

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER, CREWE, VIRGINIA**

Present: Mayor Simmons, Council Members Steve Sisk, Jr., E.B. Fisher, Anne Stinson, John Spencer, Phil Miskovic

Also Present: Town Manager Walker, Town Attorney Tessie Bacon & Chief of Police Art Booth

Absent: Council Members Hank Crittenden and Robbie Knight

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons with Council Member Steve Sisk Jr. 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 to receive comments on a proposal to enact an ordinance that imposes fees and cost to defray the cost of enforcing the Town of Crewe's Property Maintenance Code.

No comments.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Stinson, 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 authorizes the code official to inspect rental dwellings for non-compliance with the Town of Crewe's Property Maintenance Code.

Larry Williamson, E Virginia Ave., commented that rental dwellings are not the problem in the Town. The property problems are owner occupied and/or empty.

Norman Taylor, Melody Lane, commented he doesn't need the Town's help with inspections because his tenants are the best inspectors when the rent comes due.

After hearing the comments Mayor Simmons stated the Town does not wish to rush into anything. He stated if this is not necessary at the moment we can address at a later time.

Deborah Dunn, E Virginia Ave., questioned if the Town had ever had any experience in owner occupied derelict housing in the past. Attorney Bacon stated the Town had not had any experience because the proper codes had not been adopted until recently.

Hearing no further comments, Motion by Council Member Miskovic: seconded by Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to close the Public Hearing.

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Mayor Simmons opened the third Public Hearing to receive comments on a proposal to sell the building commonly known as the Norfolk Southern Building, located at 601 W. VA Ave., Crewe, Virginia 23930 and identified as Tax Parcel No. 18A29-3-61AB. This property is owned by the Town of Crewe and is located in the Town of Crewe.

Hearing no comments, Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to close the Public Hearing.

Mayor Simmons opened the regularly scheduled meeting stating he is encouraged by the enthusiasm and energy of the current Council. He mentioned the Committees have met and are establishing their goals for the next two years. Mayor Simmons also ensured everyone that Council and the Town staff are working hard every day to continue moving Crewe into a more prosperous time and providing a better quality of life for our citizens.

**DELEGATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Shirley Daulton, Gatewood Ave., commended Manager Walker and the Town workers for getting the bench and placing it at the playground. (A goal Mrs. Daulton, former Town of Crewe Council Member had set before leaving her seat on Town Council.)

Art Booth, Rocky Ford Rd., publicly thanked the Crewe Police Department and everyone involved in the National Night Out stating it was good food and good fellowship.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$90,821.41.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Walker reported while the Town is currently under water restrictions we do have citizens that are not adhering to it. The staff at the Water Plant is doing a great job and he thanks them for their hard work. Manager Walker also reported the Town plans to apply for this year planning grant with the Department of Health to study possible increases in water sources for the Town.

Citizens Bank here in town stepped forward to assist with the loan needed for the upcoming sewer rehabilitation project. Manager Walker reported that loan should close this week. Additionally Manager Walker reported the engineers have resumed the design phase of the project and he wanted to inform the citizens there is no cause for alarm should you see any Hurt & Proffitt vehicles or engineers in your neighborhood. There are still several steps to take in getting this project up and running.

Manager Walker presented to Council the concerns of several citizens about having street lights installed for safety reasons. Discussion followed.

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**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon reported there has been progress on the collection of taxes and it is going well.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development:** Mayor Simmons reported for Council Member Crittenden. He stated they have a strategy in place for the Lipscomb/Stratton Street housing project. They have received a good amount of feedback from the residents in that area. Another meeting has been scheduled to decide on the next steps in proceeding.

**Economic Development:** Council Member Miskovic commended the Crewe Police Department for the National Night Out, stating it was a great event. Council Member Miskovic stated the Committee had recently met and added Joe Brown and Larry Williamson as citizen members. He also reported the committee is establishing a strategic plan to form a foundation for marketing the Town and creating more economic development for the Town of Crewe.

**Facilities/Parks & Recreation:** Council Member Sisk reported the Cemetery is looking great. Council Member Sisk also reported the bricks going around the gazebo in Hagberg Park are finally up and looking good as well. Sisk also mentioned the CBYRA girls Angels team that will be present at Septembers monthly Council Meeting to be recognized for their recent participation in the State Tournament and World Series. Sisk reported the team went undefeated with a 5-0 record in the State Tournament hosted here in Crewe. Then with their success in the State Tournament they earned a seat in Georgetown, S.C. for the World Series, with a 2-2 record and earning the distinguished Sportsmanship Award. Sisk also reminded everyone the CBYRA is currently holding its annual fall baseball, softball and soccer sign-ups for our youth through August 25<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the CBYRA has started hosting family nights with free admission to promote the many activities offered by the recreation association in this area.

**Finance:** Chair Person/Council Member Knight was absent. Vice Chair Stinson reported a recommendation was made by Chair Person Knight to have Council consider a moratorium on spending and that each and every Purchase Order be reviewed and authorized by Manager Walker. Discussion followed. Mayor Simmons suggested Council table the recommendation until next month.

**Public Works/Infrastructure:** Council Member Spencer reported everything is running along about normal, we just need some water down in the pond.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Fisher reported the Fire and Rescue remain busy. Council Member Fisher reported the National Night Out was a great success.

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**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Booth mentioned the large number of vandalisms on this month's police report stating they were all in connection with the same individuals. He also reported the Annual National Night Out was a huge success. There was a great turn out, it was bigger than last year and they did not run out of food this year. Chief Booth stated he and the department is hoping for a bigger crowd next year. Chief Booth stated he has had only positive feedback on the event for both years and is looking forward to next year. Chief Booth also reported the Willie Nelson concert was a success as well, with no incidents.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Simmons stated the young ladies of the Angels Softball division that captured the crown in the State Tournament here were quite dominating and impressive. He commended them on the respectable job they did in the World Series representing the Commonwealth of Virginia and the fact they won the Sportsmanship Award shows they are quality individuals. Mayor Simmons reported he would write a resolution for the young ladies and present it to them at next month's meeting for their success. Mayor Simmons stated he was unable to attend the National Night Out was a great job. Mayor Simmons recommended if you enjoyed the Night Out take the time to thank an officer because they do this for the citizens to build a relationship with them. Mayor Simmons also reported the Willie Nelson Concert was a great town event and he has heard only great things.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

None

Motion by Council Member Spencer; seconded by Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Lee Simmons                      Mayor

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W. Wade Walker    Town Manager