

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 14, 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, Al Simpson & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member R.E. "Robbie" Knight

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 announced a resolution that had been prepared for now retired Sergeant James A. "Jim" Shreck for his service. Mayor Wilkerson asked Public Safety Chair Person, Council Member E.B. Fisher to present the resolution to Mr. Shreck. Presentation followed.

**DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS**

With no delegations from the public Mayor Wilkerson recognized Allen Booth, son of Crewe Police Chief Art Booth, for his attendance at the meeting. Mayor Wilkerson added Mr. Booth has a passion for Civics and had been looking for to attending a local government meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Simpson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$119,144.24.*

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Walker reported the sewer project was finally underway. Tri-State Utilities has begun marking manholes and will soon be opening them to begin the lining process. Walker stated it had been a long time coming but we are finally underway.

Manager Walker informed Council one of the lagoons at the water treatment plant was in need of cleaning. He explained the process whereby the lagoons receive the waste from the backwashing of filters and over a period of time, solids will settle and accumulate to a point where it has to be removed. The clear water above the settled solids is released into a drainage ditch but we cannot allow any of the solids to be released. The approximate cost of cleaning will be \$20,000.00 and has been scheduled to take place within the next 3 weeks. He suggested taking the funds from one of the proposed line items for water line replacement, water line reserve, or water tank reserve. His other suggestion was to take the funds out of the water/sewer tap fee fund. Mr. Walker stated he would meet with Finance to see what the best option would be. Following some discussion;

*Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the cleaning of the lagoon.*

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**Manager's Report, cont.:**

Mr. Walker then reminded Council of the upcoming leaf season which will begin the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated we usually like to have the streets clean before Halloween. He reminded everyone that leaves are to be placed in the streets in front of your homes, with the exception of Virginia Avenue residents who should place them in their alleys. Also, leaves bagged or boxed will be picked up at or near garbage receptacles in the alleys.

Mr. Walker also stated that debris pick up will not take place after the 27<sup>th</sup> due to retro-fitting of the trucks. He urged citizens to go ahead and do their debris work as soon as possible.

Manager Walker then asked Council to consider the installation of a surveillance system at the Public Works facility. He stated the town has been lucky so far and there have been few incidents but with the sewer project beginning and the storage of equipment, it may be a good idea to put this in. Some discussion followed and Council agreed to consider the request.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon reported she continues to work on delinquent taxes, and derelict buildings. She also added the sewer project loan has officially closed and work is ready to begin. She recommended to Council they proceed with advertising for a Public Hearing for employee Christmas Bonuses at November's regular meeting.

***Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to have Town Attorney Bacon draft a Public Hearing for Christmas Bonuses.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development:**

Council Member Daulton reported there have been some interesting results on the Town surveys. She reminded everyone the deadline is November 3, 2014. She also reported the Lipscomb/Stratton Project has a meeting October 16, 2014 at the Library Conference room at 11 a.m. to finalize the details.

**Economic Development:**

Council Member Miskovic reported there had been approximately 119 YouTube views of Council's September meeting. He informed Council they have become somewhat of trendsetters stating Blackstone is now interested in recording their meetings as well.

He mentioned the VML Conference he attended was a great event in which he was asked to present on the Town's HEAL Initiative. He reported the Grocery Collaborative was a good event that had solid attendance. He stated he is working with the high school marketing class on this.

He informed Council the YMCA is having a meeting at the Library on December 9, 2014 on Diabetes. He stated the HEAL group along with the Crewe Police Department and other organizations would be having a Health Fair in the mini auditorium at Nottoway High School on November 1, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This would be in conjunction with a program known as "Touch-A-Truck" that allows for other organizations to bring in their big fancy vehicles for children to explore.

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**Economic Development Cont'd:**

Miskovic listed the following meeting dates:

October 15 – Burkeville Town Council Meet & Greet 7 p.m. – Burkeville Volunteer Fire Department

October 20 – Employer Round Table 5:30 p.m. – Crewe Library Conference Center

October 22 – 5:30 p.m. - Airport

November 14 – Chamber Banquet 6 p.m. Crewe Community Center

**Facilities/Parks & Recreation:**

Council Member Sisk reported he and fellow Council Member Miskovic had discussed some small issues about the Airport Building that they would like to have fixed to “spruce” up the building.

He stated the decorating of Hagberg Park would begin the first Saturday in November. He reminded Council Jamie Higgins, representative of the CBYRA would be selling the memorial trees again this year if anyone was interested in purchasing one for display at the Railroader’s Park during the holiday season.

**Finance:**

Council Member Simpson reported everything looks in order.

**Public Works/Infrastructure:**

Council Member Knight was absent. No report.

**Personnel:**

Council Member Stinson thanked retired Sergeant “Jim” Shreck for his many years of dedication and service. She also complimented the Chief on the interview process he set up and conducted as well as the candidates selected for the interview process stating they were very viable.

**Public Safety:**

Council Member Fisher stated everything was going good with Fire and Rescue.

**Comprehensive Plan:**

Council Member Stinson reported they are continuing to make progress on the Comprehensive Plan.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:**

Chief Booth reported the new police car has arrived and will be fully equipped and street ready in about one month. He informed Council the department was awarded the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the purchase of an on dash video camera for one of the white dodge patrol cars. He mentioned there would be a match of approximately \$1168, and he has discussed it with Manager Walker and it is available in the budget. Discussion followed.

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**Police Chief's Report Cont'd:**

Chief also reported he has been in contact with the company that did the graphics on the patrol cars with concerns of them molding. He was pleased to report the company is confident the graphics will be replaced free of charge.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilkerson stated her report was full of "thank yous". She started by thanking those that took the initiative to put the Council meeting recordings on YouTube.

She thanked Chamber President Bill Faas for his time and effort put into sending out emails for the Chamber, stating it was instant information and very informative.

She continued with thanking A & J Produce, Crewe Station and Booker's Supply for coming to the grocery collaborative meeting and being so open and honest and answering all questions from price mark-ups to home delivery. Mayor Wilkerson also thanked Council Members Sisk & Miskovic for putting the grocery meeting together.

She reminded Council of the Open House on Friday October 17, 2014 from 2:30 to 5:30. She also mentioned the VML Dinner on October 30, 2014 in Farmville that will be discussing various topics. And she closed stating the VDOT 6 year plan deadline for submitting recommendations would be open until October 30, 2014.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Wilkerson addressed Council for their input on participating in the annual Christmas Parade. Discussion followed. Council agreed to have a float in the 2014 Crewe Christmas Parade.

Mayor Wilkerson also brought to Council's attention the possibility of obtaining ID badges for the Council. Discussion followed. Council agreed to obtain more information before making a decision.

Council Member Miskovic reminded Council there would be a District II & District III Supervisor's meeting at Crewe Primary on October 21, 2014 at 7 p.m.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Council Member Miskovic suggested having a quarterly budget put on the website for the citizens to view. Discussion followed. Council decided to put a PDF copy of a quarterly budget report on the website.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

Mayor Wilkerson then asked for Council to enter a closed session under Personnel, Section 2.2-3711 (A) (11).

***Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to enter closed session.***

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**Closed Session**

***Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Simpson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to come out of closed session.***

Mayor Wilkerson asked for a role call vote to certify the closed session only discussed Personnel matters. Vote as follows:

Phil Miskovic	Aye
Al Simpson	Aye
Anne Stinson	Aye
E. B. Fisher	Aye
Steve Sisk	Aye
Shirley Daulton	Aye

Motion passed.

***Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to promote Police Officer Ronnie Hite to Sergeant.***

***Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to hire two new full time police officers on conditions set forth by the Personnel Committee and Chief Booth.***

***Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to promote Town Bookkeeper Tiffany Dumond to Bookkeeper/Town Clerk.***

Mayor Wilkerson announced a work session for October 27, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Crewe Library.

Mrs. Wilkerson then handed out the results of the recent water rate study conducted by Hurt & Profitt which will be discussed in the work session on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Simpson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting.***

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Sally T. Wilkerson      Mayor

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W. Wade Walker      Town Manager