

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CREWE LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER, CREWE, VIRGINIA

Present: Mayor Simmons, Council Members Shirley Daulton, Steve Sisk Jr., Anne Stinson, Robbie Knight, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Council Member E.B. Fisher

Also Present: Town Manager Walker & Town Attorney Tessie Bacon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons with Council Member Dalton leading in the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting opened with a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed issuance at one time or from time to time of bonds by the Town of Crewe. No comments.

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

DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jerri Morton, Coordinator for the 100 Mile Yard Sale, thanked Council and the Town for all of their support for yard sale.

Susan Yeatts, Georgia Ave, did a photo presentation from this year's annual Homecoming Festival.

Judy Derflinger, Pennsylvania Ave, expressed concern over an incident she witnessed earlier in the day. She presented a photo of a man trespassing on her property and questioned the legal process of preventing such an incident from occurring again.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Vice Mayor Stinson; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$170,386.77.

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bacon reported she has been working on the Airport issues, bond issuances and sewer easements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development:

Council Member Daulton reported the flower pots that have been placed down main-street are very pretty. She also mentioned she is still waiting on July for the decision of the Lipscomb/Stratton Project.

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Economic Development:

Council Member Miskovic reported the Chamber was responsible for providing the flower pots on main-street. He also reminded Council that the Chamber would not be meeting again until September 2014. The Economic Committee would meet Monday, June 16th at the Airport. He said this meeting would focus on marketing and tourism. He stated the HEAL Committee would meet June 11th and there would be a Main Street meeting in Farmville on July 16th & 17th.

Facilities/Parks & Recreation:

Council Member Sisk reported several of the age divisions had wrapped up their seasons with CBYRA and the Angels and Ponytails will be hosting the Traditional State Tournaments this year starting on July 18th. He also informed Council that about 90+ first graders had visited the Railroad Museum and the Crewe Municipal Airport, stating it was a great time and he thoroughly enjoyed talking to the children about the Museum. He also informed Council that 3 smaller trees in Hagberg Park have been approved for removal.

Council Member Sisk introduced Wendy Bowen, Representative of the Nottoway Co-ed Volleyball League. Ms. Bowen addressed Council with her hopes of expanding the current “inside” league to “outside”. She stated the league continues to grow and its members travel from as far out as Cumberland County and even further to participate. Ms. Bowen presented Council with leagues intentions of using the current volleyball court beside Hagberg Park and expanding on that court to full regulation. She stated the league would foot the cost of supplies and asked if Council would consider providing the labor to bring the current court to regulation and the posts for a new net. Discussion followed. Council agreed to do provide the labor for the project.

Motion by Council Member Miskovic; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to allow up to \$500 for supplies and equipment for this project from the Economic Development fund.

Finance:

Council Member Knight reported there would be a public hearing on June 23rd at 7 p.m. in Library Conference room for the fiscal year 2015 budget.

Public Works/Infrastructure:

Council Member Spencer reported everything was running smooth and the cemetery looked especially good.

Personnel:

Council Member Stinson stated she is sorry to see our good employees leave, but it has been a pleasure to have had Steve Williams, Baxter Stegall and Danny Joyner with us and she wished them well in their future ventures.

Manager Walker reported 2 full time and 2 part time employees had started today and one additional full time employee would start next Monday in the Public Works Department.

Public Safety:

Council Member Fisher was absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

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Officer Baxter Stegall reported on behalf of Chief Booth. Stegall reviewed the concerns of resident Judy Derflinger. He briefly reviewed the police report and opened the floor for any questions from Council.

Mayor Simmons told Officer Stegall he was disappointed to be losing him as a member of the police force.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Simmons extended a special thank you to the Homecoming Committee for their tremendous job in putting on the 25th Annual Homecoming Festival. He stated it was an exceptional time and he stated the Crewe Police Department and the Crewe Volunteer Fire Department did a tremendous job with the Soap Box Derby.

Mayor Simmons reminded Council of the trickle-down effect events like ball tournaments and the 100 mile yard sale have on the Town of Crewe. It is the chance for positive exposure of the community. He encouraged everyone to keep the tournament date in mind and support the event as much as you can. He reminded Council the CBYRA is a bunch of talented and gifted volunteers as well and they work hard to put the tournaments on and we are lucky to benefit from their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Miskovic asked Fire Chief Val Wilson how the department was doing and if they had any requests of Council.

Fire Chief Val Wilson reported the Fire Department was doing well and they were still looking for volunteer members. He stated the local county departments keep a close pact and work well together.

Council Member Miskovic asked Chief Wilson about the location and history of the fire siren at Town Hall, asking if it could be moved. Chief Wilson stated the siren could be moved and he had no problem with it being moved but he did state it is still necessary for the department as a way of notifying them of an emergency. Chief Wilson also invited Council to the departments meetings that are held every Wednesday night at the Fire Department at 7 p.m.

Council Member Miskovic invited Chief Wilson to attend meeting of the Crewe Town Council at least quarterly to keep the Council up to date on their needs and progress.

Council Member Miskovic asked Chief Wilson how its volunteer member Tyler Barlow was doing since his accident.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Council Member Knight mentioned the Spring Clean-up scheduled to begin the week of June 16th.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to proceed with the issuance at one time or from time to time of bonds by the Town of Crewe.

In a special presentation Mayor Simmons presented long standing previous Council Member and Crewe Municipal Airport supporter Rhea Houchins with a plaque for his untiring duties and service at the airport.

Mayor Simmons also presented a plaque to retiring Council Member John Spencer, for his untiring service to the Town of Crewe.

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Manger Walker then presented a plaque to Mayor Simmons for his time on Council and his time as Mayor.

Mayor Simmons bid a farewell speech to Council and the citizens. Specifically thanking the citizens of Crewe for all of their tremendous support over the years from Council, to Vice Mayor to Mayor.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Lee Simmons Mayor

W. Wade Walker Town Manager