

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 prayer in remembrance on the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events on September 11, 2001.

**DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Motion by Council member Knight; seconded by Council Member Reed, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$142,147.49.*

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Walker informed Council many of our street signs are missing or in disrepair. I am currently researching options to replace our current signs and the possibility of some type of 911 grant. We are pushing house numbers to be properly displayed on homes so it stands to reason that we should have all of streets marked and easy to identify. I should have options and prices in the near future.

Mr. Walker stated there was still no word from the Department of Aviation on our request for assistance with runway repair at the airport. They had originally started funding would not be available until after the first of July. We submitted our request and are awaiting their response. There are some issues with the runway that must be addressed or we may lose sections this winter.

Walker informed Council he has had limited success in attempts to begin discussion on what he perceives to be a major issue with water plant operations and water supply due to the addition of up to 500 new beds at the VCBR facility in Burkeville. We are currently running our plant 20 hours daily on average and are barely able to keep up with the demand. The addition of 500 beds will definitely impact our plant and water supply to a point where we may not be able to meet demand. Including the citizens of the Town of Crewe. Walker stated he did receive an email from the state saying they anticipated 278 new beds and they also were concerned about our ability to supply them with water. It stated they would like to begin discussion on a possible water authority but they did not offer to begin a study on the future of this issue. I feel they are and will continue to be the main impact on our system therefore they should instigate a formal study at their expense to see what our options are. I also feel we need to find out what our legal obligations are regarding supplying them water. I have always had the understanding we can give 90 days' notice and discontinue water service. I hope it never comes to that but our obligation is to the citizens of the town. If we reach a point where due to the states increased activity, we cannot maintain the demand, we will have to make changes. I will continue to push this issue and ask for joint meetings. Mr. Walker stated he felt it was in the town's best interest to engage our consultants Hurtt & Proffitt to evaluate the effect this will have on our water system, determine if we can actually handle the increased usage, and determine what the operational outcome would be, should we advise state entities we would no longer be able to supply them with water. Walker feels before hard meetings begin, we would need this information. Mayor Eanes asked Council for a motion concerning engagement of our consultants.

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**Manager's Report Cont'd.**

*Motion by Council Member Bowen; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to allow Manager Walker to have engineers do a cost analysis for the Town's water supply. Motion passed.*

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon stated it depends on what the contract with the facility reads, on what the Town's obligations are.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Eanes stated the Town has taken preparedness actions for the possible impacts of Hurricane Florence. He further stated the Police & Fire Departments have coordinated to have shelter available for high-risk individuals.

Mayor Eanes reported he had attended the Nottoway County Planning Commission Meeting on behalf of the Town to report the votes in favor for Luck Stone. He also presented a Resolution of thanks and gratitude to the Crewe Police Department for their National Night Out event.

*Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Resolution as read. Motion passed.*

Mayor Eanes asked two volunteers to serve as Town representatives on the Crewe Railroad Museum Board at the request of Jerry Fuller. Council Members Wendy Bowen & Phil Miskovic offered to serve.

Mayor Eanes asked for Council's desire for the October Council Meeting as it falls on a holiday. Council agreed to have the meeting on October 15.

Mayor Eanes instructed Council to review the SOP for annual inspection of fire hydrants. He stated the Towns of Blackstone and South Hill have adopted the SOP. He further stated he would place the SOP in a temporary fire committee for further review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Eanes noted he had forgotten to include in his report the Town had received its final bill from Jack Boswell for legal fees associated with Luck Stone over the past 2 years. Mayor Eanes reported the total to be \$47,115 and Mr. Boswell asked that payment be made in full by year-end.

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to pay Jack Boswell on the payment schedule Manager Walker deems best. Motion passed.*

**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.

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**Continuing Business**

Council Member Miskovic presented on a legislative project, which he has been working with VML on. Miskovic prepared a resolution for support. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Council Member Reed, seconded by Bowen, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to support the resolution as described, "The Town of Crewe supports the development and implementation of a process by which the Commonwealth would provide ample notice and work with a community when a state facility located in or adjacent to that community is slated for significant downsizing or closure that would affect jobs, utility agreements or have an impact on the surrounding communities." Motion passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Council Member Stinson commented that the Crewe Garden Club would be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 18, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Crewe Community Center.

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