

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 12, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Wilkerson, Council Members Shirley Daulton, Steve Sisk Jr., E.B. Fisher, Robbie Knight, Clarence "Al" Simpson, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member Anne Stinson

Also Present: Town Manager Walker & Town Attorney Tessie Bacon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkerson with Council Member Daulton leading in the Lord's Prayer and Council Member Fisher leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Wilkerson opened the meeting to Chief Booth for the introduction of newly hired Police Officer Charles Kincheloe.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Faas, President Crewe/Burkeville Chamber thanked the Public Works Department for all their help in taking down the Christmas decorations in Hagberg Park. He also thanked the Police Department for their attention to the park.

Mayor Wilkerson extended a thank you to the Crewe/Burkeville Chamber and the CBYRA for the fine display in the park over the Christmas holiday.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with the bill sheet totaling \$119,477.49.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Walker presented to Council a Rehab Housing Board Roster for the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project that required a motion for approval. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Simpson to approve the Rehab Housing Board Roster as presented. Mayor Wilkerson called for a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Daulton – Aye

Council Member Sisk – Aye

Council Member Fisher – Aye

Council Member Knight – Aye

Council Member Simpson – Aye

Council Member Miskovic – Aye

Council Member Stinson – Absent

With a 6 – 0 vote, motion passes.

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MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D.**

Manager Walker presented to Council a resolution for the Appropriation of Funds for the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project that required a motion for approval. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Miskovic to pass a resolution for the Appropriation of Funds for the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project. Mayor Wilkerson called for a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Daulton – Aye

Council Member Sisk – Aye

Council Member Fisher – Aye

Council Member Knight – Aye

Council Member Simpson – Aye

Council Member Miskovic – Aye

Council Member Stinson – Absent

With a 6 – 0 vote, motion passes

Manager Walker presented to Council the Virginia Procurement Act and the Small Purchases Agreement for the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project that required a motion for approval. Discussion followed.

VA Procurement

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Small Purchases

Manager Walker presented to Council his signature for approval on the B & B Contract for the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Knight to approve Manager Walkers signature. Mayor Wilkerson called for a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Daulton – Aye

Council Member Sisk – Aye

Council Member Fisher – Aye

Council Member Knight – Aye

Council Member Simpson – Aye

Council Member Miskovic – Aye

Council Member Stinson – Absent

With a 6 – 0 vote, motion passes

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to hold a public hearing for the adoption of the Procurement Act if advised to do so by the attorney.

Manager Walker informed Council the lagoons at the water plant needed to be cleaned again. The Town currently pays a company about \$20,000 to come in and clean the lagoons. Manager Walker stated there was a tank and trailer available for purchase for about \$3000 with some minor repair to the trailer totaling about \$1500 that would allow the Public Works Department to clean the lagoons. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to purchase the tank and repair the trailer.

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TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported she has been working on derelict buildings and delinquent taxes. She offered to look into the procurement process and the small purchase agreement for the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project. In addition she will do additional research on the grass issue.

Mayor Wilkerson asked what means were available to the Town to re-coop the cost of removing such buildings. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development:

Council Member Daulton commented on how well the businesses pulled together over the holidays and helped make the park look so great. She stated the video the Police Department had on Facebook was such a happy thing and she really enjoyed it. Daulton also commented on fellow Council Member Miskovic's Christmas card stating it was very appropriate.

Daulton closed her report stating the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project is a well-oiled machine that is moving forward.

Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic provided an update on the Economic Development 2014 goals that had been set by Council. He also discussed his 2015 goals.

Miskovic announced the trivia winners from the Facebook Challenge.

Miskovic also reported there would be a YMCA update at a later date, the VML Day at the Capital will be held Wednesday January 28, 2015, and there is a FASTC meeting scheduled at VUMAC.

Facilities/Parks & Recreation:

Council Member Sisk had no report.

Finance:

Council Member Simpson reported financing looked in order.

Public Works/Infrastructure:

Council Member Knight had no report.

Personnel:

Council Member Stinson was absent. No report.

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Public Safety:

Council Member Fisher provided Council the annual report for Rescue.

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Wilkerson announced there would be a work session held on January 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Booth reported there had been thefts from multiple vehicles in town that were left unlocked. He stated 3 arrests had been made but no names were provided as they all were juveniles.

Chief Booth announced the Crewe Police Department for the 2nd year a row received the National Night Out award. He thanked all the businesses and citizens for their support.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Wilkerson thanked the Town employees that organized and held the annual Christmas dinner for the Town of Crewe. She also thanked Big T for their generous donation to the Town dinner. She thanked Vice Mayor/Council Member Stinson and her husband Jim for the use of the Community Center for a very small fee.

Mayor Wilkerson commented on how beautiful the center was and she was so thankful for everything everyone had done for the dinner.

Mayor Wilkerson commented she believed being from a small community we need to remember the older citizens and shut ins. She was pleased to report the Police Department got together with the community and baked goods and fixed up goody bags for the citizens and delivered them all by hand. She commented that it was very well received by the citizens. She also thanked the exceptional town employees for all they do.

Mayor Wilkerson reported she had contacted County Board of Supervisors member Mr. Gary Simmons in regard to the property they recently accepted in the Town of Crewe with questions on their intentions with the property. Mr. Simmons reported the property would be inspected, brought up to code and then sold.

Mayor Wilkerson closed her report announcing the Pipeline meeting from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Fort Pickett and the invitation from the Nottoway Civic League to attend the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King birthday observance in Blackstone on January 19th from 12 – 1 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic reported he had met with Delegate Ruff and Senator Wright with his concerns of VCBR releasing inmates into the community. Miskovic presented a resolution in regard to the matter. Discussion followed.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

Motion by Council Member Sisk; seconded by Council Member Knight, to send the resolution to all groups and individuals as listed by Council Member Miskovic. Mayor Wilkerson ordered a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Daulton – Aye

Council Member Sisk – Aye

Council Member Fisher – Aye

Council Member Knight – Aye

Council Member Simpson – Aye

Council Member Miskovic – Abstained

With a 5 – 0 vote and 1 abstention the motion passed.

Council Member Knight suggested Council consider new bay doors for the old Fire Station, stating they provide no security for the building and with the new equipment the Town needs a secure place to house it. Discussion followed. Council decided to table the discussion to the January 26th work session.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic stated he would like for Council to consider continuing putting the meetings online and purchasing a new camera. Discussion followed. Council decided to table the discussion to the February 9, 2015 regular Council meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jane Hohn, Georgia Ave., asked Chief Booth what the “Blue Light Week” was about. Chief Booth commented it was a movement of support for local law enforcement.

Susan Yeatts, E. Tennessee Ave., cautioned the Town on who would come into the community with the procurement policy.

Mayor Wilkerson asked Council for a motion to go into closed session for Consultation with Legal Counsel, under Section 2.2-3711A.7. Motion made by Robbie Knight and seconded by Phil Miskovic. Motion passed.

Closed Session

Motion made to come out of Closed Session made by Council Member Miskovic and seconded by Council Member Fisher. Motion passed.

A motion to certify only legal matters were discussed in the closed session was made by Council Member Simpson and seconded by Mr. Miskovic. Motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.