

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 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 with a Public Hearing for a proposed resolution to establish the time of the regularly scheduled Crewe Town Council meeting as 7:00 p.m. every second Monday of each month.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to close the public hearing.

Mayor Simmons reminded everyone that 2013 marks the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Crewe. Mayor Simmons also mentioned Council Member Crittenden and his Community Development Committee would be handling a celebration for the anniversary.

DELEGATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Arthur Booth, Rocky Ford Road asked when the sewer work would begin in the Town. Manager Walker stated the work would begin in late summer or early fall.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$104,093.11.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Walker mentioned that last month he would be meeting with Rural Development, the Virginia Resource Authority, DEQ, and our engineers to discuss the upcoming sewer rehab project. The meeting was held and most of it centered on the financing and scheduling of work. Walker stated RD has completed their review and funds were approved but VRA was still in the process of their credit review. Hopefully, we will receive the o.k. soon and can proceed with the project.

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MANAGER'S REPORT CON'T.

The sewer project schedule was updated and while preliminary work is ongoing, the projected loan closing date is June 2013, with actual work to begin in the fall of 2013.

Walker stated based on the five-year consent order, we should complete the project well within the time allotted.

Manager Walker discussed the approval a couple of months ago of the financing and purchase of a new dump truck to replace the one involved in an accident. Financing had been secured through Citizens Bank at 5.25% with a \$150.00 fee. Since then, Rural Development contacted us about a finance program through them. Their rate was 3.25% with no fee and a term up to 10 years. Walker proposed going with Rural Development. He thanked Citizens for their offer and stated he felt they understood us changing and had no problem with it.

All documentation has been submitted for the Virginia Department of Health planning grant and we are awaiting final approval to proceed with the water supply study to advise Crewe of its long term water supply alternatives. The contract for the study was awarded to Hurt & Profitt (our current engineers) therefore the work should go smoothly.

Finally, Walker stated leaf pick up for the town would cease for the season effective Friday, January 25th. He reminded everyone that leaves could still be picked up provided they are bagged or boxed and placed beside resident's garbage receptacles.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon stated she is continuing to work on the Property Maintenance and the tax collections for the Town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development: Council Member Crittenden reported he has asked Vice Mayor Stinson to join the committee in offering ideas for the 125th celebration. He also mentioned committee is considering focusing on one specific week to host different activities.

Council Member Miskovic asked if the Kiwanis were no longer interested in the annual Chicken Festival. Crittenden stated that was correct, as the members are just getting too old. Crittenden additionally stated the Burkeville Ruritans have already withdrawn. Miskovic mentioned the Lions Club would be willing to help.

Economic Development: Council Member Miskovic informed Council of the new seafood restaurant in Crewe. Miskovic stated his committee met last month and they are starting to form their tourism and marketing task force with the assistance of Debbie

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Rogers, the high school marketing director. Miskovic also informed Council that his committee is working on a “direct mailing” for the citizens to help keep them informed about what’s going on.

Facilities/Parks & Recreation: Council Member Sisk reported the squirrels did not cause as much damage to the Christmas lights in Hagberg Park this year thanks to some different style lights. Sisk also stated the Railroad Museum Christmas Party went well. Sisk reported the Museum is attempting to get more cars for display.

Finance:

No Report

Public Works/Infrastructure:

No Report

Personnel:

No Report

Public Safety: Council Member Fisher reported the EMS was very busy in 2012. Fisher also stated the Fire Department is going well.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Booth reported the month had been fairly quiet. Chief Booth provided Council with an overview of the departments successes in the last year stating they were all possible thanks to the support of Council, the Mayor, and Manager. Chief Booth mentioned the department may try to have a Citizens Police Academy for teenagers this year. Chief Booth closed his report by informing Council the department would be hosting a Soap Box Derby, National Night Out and his participation in CBYRA Beauty Contest.

Mayor Simmons stated the Police Department had done a good job this past year.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Simmons stated he is looking forward to the New Year and he hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Council Member Miskovic asked the Mayor and Council if anyone was attending the Local Government Day January 31, 2013 hosted by VML. Mayor Simmons stated he would be attending and the County in the past has provided transportation to the event. Discussion followed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic informed Council the cost for mailing the earlier mentioned newsletters to the citizens would be around \$400. Council Member Sisk questioned how often the newsletter would be mailed. Miskovic stated quarterly.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to spend up to \$400 on producing a newsletter to the citizens.

Council Member Miskovic spoke to Council about a group known as “HEAL” Healthy Easting Active Living. It is a non-profit group that helps towns establish healthier lifestyles with various things like farmers markets and anything in general for living a healthier lifestyle. Miskovic stated he had drawn up a resolution and if the town passed this resolution we first town in Virginia to be a “HEAL” Town. Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to pass the Healthy Eating Active Living Resolution.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Council Member Sisk spoke to Council on the issue of single graves in the Crewe Cemetery. Sisk stated there was a need for single plots and he suggested the Town Manager and anyone interested find a specific area in the cemetery to make available for single plots.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to allow the Town Manager and the Facilities Committee to designate an area in the Crewe Cemetery for single plots.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Lee Simmons Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager