

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER, CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Simmons, Council Members Hank Crittenden, Steve Sisk, Jr., E.B. Fisher, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, John Spencer, & Phil Miskovic

Also Present: Town Manager Walker, Town Attorney Tessie Bacon & Chief of Police Art Booth

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons with Council Member Hank Crittenden leading in the Lord's Prayer and Council Member E.B. Fisher leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Simmons opened the meeting by recognizing the Crewe-Burkeville Angels All Star Team and presenting them with a resolution for their hard work and dedication in going undefeated for the State Tournament and earning a place in the World Series in Georgetown, South Carolina with 2 wins and bringing home the prestigious Sportsmanship Award.

Motion by Council Member Fisher and seconded by Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the resolution presented to the Crewe-Burkeville Dixie Angels Softball Team.

**DELEGATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Allison Crews spoke to Council about adopting and proclaiming October 24 as "Food Day" for the Town of Crewe. She spoke about the importance of food education on behalf of Holistic Moms

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$90,821.41.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Walker reported while the Town is currently under water restrictions we do have citizens that are not adhering to it. The staff at the Water Plant is doing a great job and he thanks them for their hard work. Manager Walker also reported the Town plans to apply for this year planning grant with the Department of Health to study possible increases in water sources for the Town.

Citizens Bank here in town stepped forward to assist with the loan needed for the upcoming sewer rehabilitation project. Manager Walker reported that loan should close this week. Additionally Manager Walker reported the engineers have resumed the design phase of the project and he wanted to inform the citizens there is no cause for alarm

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should you see any Hurt & Proffitt vehicles or engineers in your neighborhood. There are still several steps to take in getting this project up and running.

Manager Walker presented to Council the concerns of several citizens about having street lights installed for safety reasons. Discussion followed.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon reported there has been progress on the collection of taxes and it is going well.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development:** Mayor Simmons reported for Council Member Crittenden. He stated they have a strategy in place for the Lipscomb/Stratton Street housing project. They have received a good amount of feedback from the residents in that area. Another meeting has been scheduled to decide on the next steps in proceeding.

**Economic Development:** Council Member Miskovic commended the Crewe Police Department for the National Night Out, stating it was a great event. Council Member Miskovic stated the Committee had recently met and added Joe Brown and Larry Williamson as citizen members. He also reported the committee is establishing a strategic plan to form a foundation for marketing the Town and creating more economic development for the Town of Crewe.

**Facilities/Parks & Recreation:** Council Member Sisk reported the Cemetery is looking great. Council Member Sisk also reported the bricks going around the gazebo in Hagberg Park are finally up and looking good as well. Sisk also mentioned the CBYRA girls Angels team that will be present at Septembers monthly Council Meeting to be recognized for their recent participation in the State Tournament and World Series. Sisk reported the team went undefeated with a 5-0 record in the State Tournament hosted here in Crewe. Then with their success in the State Tournament they earned a seat in Georgetown, S.C. for the World Series, with a 2-2 record and earning the distinguished Sportsmanship Award. Sisk also reminded everyone the CBYRA is currently holding its annual fall baseball, softball and soccer sign-ups for our youth through August 25<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the CBYRA has started hosting family nights with free admission to promote the many activities offered by the recreation association in this area.

**Finance:** Chair Person/Council Member Knight was absent. Vice Chair Stinson reported a recommendation was made by Chair Person Knight to have Council consider a moratorium on spending and that each and every Purchase Order be reviewed and authorized by Manager Walker. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons suggested Council table the recommendation until next month.

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**Public Works/Infrastructure:** Council Member Spencer reported everything is running along about normal, we just need some water down in the pond.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Fisher reported the Fire and Rescue remain busy. Council Member Fisher reported the National Night Out was a great success.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Booth mentioned the large number of vandalisms on this month's police report stating they were all in connection with the same individuals. He also reported the Annual National Night Out was a huge success. There was a great turn out, it was bigger than last year and they did not run out of food this year. Chief Booth stated he and the department is hoping for a bigger crowd next year. Chief Booth stated he has had only positive feedback on the event for both years and is looking forward to next year. Chief Booth also reported the Willie Nelson concert was a success as well, with no incidents.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Simmons stated the young ladies of the Angels Softball division that captured the crown in the State Tournament here were quite dominating and impressive. He commended them on the respectable job they did in the World Series representing the Commonwealth of Virginia and the fact they won the Sportsmanship Award shows they are quality individuals. Mayor Simmons reported he would write a resolution for the young ladies and present it to them at next month's meeting for their success. Mayor Simmons stated he was unable to attend the National Night Out was a great job. Mayor Simmons recommended if you enjoyed the Night Out take the time to thank an officer because they do this for the citizens to build a relationship with them. Mayor Simmons also reported the Willie Nelson Concert was a great town event and he has heard only great things.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

None

Motion by Council Member Spencer; seconded by Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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