

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING HELD MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017
AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER, CREWE, VIRGINIA**

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

Absent: Council Member Aaron Reed

Also Present: Town Manager W. Wade Walker

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes.

Manager Walker started the meeting reviewing the software update required by IDNetworks to be compliant. The total cost of the update is \$35,000, with an annual fee of \$4200 beginning after the initial update. Manager Walker explained there was a 5 year interest free financing option available. Discussion followed.

Council agreed to accept the 5 year interest free financing option.

Manager Walker presented Council with the Police Departments request for \$5500 for Community Policing. Discussion followed.

Council agreed to budget \$4500 for Community Policing.

Manager Walker also presented Council with another request from the Police Department to purchase an SUV as opposed to a Ford Interceptor. Manager Walker reminded Council the estimated monthly cost for a new vehicle is included in the budget. He also stated the price difference for the SUV would only be a couple thousand dollars more. Discussion followed.

Council agreed to purchase the SUV if the cost difference were only \$2000 more.

Brief review of schedule of Assets and Debt Service. No action.

Council Member Miskovic expressed some concerns about the auditors and stated that the auditors are required by their own standards to communicate their findings "to those charged with governance", meaning the Mayor and Council. Discussion followed.

Council agreed to have Manager Walker to contact RFC to do a presentation on their findings at the next Council meeting.

Miskovic asked about the rising cost of credit card fees and suggested looking into going with another bank or other options to lower the costs.

Miskovic asked about the increased cost for chemicals. Town Clerk explained the cost of the chemicals are rising and necessarily the amount of chemicals the Town is using.

Miskovic asked about the \$35,000 the Town spends on street lights. He suggested going with cheaper lighting options, like LED. Council Member Knight explained the street lights are charged by light, not wattage. Discussion followed.

Miskovic asked about the Trap/Neuter/Release Program. Mayor Eanes explained that new Office Eells is certified in animal control and they have partnered with organizations to safely trap/neuter/release the cats. Discussion followed. No Action.

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Miskovic brought up several additional items of interest to include:

- Purchase of a street sweeper
- Crosswalk at 460 – ask Board of Supervisors if they have funds in their budget, grants funds may be available
- Tourism signs on highway – Mayor suggested asking Chamber & businesses for support
- Marketing and Tourism Proposal – continue to look into it
- Police Body Cameras – Manager Walker stated they already have new ones
- Part-time employee to pick up trash/debris on the sidewalks and streets – currently using Community Service Workers
- Revamping camera system for Town Council Meetings – Miskovic to get firmer figures from Blackstone and present at May meeting
- Archiving older minutes – Mayor to call Virginia State Library, may be funding available

Manager Walker asked for Council's desire on employee salary increases at 3%. Council agreed.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Eanes ordered a brief break before convening to Executive Session.

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, paragraph 1 personnel, paragraph 3 real estate, paragraph 7 possible litigation, and paragraph 19 public safety. Motion passed.

Executive Session

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Council Member Sisk; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted to Certify the Executive Session. Mayor Eanes ordered a roll call:

Council Member Faas - Yes

Council Member Stinson – Yes

Council Member Knight – Yes

Council Member Abel - Yes

Council Member Miskovic – Yes

5-0 Motion passed.

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