motion passed.

Council Member Miskovic suggested looking into adding a fee to the Personal Property taxes equivalent or less that to the town decal cost for purposes of general fund needs and projects. Discussion followed.

Personnel: Council Member Stinson welcomed the Town's newest Police Officer Amberly Eells to the force. She stated her schooling would start July 1, 2017.

Volunteer Services: No Report

Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic reported the Town has a team for the Piedmont Regional Health Coalition – Piedmont Out Walking group that consists of Mayor & First Lady Eanes, Town Clerk Tiffany Sisk, Council Member Steve Sisk, and himself.

Council Member Miskovic reported a new restaurant should be opening soon. Council Member Faas commented the hold-up has been waiting on their custom grill.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the Town Manager to accept the lowest bid he can receive for the tank rehab up to \$110,000. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Eanes placed the Draft Sign Ordinance information from Council Member Miskovic into the Infrastructure Committee for further review.

Mayor Eanes placed the Improving Transparency and Citizen Engagement at Meetings information to the Finance Committee for further review.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Miskovic reminded everyone of the Kiwanis Pancake Supper on March 23 at the Crewe Community Center.

Council Member Abel stated the pothole he had mentioned in last month's meeting had been fixed.

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Council Member Stinson stated she has contacted Rose Patch Creations about redoing the fire hydrants.

Council Member Sisk reported the Railroad Museum is getting a new building to help preserve its current exhibits. He also commented the grounds behind Golubic look great.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rick Gunter asked for an explanation on the registration fee. Council Member Miskovic explained the registration fee is a fee associated with any personal property to include cars, trucks, trailers etc. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter into executive session consistent with Virginia State Code 2.2-3711, paragraphs 1 personnel, paragraphs 3 and 5 property and prospective business. Motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote come out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to affirm executive the session. Mayor Eanes ordered a role call:

- Council Member Sisk – Yes*
 - Council Member Reed - Yes*
 - Council Member Faas - Yes*
 - Council Member Stinson – Yes*
 - Council Member Knight - Yes*
 - Council Member Miskovic – Yes*
 - Council Member Abel - Yes*
- 7-0 Motion passed.*

Mayor Eanes stated there was question on the new police station. He commented that we should improve the old fire house within our current means. Discussion followed.

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

Greg Eanes Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager

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