

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Sally T. Wilkerson, Council Members Steve Sisk, E.B. Fisher, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, Al Simpson & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Councilmember Shirley Daulton

Also Present: Town Manager W. Wade Walker & Attorney Tessie Bacon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkerson with guest Pastor James Bradley of Calvary Freewill Baptist Church leading the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilkerson opened the meeting with 2 public hearings. The first Public Hearing was to receive public comments on proposed changes to the current R-1, Residential Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson, West Virginia Ave. asked if the changes affect current residents and questioned the maximum vehicle weight.

David Redford, East Maryland Ave. asked if his company truck would be affected.

Susan Christian Yeatts, East Tennessee Ave. questioned the signage regulations.

Bill Faas, Cabell Street, questioned how residents know what zone they are in.

Art Booth, Rocky Ford Road, also questioned the signage regulations.

Hearing no further comments the public hearing closed.

Mayor Wilkerson opened the 2nd public hearing to receive public comment on an ordinance that would authorize Christmas Bonuses for Town Employees in the amount \$150.00 per full time employee and \$75.00 per part time employee.

Susan Christian Yeatts, East Tennessee Ave., stated she felt the amounts were too small.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Wilkerson opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming out.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with bill sheet and additions totaling \$103,961.90.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

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TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported all title searches for the Lipscomb/Stratton Project area are back and there are certain homes that need easements or permanent dedications.

Bacon stated she felt there needed to be some revisions to the R-1 Zoning Ordinance before moving forward. She also informed Council the old theater property has an IRS lien on it but there is a form that the Town could complete and send to the IRS requesting the property. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic reported he would be holding an Economic Development Committee meeting soon. He commented that the recent Chamber Dinner was a great event and he wanted to thank everyone involved in making the dinner and auction a success including Kim Wooten and her staff for the meal.

Miskovic announced the following award recipients:

Business of the Year: Yak Attack
Volunteer of the Year: Jerri Morton
Business Advocate of the Year: Holly King Morris
Lifetime Achievement Award: Bobby Daniels

Miskovic also reminded everyone in attendance of the Boxcar's Grand Opening on November 18, 2015 starting at 4 p.m. He stated the Crewe-Burkeville Chamber is partnering with the Farmville Chamber for this event.

Finance:

Council Member Simpson had no official report.

Public Works/Infrastructure:

Council Member Knight stated the various pot holes around town are in desperate need of repair.

Personnel:

Council Member Stinson thanked all of the town's employees for their hard work.

Public Safety:

Council Member Fisher had no official report.

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Facilities/Parks & Recreation:

Council Member Sisk reported the bridge at Hagberg Park is up and functional thanks to the hard work of Todd Lewis and Chester & Tammy Blevins.

Sisk informed those in attendance of the Annual Park Lighting to be held November 28th at 6 p.m. at Hagberg Park.

Community Development:

Council Member Daulton was absent.

Mayor Sally Wilkerson reported that she and Councilmembers Daulton and Stinson worked on getting community involvement for the ornament for the Governor's tree with success. She announced Ms. Grace Rogers ornament was sent in to represent the Town of Crewe.

Mayor Wilkerson also announced she and Councilmember Stinson are doing a Town wide event for children pre-school through high school to craft unique ornaments that would go on display at the Crewe Community Center Open House December 5th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mayor Wilkerson noted the Lipscomb & Stratton Street Project is winding down for the winter months and will resume in early spring.

Councilmember Miskovic mentioned the Governor's Tree could be viewed on December 3rd at the Governor's Mansion for those interested.

Miskovic suggested offering a \$25 gift certificate to Ms. Grace Rogers to an eatery in the Town of Crewe as her prize for the Christmas Ornament for the Governor's Tree.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Council Member Stinson stated she and fellow Council Member Simpson selected residents Lee Simmons and Bill Faas to be on the committee to review the police department's needs.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Booth informed Council the movie event on Halloween night went well.

Chief Booth also reported the department has been actively ticketing vehicles with delinquent or no town tags. Council Member Miskovic suggested getting rid of the town stickers now that the Town is partnering with DMV through the personal property tax collection program. Discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Wilkerson discussed the voter turnout for the most recent election versus the May Council elections. Mayor Wilkerson expressed this information was simply for Council's record.

Mayor Wilkerson also reminded Council of the Christmas Parade on December 3rd and asked if they would be interested in doing a float or walking the route this year. Discussion followed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic proposed asking the Board of Supervisors to contact VDOT in regard to doing a speed limit study on Indian Oak Road coming into town. Miskovic stated the speed limit drops from 55 to 25 just out of a curve. Miskovic also suggested having the Board of Supervisors include Tyler Road into town as part of the study. Discussion followed. Miskovic will contact the Board of Supervisors in regard to the two areas.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Motion by Councilmember Stinson; seconded by Councilmember Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Christmas bonuses of \$150 per full time employee and \$75 per part time employees.

Mayor Wilkerson ordered a role call:
Council Member Simpson – For
Council Member Miskovic – For
Council Member Stinson – For
Council Member Knight – For
Council Member Sisk – Abstain
Council Member Fisher – For
Council Member Daulton – Absent
With a vote of 5 – 0 – 1 motion passed.

Mayor Wilkerson stated she and former Council Member John Spencer met and reviewed 9 blocks of trees for submission to HDLA per their request.

Council Member Miskovic provided Council with literature on the voter turnout as well. Miskovic discussed the various pros and cons of the elections as they are now and with changes. Discussion followed.

Miskovic also provided Council with a Draft Tourism Plan for their review and hopes of having the plan adopted at the next meeting.

Miskovic also mentioned he would like to once again receive the departmental goals from each department head. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Arthur Booth, Rocky Ford Road, stated he thought the DMV property tax collection program was a great idea.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Sally T. Wilkerson Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager