

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER, CREWE, VIRGINIA

Present: Mayor Wilkerson, Town Manager Walker, Council Members Shirley Daulton, Steve Sisk Jr., E.B. Fisher, Anne Stinson, Clarence "Al" Simpson, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member Knight

Manager Walker informed Council he and Tiffany had scrutinized that budget as much as possible from their side. He also informed Council the current budget they were looking at had a 3% salary increase across the board for all employees, only for budgeting purposes. Discussion followed.

Manager Walker listed some of the changes to the budget to include employee health insurance increased by 10% for budgeting purposes, wastewater chemical costs are down, lagoon cleaning is down significantly because town public works department is able to do this now.

Manager Walker noted a change to be made to the budget to include a \$2500 increase to Police Office Supplies for 2 new PC's. He also mentioned the Street Department had requested the possibility of budgeting for a new zero turn Dixie Chopper mower. Discussion followed.

Manager Walker reminded Council the loan payments that are in the budget for FY 16 are not for a full year. FY 17 budget will include a full 12 months of payments. Discussion followed.

Council Member Miskovic suggested plugging the Mayors salary back in so it is not forgotten in the future. Discussion followed. Council agreed that the amount would be put back in.

Council Member Miskovic questioned the overtime amount for the Police Department. Discussion followed. Council agreed to have Tiffany discuss the overtime amount with Chief Booth and make the necessary changes.

Council Member Simpson questioned the VRS figure for the General Government. Town Clerk Tiffany Dumond stated it was an oversight on her part and she would plug the figure in.

Council Member Miskovic questioned the high amounts for the telephones. Manager Walker explained it includes telemetry, internet, cell phones, and regular phone lines for all departments. Miskovic suggested renaming it to telecommunications. Council agreed.

Council Member Miskovic asked what water tanks were covered under the Water Tank Reserve budget line item. Manager Walker stated it was a reserve for all town owned water tanks.

Council Member Miskovic questioned doing away with Town Decals. He mentioned there are options available to include license plate readers etc. Discussion followed. Council agreed to continue with the Town Decals for the time being.

Council Member Miskovic requested a list of all properties that are 2+ years delinquent.

Council Member Miskovic suggested rolling over any unused funds from the Derelict Buildings Fund into an outside Blight Reduction Fund.

Council Member Miskovic asked if the Town currently had a "rainy day fund". Mayor Wilkerson stated the Town had never been in the position to need such fund. Discussion followed. Tabled for a later time.

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Council Member Miskovic suggested imposing a cigarette tax to produce additional revenue. Discussion followed. Council agreed to have Tiffany look into how such tax impacts the local businesses.

Council Member Miskovic suggested setting up a town vehicle replacement plan. Discussion followed. Council Member Sisk suggested Council look into replacing Manager Walker's car. Discussion followed.

Council Member Simpson questioned salaries in Police, Water and Street. Tiffany explained the breakdown of how the numbers were determined. Discussion followed. Council moved on.

Council Member asked about renovations for the Airport. Discussion followed. Council agreed to seek grant funding to aide in the costs of necessary renovations.

Council Member Miskovic reminded Council of the upcoming VML Dinner and asked to be sure to include that amount in next year's budget.

Council Member Miskovic asked about funding for the May election. Discussion followed. Council Member Daulton asked if Council would consider changing voting from May to the November elections. Council agreed to consider this.

Council Member Miskovic stated the VA Tourism Corporation has a 1 to 1 marketing grant for up to \$5,000 that would come from the Economic Development funding. He stated having the website done by a professional could also be covered by the grant.

Council Member Miskovic asked if Council was interested in sending an employee to be trained on grant writing at this time. Discussion followed. Council agreed to contact Lafayette of Blackstone in regard to grant writing.

Council Member Sisk questioned seeking a part time employee for the Town Office staff. Discussion followed. Council agreed to have Manager Walker look further into hiring a part time person.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.