

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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

Absent: Council Member John Spencer

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 with a Public Hearing on the proposed issuance at one time or from time to time of bonds by the Town of Crewe. The estimated maximum amount of the bonds proposed to be issued is \$3,775,000 in the aggregate. The proposed use of the bond proceeds is to pay the costs of capital improvements to the Town's sewer system, and it is the only use for which more than ten percent of the total bond proceeds are expected to be used.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to close the public hearing.

DELEGATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jay Fuller, hospice volunteer for Surefire Healthcare at 124 E Carolina Ave. Crewe, informed everyone on the importance of safety and comfort of all hospice patients.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Stinson, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$70616.75.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Walker opened his report by presenting two resolutions regarding the financing of the new dump truck. The first was a formal resolution for approval of the loan from USDA and the second was a resolution from Council authorizing the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the town. Both resolutions were presented.

A motion from Council Member Knight and a second by Council Member Crittenden approved resolution #1. Motion passed unanimously.

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MANAGER'S REPORT CON'T.

Resolution #2 was approved by motion from Council Member Knight and seconded by Council Member Miskovic. Motion passed unanimously. Resolutions are attached to this report.

Walker then reported that the Virginia Department of Health grant to study future water supply needs for the town had been finalized and a motion to proceed had been received. Engineers have been notified and they are to proceed. He reported this should be a quick turnaround as the grant is good through the end of March 2013. Walker stated he hoped the study would give us some good viable options for long-term water for the town.

Manager Walker reminded Council he had previously informed them of the Virginia Department of Aviations intention to install an automated weather system at the Crewe Municipal Airport and they would be providing a grant for the payment of this equipment. The town however must agree to maintain the system, which will require some annual service work. Cost of the maintenance is eligible for 80% reimbursement from the Department of Aviation; therefore, the town will absorb a small cost for this equipment service. Council agreed and authorized Walker to sign the grant.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported that title searches must be done on all 8 of the pump stations and while she is capable of doing the searches she recommended the Town hire an actual title searcher. Attorney Bacon informed Council it would be more financially reasonable and completed in a timelier manner. Attorney Bacon recommended Mrs. Mary Bryant of Amelia, VA and asked Council for a motion to hire Mrs. Bryant.

Attorney Bacon also reported that the USDA Grant Funds do go to legal work so the title searches would be covered by the grant. Attorney Bacon closed stating she is still working on the easements needed for the sewer work to be done.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to hire Mrs. Mary Bryant to complete the title searches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development: Council Member Crittenden reported the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project has been put on hold as the County Planner has resigned from her position. Crittenden provided Council with a pamphlet briefing them on the plans for the upcoming 125th Year Celebration. Discussion followed.

Mayor Simmons reminded everyone of the public meeting to discuss the plans for upcoming 125th Year Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in Library Conference room.

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Economic Development: Council Member Miskovic reported that the newsletters had been sent out and he wanted to publically thank Bill Faas for his high quality work on the newsletters. Miskovic also reported his committee has been split into 2 teams. One team is working on the HEAL program efforts and the other is working on the Tourism aspect. Miskovic closed his report stating he had met with the Nottoway High School marketing class on the progress of the marketing campaign they are doing with the town slogan. Their kick off date is set for March 1st. They will be marketing around town getting people involved by submitting their suggestions. Their deadline is set for April 15th and they will announce the winner at the Homecoming Festival.

Miskovic reported on a more personal note that the Governor asked that he serve on his Rural Jobs Council. The Council consists of 25 state delegates, senators and business officials from the commonwealth to discuss different strategies to bring jobs to rural communities like Crewe.

Facilities/Parks & Recreation: Council Member Sisk reported a section at the cemetery had been chosen for single graves and he will get committee approval before finalizing that decision. Sisk reported the local recreation group CBYRA has started its spring baseball and softball sign-ups. Sisk also reported the CBYRA is serving a pancake lunch on February 17 and a baked potato lunch on Sunday February 24 for \$5 a plate from 1-3 p.m. at the Crewe Fire Dept. during the sign-ups. Sisk closed his report reminding everyone to pass the word around to get the youth signed up to play.

Finance: Council Member Knight reported his committee would be meeting next week to discuss the upcoming budget.

Public Works/Infrastructure: No Report – Council Member Spencer Absent

Personnel: Council Member Stinson thanked the Town employees once again for their dedication in the last month with all the rain and then snow.

Public Safety: Council Member Fisher had no report for fire and rescue. Fisher did state the Crewe Police Department has been busy with investigative work and regular duty.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Booth stated the department needed to pay \$1800.00 to the Nottoway Drug Task for Officer Stegall's role with the task force. Chief Booth reminded Council that the \$1800.00 fee is generally paid for with grant funds, however this year the grant did not go through. Chief Booth asked that the department be allowed to pay the fee by withdrawing funds from 2 separate funds within their budget. Chief Booth opened the floor to Officer Stegall for a presentation on his involvement with the task force and the benefits extended to the Town by having membership to the force.

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POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT CON'T.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Crittenden, with Council Member Miskovic abstaining from the vote, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to appropriate the funds for the membership fee to the Nottoway Drug Task Force.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Simmons thanked the fire department for all they do, which goes without saying. He also thanked the department for inviting him to be a part of the Regional Volunteer Fire Department Association meeting they hosted this year. Mayor Simmons stated the meeting is an educational type seminar and a networking deal for the local fire department. Fire Chief Val Wilson impressed upon him that the department is looking for volunteers. They have a great crew now, but just need some more volunteers particularly daytime.

Mayor Simmons also reported he attended the Legislative Day at the Capital hosted by VML and it was very informative as always. He informed Council that VML discussed various legislations that could affect local governments. Mayor Simmons spoke with Senator Ruff's assistant about things the town has going on as well as some things the Town could perhaps use a little assistance from Senator Ruff on. Mayor Simmons mentioned the 125th Celebration and Senator Ruff's assistant felt he would be anxious to participate. He also spoke with Delegate Wright and he too is anxious to participate with the celebration and help the Town with a few things. Delegate Wright's office will be co-sponsoring a joint resolution with the General Assembly congratulating the Town on this wonderful occasion for the 125th Celebration.

Mayor Simmons closed his report informing everyone that ZZ Top would be performing the weekend before the homecoming festival. He stated that it is sure to be a fun week, a week of celebration. He asked that everyone reach out to their churches and social groups and attend the public meeting Tuesday, February 26th to discuss the plans for the upcoming celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Knight suggested Council table the resolution on the bonds until next month. Mayor Simmons agreed with Knight stating it would give Council enough time to educate them a bit more on the issue.

Council Member Knight also stated the Town needed to get rid of the illegal sewer connections some homes in Town still have. Manager Walker agreed and stated the Town would have to do another round of testing to locate the connections. Discussion followed.

Council Member Knight also stated the Town needs to get all of the streetlights fixed. He stated if the Town is paying for them, they need to be operable.

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CONTINUING BUSINESS

None

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Knight, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Lee Simmons Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager