

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2014 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, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, Clarence "Al" Simpson, & Phil Miskovic

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 by introducing District 15 Senator Frank Ruff and District 61 Delegate Tommy Wright. Discussion of upcoming General Assembly actions and decisions.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

No delegations or citizens comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Daulton, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$171,063.48 and the minutes from the November work session.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Walker reported that the sewer project was progressing. Much of the preliminary cleaning and video of the lines has taken place and Tri-State Utilities should begin some of the actual lining next week. The project is currently at 3.7% of completion and we are well within the required time frame to complete the project.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported she had made a few changes to the garbage ordinance and asked Council to review those changes. She also discussed the County taking ownership of a piece of property within Town limits, stating they could do so. She stated she continues to work on derelict buildings and is working with the judge on the East Carolina Ave. property in addition to delinquent taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development:

Council Member Daulton commented this year's Christmas Parade was an exceptionally great event. She mentioned the CBYRA Float and how happy the children were and how wonderfully they sang. She also mentioned she attended the Burkeville Parade and it was so nice and all of the local Fire Departments came together. She praised Sally for the great job she did on the Town Council Float, she added she is a great leader.

Daulton stated there was a Lipscomb/Stratton Progress meeting on December 10th at 10 a.m. in the Library Conference Room. She also reported A & J Produce is now advertising on Facebook and the Police Department will be delivering supplies and goodies to the elderly and shut-ins over the holiday period.

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Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic reported the Crewe-Burkeville Chamber had recognized the Town of Crewe Economic Development Committee as Business Advocate of the Year. He announced YMCA would be having its Diabetes Prevention meeting in the Library Conference Room on December 9th from 5-6 p.m. Miskovic was also pleased to announce the local business ITS Manufacturing was featured in Richmond Magazine and several other advertising articles in Richmond. Miskovic informed Council there would be a Christmas Music Festival on December 20th at the Old Brick Church at Nottoway.

Miskovic closed his report with an update for the next Economic Committee meeting on December 15th at 7 p.m. at the Crewe Airport.

Facilities/Parks & Recreation:

Council Member Sisk reported the annual lighting ceremony in Hagberg Park was awesome. He stated it was a great event that was well attended. He mentioned the many thank you to be given to all the volunteers for putting on such a spectacular event for the community. Sisk mentioned the Memorial Trees on the volleyball court were very nice and meaningful and Mr. Higgins did request permission before putting the trees on the newly redone court. He informed Council the Veterans Memorial is coming along.

Finance:

Council Member Simpson reported financing looked in order.

Public Works/Infrastructure:

Council Member Knight reported he was checking in with Tri-State on their progress and working with the trash can ordinance. He reminded Council leaf pick would run through the second week of January. Knight commended the Town employees for a job well done.

Personnel:

Council Member Stinson also commended the Town employees for the work they have done and continue to do. She also reminded Council of the Town Christmas Dinner on December 13.

Chief Booth stated the new Officers would be attending the meeting on December 8.

Public Safety:

Council Member Fisher had no official report.

Comprehensive Plan:

Council Member Stinson reported all surveys data had been fully collected and entered. Stinson thanked the ladies with the planning office for the excellent job they have done.

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POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Booth reported the Christmas Parade went very well, the body cameras have been issued and are actively being worn and used and the police car graphics have been sent. Chief stated there would be a \$594 to remove old graphics and install new.

Chief Booth announced the department had 2 new officers and Officer Charles Kincheloe would be present for the January meeting and Officer Caleb Lafferty would be available after the academy.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilkerson thanked the citizens, town employees and everyone involved in the park lighting ceremony. She also mentioned the Christmas Parade and how hard everyone worked and they did a great job. She thanked Tim Wenger and Mr. Daniels for the use of the trailer for the Town Council and for the ride through the parade.

Mayor Wilkerson stated the swearing-in for the Burkeville Mayor and Council would be held December 9th at 6 p.m. The Kiwanis would be holding their dinner on December 11th at the Community Center, the Railroad Museum would have their dinner December 12th at 7 p.m. and finally the Town of Crewe dinner would be held Saturday December 13th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Wilkerson reminded Council there would be no December Work Session. She closed her report stating Council is a group of great people that do a lot for the community and she is looking forward to 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic spoke about the proposed National Gas Pipeline to go through Nottoway County. Discussion followed.

Council Member Sisk suggested the idea of budgeting for a light tower and generator for the Public Works department when they are called out in the dark for work. Some discussion followed. Council Member Knight stated he had reached out to a contact and hope to hear back soon; he would update Council next month.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic mentioned the formulation of the mid 2012 Economic Strategic Plan with 1 of the items being an annual report. He stated he would like to proceed with the annual report on Town activities of each department over the past year and any challenges they are facing. Discussion followed.

Council Member Miskovic also questioned if we had written the letter to the County about the property located on Maryland Avenue. It was stated no letter had been sent and discussion followed.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dan Albus, Oliver Ave., thanked Council for making the Town Council meetings available online as he is not always able to attend the meetings.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Sally T. Wilkerson Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager