

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 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.,  
Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, John Spencer, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member E.B. Fisher

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/Vice Mayor Anne Stinson leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Simmons opened the meeting with a Public Hearing to receive comments on a proposal to enact an ordinance that authorizes Christmas Bonuses for Town Employees.

Council Member Miskovic asked if it was possible to draft one ordinance for every holiday season. Town Attorney Bacon recommended it be adopted each year.

Mayor Simmons asked if the exact amount would be included. Town Attorney Bacon stated she drafted it to include the exact amount but it did not have to be done that way. Attorney Bacon recommended that an exact amount included.

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

Mayor Simmons opened a second Public Hearing to receive comments on a proposal to enact an ordinance that amends and reenacts Town of Crewe Code sections 18-36 et. Seq. entitled Dangerous Buildings.

Attorney Bacon stated she recommended the changes to get the ordinance to the same point as Virginia State Code.

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

**DELEGATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$144,115.47.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Walker reported last month he had mentioned a problem with the generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. While the unit was being repaired, the Town had to rent a stand-by generator so that if the plant lost power, it could continue to operate. Total cost to repair the unit was \$33,800.00 and \$2,800.00 per week for the rental unit. CAT offers a maintenance agreement that we will be looking into for future issues.

Manager Walker reported he would be meeting with members of Rural Development, DEQ, and the Virginia Resource Authority on December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss future plans for the financing of the upcoming \$6.8 million dollar sewer rehabilitation project. Currently, the Town Office is compiling an extensive amount of information for the meeting. Hopefully the meeting will update us on where we are in the project and give us an updated schedule for completion.

The new water valve has been installed on the 12" main coming into town. The valve was installed with the help of the Town of Farmville, who only will be charging us for the materials they used. This represents a cost savings of at least \$30,000.00. We should all thank the Town of Farmville for their help with this project.

Walker advised Council of the upcoming holiday schedules for Christmas and New Years stating the Town Office and Street Department would be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years.

Walker reminded Council of the upcoming Town Employee Christmas Dinner to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Crewe Volunteer Fire House.

Manager Walker then stated he would re-visit the issue of Christmas Bonuses for employees under the new business portion of the meeting.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development:** Council Member Crittenden reported the Committee would meet again January 10, 2012 and Nottoway is scheduled to meet January 2, 2012. Crittenden stated the committee is working on the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration for the town and he will have a better report after January's meeting.

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**Economic Development:** Council Member Miskovic reported the committee is scheduled to meet December 17, 2012 and they will be discussing the tourism aspect and going with the slogan from the strategic plan. An aspect of the plan was for a healthier town and that idea came from the VML Conference. Miskovic also reported Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) has asked him to serve on their advisory committee for the Town of Crewe. Miskovic inquired on everyone's thoughts from the Comp Stat Plan distributed in the last committee meeting. Mayor Simmons suggested that each of the Department Heads receive a copy of the Comp Stat Plan. Discussion followed.

**Facilities/Parks & Recreation:** Council Member Sisk reported he sees the Dunn Real Estate sign for the old Railroad building is up. Sisk also reported the Crewe Burkeville Chamber recently held its Lighting Ceremony in Hagberg Park and had a great turn out and lots of help. Council Member Miskovic stated it was a great idea for the football team to help decorate the park. Discussion followed.

**Finance:** Council Member Knight reported he met with Mr. Rohr of the American Legion and they have a recommendation to have the Legion's monthly utility bill changed from business to residential.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Crittenden, to change the utility rate from commercial to residential for the American Legion Post. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons ordered a roll call:

Council Member Crittenden – For

Council Member Sisk - For

Council Member Stinson – For

Council Member Knight – For

Council Member Spencer – For

Council Member Miskovic – For

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**Public Works/Infrastructure:** Council Member Spencer reported everything is good. Spencer also reported Director of Public Works Toney Shelton stated the Town needs to fix the valve to the East of the one most recently repaired.

**Personnel:** Council Member/Vice Mayor Stinson stated she wanted to thank all of the Town employees for their hard work and she wished everyone a happy holiday season. She reminded everyone of the party Saturday stating it should be a good time for everybody. Council Member Crittenden commented the guys in the Public Works Department are doing a great job picking up the leaves. Mayor Simmons stated it is a great service to the citizens.

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**Public Safety:** Mayor Simmons read Council Member Fisher's report in his absence. Council Member Fisher stated in his letter that he wanted to thank the Crewe Police Department, Nottoway Sherriff's Department and the Virginia State Police in handling the Crewe Christmas Parade. They did an outstanding job. He offered an additional thank you to Crewe Chief of Police Art Booth and the entire department for taking the lead on this event. The fire department and rescue squad have both been busy as usual.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Booth reported there were no incidents before or after the parade. Chief Booth additionally reported Investigator Turner received the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) Award this year. Chief Booth also noted this was the second time Investigator Turner has received this award. Chief Booth closed by saying all is going smooth.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Simmons reported the Crewe-Burkeville Chamber held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lighting of the Park Ceremony and it quickly becoming a growing tradition. Mayor Simmons stated he appreciated all of the volunteer work that went into decorating. Mayor Simmons also reported the annual Crewe Christmas Parade put on by the Homecoming Committee and lead by Sue Williamson is no easy task and there was tremendous effort put into it by volunteers as well. Mayor Simmons also thanked Council for their efforts with the parade float which was awarded a second place trophy and the Crewe Police Department for their work with the parade as well. Mayor Simmons also informed Council the Town had been awarded the CDBG planning grant to aide with the Lipscomb & Stratton Streets project and a Virginia Department of Health \$30k planning grant to study our water supply.

Mayor Simmons closed his report stating there is nothing better than a small town Christmas and he is thankful to be a part of it. He reminded everyone that while Christmas and shopping could be a stressful time with the long drives and long lines he encourages everyone to avoid that by shopping local.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize Christmas bonuses for the Town employees.

Council Member Crittenden suggested Council check out Greenhouse Florist which recently relocated to main-street. He stated Loretta is doing a great job.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enact the ordinance that amends and reenacts Town of Crewe Code sections 18-36 et. Seq. entitled Dangerous Buildings.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to accept the Economic Development Strategic Plan

Council Member Crittenden informed Council the Chamber has a new web page at [creweburkeville.com](http://creweburkeville.com).

Mayor Simmons and Town Manager Walker presented Council with the banner and flag commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Crewe coming up next year.

Motion by Council Member Spencer; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Lee Simmons                      Mayor

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W. Wade Walker    Town Manager