

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 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, 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 thanked 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 additions totaling \$122,454.61.*

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Walker informed Council the new floor had been installed at the water plant.

Mr. Walker explained the newly renovated volley ball court had been completed and he praised town workers for the excellent job they had done. The citizen spear head for the project, Wendy Bowen is very pleased with the court and also thanked everyone for following through on the court. She expects local tournaments to begin in the near future.

Manager Walker informed Council the new leaf machine had been ordered. The total cost is \$26,600.00. The machine should be here well in advance of the beginning of leaf season.

Walker stated he was contacted by Tyson Foods recently about our sewer plant accepting and treating approximately 20,000 gallons of liquid a week which is a byproduct of a process they use at their plant. The liquid contains levels of E.coli that DEQ has determined are unacceptable for release in the water shed and it is necessary for it to be treated. John Hricko stated there were no treatment issues with the water and he felt we could easily treat the water. We will be receiving approximately \$200.00 per load with an average of two loads a week. This is additional unbudgeted income for the town.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon reported she had researched the speeding in alleys and has discovered that in residential and business areas the speed limit is 25 mph. She stated VDOT regulates the speed limits but not the alleys. With that she recommended obtaining a letter from the Transportation Commissioner stating they do not object to the Town changing the speed limits in alleys. Discussion followed.

Mayor Wilkerson asked Manager Walker to take over the situation and contact the Commissioner, so agreed.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development:**

No Report

**Economic Development:**

Council Member Miskovic reported the Economic Development would meet September 15 at 7pm at the Airport. He attended the first Chamber meeting after its summer off and reported it was a great meeting. He mentioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Major Employer Roundtable will be held Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the Library Conference Room. He also reported the Chamber will begin with decorating Hagberg Park for Christmas starting in October.

**Facilities/Parks & Recreation:**

Council Member Sisk reported CBYRA soccer will open Saturday September 13. He also reported the Chamber is working on the bridge in Hagberg with County Building Inspector Al Ellington to ensure it is handicap accessible. He stated the volleyball court is outstanding and he thanked Crewe Tractor, Norfolk Southern, Tharpe Trucking, Wendy Bowen and the Town employees for all their work, donations and help with getting the court put together.

**Finance:**

Council Member Simpson reported everything looks in order.

**Public Works/Infrastructure:**

Council Member Knight reported the Water Treatment Plant encountered a problem with retrieving water but they resolved it in a couple hours and had the plant back up and running.

**Personnel:**

Council Member Stinson thanked the Town employees for their good work every month.

**Public Safety:**

Council Member Fisher had no report for Fire & Rescue.

**Comprehensive Plan:**

Council Member Stinson reported she and Council Member Miskovic had created a survey to be distributed throughout the town for citizen input.

Mayor Wilkerson asked that a copy of the survey be sent to County Planner Hatcher so she can review it and note any information that may be lacking. She also stated Ms. Hatcher would be attending the Council Workshop on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Booth reported Officer Herlong has accepted a full time position with the Police Department. He also reported Sergeant Jim Shreck would be retiring October 1<sup>st</sup> after a combined career of over 40 years. He stated the department would be having a retirement party for Sergeant Shreck September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Library Conference Room.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilkerson reported County Planner Kelly Hatcher contacted her in regard to the letter sent to County Administrator Ronnie Roark requesting the County Planners assistance with our Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Hatcher informed Mayor Wilkerson there would not be a September meeting but the County fully supported helping with the Plan and she would attend the workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Hatcher attended a Community Development Workshop and learned the person that handles the money for the projects has fallen ill and the state is currently seeking a replacement.

Mayor Wilkerson reported she had received a letter from the High School for their Career Day Program so the Crewe Police Department will be in attendance. She also received a letter from Nottoway County Social Services for a public meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She reported VDOT has redone their 6 year Improvement Plan and a briefing would be held October 1<sup>st</sup>. Dominion Power informed the Town the Southeast Reliability has been renamed to American Coast Pipeline.

Mayor Wilkerson listed the community activities to include the Kiwanis Pancake Dinner on 9/18, the Friends of the Library will have a formal Open House on 10/17, she mentioned the Council Workshop on 9/22 and the Regular Council Meeting would be moved to Tuesday 10/14 in observance of Columbus Day.

She closed her report stating she appreciated Council for what they have done, the Police Department for their accomplishments, the Town employees for their many tasks and Manager Walker for all he has done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Miskovic announced the partnership between the Town and the YMCA stating they will be bringing some of their programs to Crewe. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting 9/17 at 5:30 to discuss the programs offered and the locations. He stated there would be a Kick Off and Health Fair once all community members and organizations have gathered and chosen programs.

Council Member Sisk asked all citizens and Council members to spread the word stating there are many good things to come.

Mayor Wilkerson mentioned the endless opportunities for everyone. She encouraged the whole community's participation.

Council Member Miskovic commented on the fact that while the town may not have full service grocer he wanted to emphasize on what we do have. A & J Produce for meats, dairy, canned goods, there is Crewe Seafood, Dollar General & Yoder's, all the convenience stores, Booker's and many others. He has invited each of these businesses to a meeting to discuss their needs and also have citizens attend to express their needs. Discussion followed.

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**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D:**

Miskovic reported VML had contacted the Town with the possibilities of the Police Department getting body cameras for free. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Stinson, to obtain the body cameras for the police department from VML.*

Miskovic discussed the meeting on bio-solids being spread on property around Town. Discussion followed. Mayor Wilkerson suggested we obtain more information.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

A. Request of sale to buy Town property

Mayor Wilkerson asked Town Attorney Bacon what are the steps the Town needs to take to be able to sell a piece of property.

Town Attorney Bacon stated Council would need to advertise for a Public Hearing to sell the property, and then advertise for sale. She also recommended Council also advertise for a Public Hearing to declare the property as surplus. She additionally suggested Council have a motion to agree to sell the property and have the Mayor sign off on it. Discussion followed.

Council Member Miskovic revisited the issue of trash cans and lids. Discussion followed.

*Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk to have Public Works/Infrastructure review the ordinance and report back to Council in due time.*

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Bill Faas, on behalf of the Crewe Burkeville Chamber, stated they will gladly send out an email for any important info to go out for the Town. They have an e-mail list of 74 and will be happy to send out the information.

*Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.*

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Sally T. Wilkerson Mayor

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W. Wade Walker Town Manager