

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER, CREWE, VIRGINIA

Present: Mayor Simmons, Council Members Hank Crittenden, Steve Sisk, Jr., E.B. Fisher, Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, & Phil Miskovic

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons with Council Member Hank Crittenden leading in the Lord's Prayer and Council Member E.B. Fisher leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Simmons opened the meeting by thanking all citizens for taking the time to come to the Town meetings. He stated hopefully we could go out in our community and encourage some of our neighbors to attend some meetings. He added that the Town can do a better job governing if it has more input from its citizens. Mayor Simmons added the Town has lots of things going on now to include being in the midst of the 125th Celebration, as well as water and sewer projects for old problems to find solutions that will help generations from now.

DELEGATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Richard Phillips a representative for TM Associates spoke to Council about the letters of support the Town had received asking for signatures to show its support for a rehabilitation project planned for Deerfield Associates. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Betty Booth, Rocky Ford Rd. Crewe, commented she thought the newsletter was really great and she has heard a lot of comments and everyone has liked it. She stated it was just wonderful.

Mr. Arthur Booth, Rocky Ford Rd. Crewe, thanked the Town again for all they do, stating he had a mess of debris in front of his home which the Town came by and cleaned up.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$84,265.36.

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CONSENT CALENDAR CONT'D.

Mayor Simmons asked Council to turn their attention to last month's bill sheet. He stated they had received a letter from Tiffany Dumond, Town Bookkeeper stating there were some numerical errors that had since been corrected. Mayor Simmons felt Council needed to make a motion to approve the amended copy. He stated he checked the bill sheet after Council approved it along with the checks written to make sure everything written matched what was approved. He stated all invoices were checked by himself and Council Member Knight.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Crittenden, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the amended bill sheet from February 2013 totaling \$74,048.61

MANAGER'S REPORT

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TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported she is moving forward with the necessary requirements for the Rural Development loan and almost finished with the first set of initial delinquent tax letters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development: Council Member Crittenden reported the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project is still on hold for the time being. He also stated the 125th Celebration plans are moving along very nicely. Crittenden reported the final part of the celebration will be held on May 19, 2013 from 1-5 pm on the grounds at the Crewe Library. He stated the Crewe Boys and Gospel Grass will provide entertainment and many volunteers to provide deserts. Crittenden also reported contributions from citizens have come in and his wife Fran is working with the Gunter's to advertise. Council Member Stinson stated the ROTC would be available and she asked where contributions for the celebration could be made. Mayor Simmons stated that contributions be made to the Town of Crewe and that the application date for the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project has been moved to March 2014.

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Economic Development: Council Member Miskovic reported his committee had met and the slogan contest has begun on Facebook and has an end date of April 15, 2013. Miskovic reported the HEAL Committee would meet March 18th and the Economic Committee would meet again on March 19th.

Facilities/Parks & Recreation: Council Member Sisk reported the Railroad has emptied out the records from the basement at the old division office. He reported the Cemetery and Airport are doing OK. He also reported the CBYRA is still accepting registrations for the spring sports and the latest dinner the recreation held was a huge success. Mayor Simmons stated the community deserved a Thank You for their support of the recreation association dinners.

Finance: Council Member Knight reported the committee had its first meeting and everything is going in line right now and they hope to have the budget done in 6 – 8 weeks. Mayor Simmons reported he would like to hold a workshop on Monday March 25th at 7 p.m. at the conference room to get an early start on the budget and to hear from the finance committee.

Public Works/Infrastructure: Council Member Spencer reported there was a company in town fixing the pot holes and D.W. Lyle Company has started work on the Route 49 bridge. Council Member Knight stated the new dump truck had arrived.

Personnel: Council Member Stinson reported she had met with Police Chief Booth, Mayor Simmons and Council Member Fisher to discuss concerns that had come up with different topics with the police. Stinson reported she appreciated the open communication and overall it was a good meeting and very helpful.

Public Safety: Council Member Fisher had no report for fire and rescue.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Booth stated the department had been quiet for the month. Chief Booth opened the floor to Investigator Turner for her presentation on some various activities set and geared toward families and children. Discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Simmons reported there is lots going on in the Town and there seems to always be different things coming up. He reported ZZ Top would be here May 10th, followed by the Crewe Homecoming Festival May 17th & 18th and the 125th Celebration May 19th. Mayor Simmons stated the 125th meeting that was held in February was not well attended but a few members of the Homecoming Committee and the Chamber were there to give some input on how to help out with the celebration. It was overall a good meeting. Mayor Simmons informed everyone that Delegate Wright would be attending the Homecoming festival on Saturday to present a resolution to the Town at the morning coffee. Mayor Simmons closed his report stating that the Town would be using its

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Facebook page at facebook.com/townofcrewe and its website townofcrewe.com to reach out to our citizens.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic requested \$500 for another round of the newsletters to be sent out before the homecoming festival. Discussion followed.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

None

Lee Simmons Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager