

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Greg Eanes, Council Members Aaron Reed, Steve Sisk, Bill Faas, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, Billy Abel & Phil Miskovic

Also Present: Town Manager Wade Walker & Attorney Tessie Bacon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eanes.

Moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Eanes opened the meeting with a Public Hearing with the purpose of hearing is for Council to consider an Ordinance which would provide Christmas Bonuses for Town employees for the year of 2016 and each year thereafter.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Eanes closed the public hearing.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted to approve Christmas Bonuses for Town employees for the year of 2016 and each year thereafter. Roll Call vote as follows:

Council Member Reed – Yes

Council Member Sisk – Abstain

Council Member Faas – Yes

Council Member Stinson – Yes

Council Member Knight – Yes

Council Member Abel – Yes

Council Member Miskovic – Yes

6-1-0 vote. Motion passed.

Mayor Eanes opened a second Public Hearing with the purpose of Council to consider an ordinance which would mandate numbers for homes, businesses, apartments, factories or other buildings in the town limits of Crewe.

Discussion followed. Council Member Sisk stated the Fire Department generally looks at the mailbox or near the front door to locate the numbers. Council suggested amending the violation of the ordinance to be a Class 4 Misdemeanor.

Council Miskovic suggested the enforcement of the ordinance begin February 1, 2017 to allow time for notification to be sent to the citizens, owners, etc.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Reed, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to amend the ordinance so the violation will be a Class 4 Misdemeanor. Motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enact the ordinance for house numbers on February 1, 2017. Motion passed.

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with the bill sheet and additions totaling \$141,310.25. Motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Walker he would like Council to consider the purchase of an emergency portable pump that could be used should installed pumps fail at our sewer pump stations. We currently have a pump that, due to the recent upgrades of our sewer system, no longer has the capacity to handle the flow, should existing pumps fail. Walker has asked Public Works Director Shelton to obtain some estimates for Council's consideration. Walker stated the pump can also be used for a variety of needs such as pumping out our lagoons at the water plant. He will obtain prices and let Council know.

Manager Walker stated that this time of year, he reflects on the town's accomplishments and gives serious thought to our future needs. He stated there are many things that are necessary to operate the town in a way that our citizens receive the services they both deserve and expect. Everything comes at a cost and our job is to ascertain our available revenues and apply it towards areas that need it most. While our East end sewer lines have all been lined or replaced, the West End still needs work. Our Water Plant is over 50 years old and will not last forever. Walker went on to remind Council that the basic essentials of running our town continue to age and will be in need of replacement at some point. While difficult and a challenge, he stated we need to be aware of these upcoming expenses and find ways to reserve for our future.

Mr. Walker informed Council that leaf pick up is ongoing as well as occasional debris Town forces are doing an excellent job of keeping the town clean and neat. Walker stated the town overall looked very good this holiday season and he thanked residents and businesses, particularly up and down 460 for their efforts. It presents our town in a very positive way. He hopes residents will shop local and support our hard-working businesses.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported she had filed 3 petitions for condemnation for the sewer project to determine "just compensation". Two landowners signed the easement and so we have filed 2 motions to get the money to those landowners.

Attorney Bacon informed Council her bill for the month actually covered services through Friday, December 9th as the law firm closes their books early.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eanes opened his report noting several inserts he included with the agenda.

Mayor Eanes reported he personally is offering a \$100 prize for the best nativity scene in the corporate limits of Crewe. He stated the contest is open to all businesses, homes, churches etc. He also stated the nativity scene may not be placed on public property, it has to remain on private property. He further added the contest will have judges personally selected by Mr. Eanes himself and the judging will be done over the Christmas holiday with the winner being announced January 1, 2017. He noted the prize money would be a personal check from Mr. Eanes himself.

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Mayor's Report Cont'd:

Mayor Eanes proposed to Council the thought of having an inclement weather command post set up for the upcoming winter weather. Discussion followed. Mayor Eanes asked for any volunteers with proper equipment and ability to contact the Town Office to offer their assistance, should the need arise.

Mayor Eanes also commented he, Council Members Sisk, Reed and Knight attended the Town of Crewe Service of Remembrance and Gratitude ceremony for the World War II Veterans at the Crewe United Methodist Church. He noted the ceremony was well received by those in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure:

Council Member Sisk reported the guys at the shop are doing good and continuing to do leaf pick-up.

Finance:

Council Member Knight had no report.

Personnel:

Vice Mayor Stinson announced the hiring of Police Officer Harley Crawford.

Volunteer Services:

Council Member Faas thanked the Chamber and all those that helped. He stated it was a bigger turn out and a huge success. He also reminded Council the Railroad Museum is having their annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Sisk also reminded everyone to go by the Railroad Museum to see the new stencils that have been put on the hoppers, boxcars and engine.

Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic reported that with the Town being the first Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) community in Virginia as designated by the Institute for Public Health Innovation, he was contacted by Kaiser Permanente. He stated Kaiser Permanente is evaluating the efforts of the Institute for Public Health Innovation and part of that evaluation included a verbal assessment over the phone as well as an on-site visit to review some of the HEAL initiatives the Town has taken on to include the park, A&J Produce as well as Yoder's Market. Mr. Miskovic requested the help of fellow Council Member's when such visit occurs.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Mayor Eanes asked Council to make an authorization to advertise the Town Animal Waste Ordinance. Discussion followed.

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Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted to advertise for a Public Hearing on the Animal Waste Ordinance. Council Member Stinson objected. Motion passed.

Continuing Business

Mayor Eanes asked Council to make an authorization to advertise to eliminate Town Decals and implement a \$5 water system maintenance charge and increase out of town water rates. Discussion followed. Council Member Miskovic suggested having the DMV Program in place before moving forward with eliminating the Town Decals as they were a key factor in the collection of personal property tax for the Town.

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to advertise for a Public Hearing to be held February 2017 to eliminate Town Decals and implement a \$5 water maintenance charge and increase out of town water rates. Motion passed.

Council Member Miskovic inquired on the status of the cigarette tax ordinance that is to take effect January 1. Manager Walker requested an extension.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enact the cigarette tax ordinance February 1, 2017. Motion passed.

Council Member Miskovic passed out information to Council about potential interns for the Town Office staff, he asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Eanes questioned if there was enough work and time to train them. Manager Walker agreed that while it is a great idea, it is not feasible for our office.

Council Member Miskovic inquired on the expiration of the Town's federal mandate on the sewer project. Manager Walker reported we had requested an extension due to lack of rain events, but have since had several and the Town is fine.

Mayor Eanes commented there was a recent meeting with the project engineer and it was disclosed there has been a significant reduction in I & I since project completion.

NEW BUSINESS

None

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Sisk encouraged Council to attend the Railroad Museums Christmas Dinner on Thursday and to bring their spouse and children.

Council Member Abel commented on the street lights that are out in town and suggested marking the poles and reporting them. Town Clerk, Tiffany Sisk reported the night shift police officers are collecting those pole numbers and she is sending them to Dominion.

Council Member Miskovic wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Reed, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter into executive session consistent with Virginia State Code 2.2-3711 A1, paragraph 5, property and prospective business.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by roll call vote to certify the executive session.

Council Member Reed – Yes

Council Member Sisk – Yes

Council Member Faas – Yes

Council Member Stinson – Yes

Council Member Knight – Yes

Council Member Abel – Yes

Council Member Miskovic – Yes

7-0 vote Motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Reed; seconded by Council Member Abel, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to advertise for bids for cutting timber in the Crewe Industrial Park. Motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Faas, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to reject the current bids to survey the Crewe Industrial Park and rebid for the survey.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed.

Greg Eanes Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager