

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Greg Eanes, Council Members Steve Sisk, Bill Faas, Anne Stinson, Billy Abel & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Members Robbie Knight & Aaron Reed

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes.

Scott Logue led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Coley Williams, Elijah Warner, Brendon Dumond & William Drew of the Nottoway Babe Ruth 15u State Champions presented Mayor Eanes and Crewe Town Council with a mounted photo of their team at the Regional Tournament held in Union City, Tennessee. They also thanked the Town for its generous donation that helped their team afford the opportunity to participate in the Regional Tournament.

Susan Yeatts, resident of Tennessee Ave., presented Council with several concerns she had to include grass that was measured at about 48' tall and photos of several "problem areas" she hoped the Town could address. Mayor Eanes assured Mrs. Yeatts he would address the issues with Manager Walker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Sisk; seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with bill sheet and additions totaling \$227,032.54. Motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported she had completed all the legal work involving the easements and certificates for the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project on time.

Attorney Bacon addressed the proposed grass violation surcharge stating the Town could not impose the charge, but there were other avenues available to pursue. Those included a lien for the cost of the work and civil penalties. Discussion followed.

Attorney Bacon closed her report welcoming the newest member of Council, Mr. Bill Faas. She reported Mr. Faas would be filling the unexpired seat of former Council Member E.B. Fisher. Attorney Bacon informed Council she would be filling a petition with the Court as a formality to have Mr. Faas approved to fill the vacant seat.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes welcome Mr. Faas to Council stating he looked forward to working with him. Mayor Eanes also introduced Jackie Zatawski, Library Director for Nottoway County.

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Mayor Eanes spoke on the draft vision statement for the police department stating Vice Mayor Stinson was the only respondent and she concurs with the statement as written.

Mayor Eanes requested Council's feedback on the types of grants they wish to have pursued.

He also updated Council on the Town's request to the County for waiving liens/landfill fees stating the County had the same discussion at their meeting and the County wishes to engage in discussion on the topic.

Mayor Eanes reported he briefed the VaCo Finance Committee and the Economic Development Chair Phil Miskovic briefed the VML Legislative Committee on the Lottery for Localities proposal.

Mayor Eanes reported he met with the Director of Virginia State Parks and his AMERICORPS coordinator to discuss the High Bridge Trail and the feasibility of bringing AMERICORPS programs to Crewe. A follow up meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016.

Mayor Eanes presented a list of miscellaneous items to include the request from Manager Walker to VDOT for a basic highway sign at 49N & 360 to direct travelers to Crewe for food, gas and attractions. Discussion followed.

Mayor Eanes briefly discussed the curb and gutter drain issues brought to Council attention by citizens, stating VDOT has been contacted and additional follow up contact on their maintenance schedule will be made.

Mayor Eanes also discussed an alley issue in the 200 block between West Carolina and West Tennessee Ave, as well as a street issue in the 1600 block of West Carolina Ave. stating both items have been passed to the Town Manager and the Public Works department for resolution.

Mayor Eanes closed his report informing Council December 7, 2016 marks the 75th Anniversary of the start of World War II and there are currently eight identifiable surviving World War II Veterans from the area that he would like to formally recognize. The survivors are Walter Wilson, Jimmy Jones, Amos Bowen and Willie Ragan, Francis Weishaar, Pete Sydnor and Gerald Harbaugh. Mayor Eanes proposed a resolution and a replacement World War II Victory Medal be presented to each survivor. He asked for a motion from Council to authorize up to \$200 of town funds to cover any fiscal gap that may occur, though he felt it would be fully funded by donations. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Sisk; seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted unanimously by voice to authorize up to \$200 of town funds to cover any fiscal gap for the purchase of the mementos for the surviving veterans. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure:

Council Member Sisk reported he had met with Toney & TJ of the Public Works department and they agreed that \$500 was an appropriate charge for the Town having to cut and maintain delinquent properties. He also reported after additional research the Town may increase its current hangar rent amounts at the Crewe Airport.

Council Member Sisk asked for an update on the house numbers for emergency personnel. Discussion followed. Mr. Sisk reported he would obtain the Town of Blackstone's Ordinance in regard to house numbers and report back to Council.

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Finance:

Council Member Knight was absent. No report.

Personnel:

Vice Mayor Stinson reported S.C. Dixon had been appointed to Chief of Police for Crewe and Robert Sawyer was appointed Officer within the department. Vice Mayor Stinson stated an applicant was selected for the Administrative Assistant position and a background investigation was pending.

Volunteer Services:

Council Member Sisk reported he would be contacting CBYRA to enlist volunteers to help with decorating the park for Christmas. Mr. Sisk also reported he would need help decorating the Railroad Museum grounds for Christmas.

Council Member Sisk also reported the Fire Department held a Fish Fry on Sunday and they sold all 200 plates and needed more.

Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic reported he had reached out to the Department of Aviation and he was directed to meet with the individual assigned to Crewe Airport to address our concerns.

Mr. Miskovic reported he had attended the VML Legislative Committee meeting and one of the presenters was Shentel, a company which provides cable and broadband service. He stated the company is primarily known to the Crewe area for their cable service. Mr. Miskovic informed Council Shentel hopes to expand their operation and to emphasize they also offer broadband service and asked that he help inform the citizens in our area.

Mr. Miskovic closed his report briefing Council on the Closer to my Grocer Coalition he attended stating the Commonwealth is facing a \$1.8 billion deficit resulting in slim funding for the coalition.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic proposed the October Council Meeting be moved to Tuesday, October 11 as Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

Council Member Miskovic asked if the Town could request VDOT to properly maintain the sidewalk that runs along 460.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Stinson requested an update on the position for someone to manage the Town's social media. Discussion followed. Council agreed to advertise the position.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

Susan Yeatts, inquired if the fines associated with the grass cutting violation affect an individual's credit score.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Miskovic on behalf of Nottoway Historical Association extended a thank you to those that cleaned up the cemetery found in the Industrial Park.

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

Closed Session

REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk to affirm executive session. Mayor Eanes ordered a roll call:

Council Member Sisk – Yes

Council Member Faas - Yes

Council Member Stinson – Yes

Council Member Abel – Yes

Council Member Miskovic – Yes

5-0 Motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Abel, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to give Sergeant Ronnie Hite a \$500 bonus in recognition of his work and as a token of thank you for going above and beyond during the recent staff shortage. Motion passed.

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

Greg Eanes Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager