

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 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, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Members James Bradley and Billy Abel

Mayor Eanes called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Reed, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$150,876.05 as well as the corrections to the August and September bill sheets as presented. Motion passed.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Walker stated that tropical storm Michael wreaked a little havoc on the town but all in all, we were lucky. The biggest issues we had were downed trees on the road ways and flooding during the event. We sustained some damage due to fallen trees at our waste water treatment plant but it did not affect operations. There was also minor flooding at the water plant which caused us to issue a water restriction notice for Friday. By 6:00pm Friday the plant had recovered and restrictions were lifted. Another area of concern was two large trees down in the cemetery. Going through priorities, it may be this week before we clear the cemetery and are able to access any damage. Town crews worked diligently Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to clean up as much as they could and plant employees were working around the clock to take care of the town. As everyone knows, there is a large amount of debris to be cleaned up around town, we ask for citizens patience and understanding as it may take weeks to clear up all debris. As always, town employees, including the Police Department did their normal outstanding job and I thank them for their dedication and service.

Mr. Walker, Toney, and John Hricko met with our consultants last Thursday to discuss pending water issues we may face with the additional needs at VCBR and projected needs of Luck Stone. Mike Wilson of Hurt & Proffitt will evaluate our discussion and hopefully provide some insight before our meeting this Wednesday. The meeting Wednesday should provide additional information on what they anticipate the increased usage will be. This along with projected needs for Luck Stone I fear will push us to the limit and leave very little room for error. There is also a maximum production number that we cannot exceed without forcing an upgrade to our plant by the Department of Health. That number is an average of 800,000 gallons per month for 3 consecutive months. Realistically, we are currently running the plant an average of 20 hours per day to produce 500,000 per day.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon stated she had a draft rental inspection ordinance available for Council. She also stated Council needed to update to the new 2012 building code as well that would allow the Town to engage the building inspector. Discussion followed.

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Attorney's Report Continued

Motion by Council Member Bowen; seconded by Council Member Reed, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to advertise for Public Hearing an ordinance that sets forth fees to be charged for the inspection of properties by the building inspector and a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to Section 18-2 of the Crewe Town Code to adopt the 2012 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes stated Hurricane Michael had a huge impact on the Town of Crewe and its residents. He commended Council Member Bowen, also the Manager at Crewe Station, for allowing Bravo to store their perishable food in her freezer/refrigerator space during the power outage.

Mayor Eanes also commented that Nottoway County Board of Supervisors would be meeting October 18th and he had prepared a letter of support to be presented at that meeting. He asked if Council was in support would they give a motion to approve the letter.

Motion by Council Member Stinson; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the letter of support as written by Mayor Eanes to be presented at the County meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor Eanes closed his report informing Council that Executive Director Dr. Betty Adams of Southern Virginia Higher Education Center will attend the December 10 Council meeting to brief them on the organization's mission in support of workforce investment and development opportunities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Council Member Stinson stated everything looked good.

Personnel: Council Member Reed stated the meeting with Crewe Police Chief Dixon and Burkeville Police Chief Abel went well in efforts to have them working together.

Community: Council Member Bowen reported she attended the Fire Department meeting and discussed the servicing of the fire hydrants. The Fire Department stated they do not have the manpower to service the hydrants but would be happy to train the Town of Crewe employees on how to test, service and identify the paint codes. Council Member Bowen also stated she planned to work with Fire Chief Val Wilson to have better communication between the Town and Fire Department. Council Member Bowen stated she would set up the meeting between the Town and the Fire Department to get the training started.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Mayor Eanes suggested approval of the Spot Blight Abatement Procedure that was presented at the June 11 meeting. Attorney Bacon stated the town would need to hold a public hearing to adopt an ordinance for this procedure. Mayor Eanes also requested a checklist from Attorney Bacon before enforcement started so he would know his responsibilities moving forward with the Spot Blight Abatement. Discussion followed.

Continuing Business

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NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic brought up the recent weather events and recommended Council appoint a coordinator of emergency management to ensure integration of its emergency management into the county emergency management organization, pursuant to § 44-146.19 of the Code of Virginia. Discussion followed and no action taken.

Councilman Miskovic mentioned that the Town's franchise agreements with Shentel and CenturyLink were either expired or expiring soon. He pointed out that this would be a prime opportunity to try to receive better quality of service and/or products that are more advanced. He recommended the Town Manager, Mayor, and Town Attorney begin negotiations with the franchisees as soon as possible. Discussion followed.

Council Member Miskovic brought up VML's annual request for Christmas ornaments from localities for the Governor's Christmas Tree. Discussion followed. Council Member Miskovic agreed to solicit original ornaments for submission from citizens through social and traditional media as in past years.

Council Member Miskovic suggested the Town look into joining our local planning district, the Commonwealth Regional Council. Nottoway County is not a member. The PDC may offer needed resources, like grant writing and/or planning. Discussion followed. Mayor Eanes asked the Town Manager to look into why the County is no longer a member of the PDC; the costs and benefits of Crewe joining; and inviting a representative from the PDC to present at the November meeting.

Councilman Miskovic pointed out that the regularly scheduled November meeting falls on Veterans' Day. Discussion followed. Council agreed to change the meeting to Monday, November 5. Town administration will inform County Registrar Angela Stewart, as the following day is Election Day.

Mayor Eanes thanked Council Member Miskovic for his diligence with the VML meetings, stating it is a good thing we have Phil on the VML Legislative Committee.

Council Member Bowen questioned the Main Street Program for the Town of Crewe. Manager Walker explained there was not enough participation to fund the program in this area.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Miskovic reported on the status of the state facility closure legislation Council agreed to support at the September meeting. He reported he sent the information to Sen. Ruff and Del. Wright and had several conversations with Del. Wright. At the Delegate's recommendation, Councilman Miskovic and VML Executive Director Michelle Gowdy will meet with Governor's Office staff in the coming weeks to discuss the issue and determine if there are any non-legislative solutions to the problem.

Council Member Stinson reported that she and Manager Walker had updated the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Eanes pointed out that November 11th marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 and questioned the use of church bells in honor of the anniversary. Discussion followed.

Council Member Miskovic questioned if the ordinance could be amended, to allow church bells. Discussion followed. Attorney Bacon will gather information and bring it back to Council.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

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.

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter into Executive Session consistent with Virginia State Code 2.2-3711 (A), sub-section (3) real property.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Bradley, 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 Stinson – Yes

Council Member Knight – Yes

Council Member Miskovic – Yes

5-0 Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Greg Eanes

Mayor

W. Wade Walker

Town Manager