

Proceedings of the Regular Town Council Meeting Held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Crewe Library and Conference Center, Crewe, Virginia

Council Members Present:

Mayor Miskovic and Council Members Aaron Reed, Wendy Bowen, Anne Stinson, Susan Yeatts, Sean Davis, Jess Faas, and Billy Abel (remotely).

Staff present:

Brian S. Thrower, Town Manager, Scott Dixon, Police Chief, and Tessie Bacon, Town Attorney

Call to Order:

Mayor Miskovic called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge:

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

Remote Participation Policy:

Council Member Reed made the motion to approve the Remote Participation Policy. Council Member Stinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6 to 0.

Approval to Allow Council Member Abel to Remotely Participate in the Meeting:

Council Member Davis made the motion to approve Council Member Abel remote participation in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Yeatts. The motion was approved 6 to 0. Council Member Abel participated remotely due to a temporary disability from his residence.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Council Member Faas made the motion to approve the July 13, 2020 and July 27, 2020 meeting minutes. Council Member Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment:

Ingo Haas of the Citizens Defense League spoke on behalf of the resolution stating the Town of Crewe shall not exercise any authority granted to it by Virginia State Code Section 15.2-915(E) to regulate or prohibit the otherwise legal purchase, possession, or transfer of firearms or ammunition.

Review of Bills:

There were no questions on the bills.

Town Manager's Report:

The Town Manager updated Council on several items. A written report was included in the packet for Council's review.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Miskovic updated Council on several items. He also appointed Council Members Faas and Yeatts to the Grocery Store Task Force.

Town Attorney's Report:

The Town Attorney presented her report to Council.

New Business:

Item 9 (a) USDA Rural Development Funding for Police Vehicle – Request to Adopt Loan Resolution

Council Member Stinson made the motion to adopt the loan resolution in order to proceed with purchasing the vehicle. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7 to 0.

Item 9 (b) DCJS Byrne Justice Grant for Police Vehicles – Request to Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

Council Member Bowen made the motion to adopt the appropriation ordinance. Council Member Yeatts seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7 to 0.

Item 9 (c) 216 Park Avenue – Request to Declare a Dangerous Building and Authorize Removal

Council Member Faas made the motion to declare the structure at 216 Park Avenue a "Dangerous Building" and authorize removal of said structure. Council Member Reed seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7 to 0.

Item 9 (d) Board of Zoning Appeals – Request to Nominate Individuals for Appointment

This item will be carried over as Unfinished Business to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Sandra Pettis stated the need for the Town to provide more information in terms of having the agenda available. She also asked about the Town establishing priorities.

Council Member Points of Personal Privilege:

Council Member Reed raised the issue of Council voting on the gun resolution referenced by Mr. Haas during the 1st Public Comment portion of the meeting. Council Member Reed made the motion to approve the resolution stating the Town of Crewe shall not exercise any authority granted to it by Virginia State Code Section 15.2-915(E) to regulate or prohibit the otherwise legal purchase, possession, or transfer of firearms or ammunition. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 to 3. Council Members voting for the resolution include Reed, Davis, Abel, and Yeatts. Council Members voting against the motion include Bowen, Faas, and Stinson.

Public Comment:

Wayne Hall thanked Council for voting for the gun resolution.

Closed Session:

Council Member Reed made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Personnel matter regarding a Council appointee in a managerial position – Request by Council Member Davis. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7 to 0.

Upon coming out of closed session Mayor Miskovic ordered a roll call to certify the proceedings of the closed session.

Council Member Reed – Aye
Council Member Bowen – Aye
Council Member Davis – Aye
Council Member Abel – Aye
Council Member Faas – Aye
Council Member Stinson -Aye
Council Member Yeatts - Aye

Adjournment

Mayor Miskovic adjourned the meeting.