

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 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, Robbie Knight, John Spencer, & Phil Miskovic

Absent: Anne Stinson

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 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 an active role in the local government of our Town. He also stated this Council is about the most progressive he has seen. Mayor Simmons also stated the Fiscal Year 2014 budget has been approved with no increases.

**DELEGATIONS/CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ike Bingham, West Virginia Ave., asked Council about the progress on the properties in Crewe. Manager Walker stated he had contacted Al Ellington, County Building Inspector and he has sent letters to the property owners to contact him for an inspection meeting. Discussion followed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Crittenden, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar with additions totaling \$159,683.41.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Walker informed Council he had received an estimate to repair the cupola at the Town Hall. Slate shingles have been falling and it has become a safety hazard. D & C Roofing submitted an estimate to remove the existing shingles and replace them with synthetic slate, install copper flashing and needed, and to remove all debris for \$3,400.00. They will also repair the leaking roof over the old firehouse for an additional \$600.00. Manager Walker asked Council to consider and approve these repairs.

Walker then advised council the Town was back on track with the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project. Two engineering firms submitted proposals and after reviewing them, the decision was made to award the bid to B & B Consultants out of South Hill, Virginia. A grant was received from the Department of Housing and Community Development to pay for the study that will be submitted by the B & B, outlining what needs to be done for improvements in the area. The next management meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Crewe Library.

Manager Walker stated the upcoming sewer project was in the final stages prior to going to bid. Town Attorney Bacon is working with the engineers to identify and eventually secure all necessary easements for the sewer lines. Once this is accomplished, the project should be ready for bid.

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**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Bacon stated things are moving forward with the sewer easements and the building code.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development:** Council Member Crittenden reported there would be a meeting July 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. on the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project.

Mayor Simmons stated there would a community meeting for the Citizens of the Lipscomb/Stratton Street Project area on August 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Library, he encouraged everyone to attend.

**Economic Development:** Council Member Miskovic reported the HEAL had a very productive meeting and they are currently assembling a report to be available to Council by September according to the resolution passed. The next meeting will be 6:00 p.m. at the Airport on August 19, 2013. He passed around a buy fresh buy local brochure Haley McCann with the County Extension Office had provided him with a list of the fresh and local Farmer's Markets around. He stated the 100 Mile Yard Sale was a success, a great event for everyone put on by Jerri Morton of Burkeville, VA. The Marketing/Tourism Taskforce Meeting in scheduled for July 15. There will be a free Virginia Resources Authority Community Investments Workshop held in Keysville, VA July 17 on Financing of Capital Projects. He also reminded Council the Crewe/Burkeville Chamber of Commerce would be meeting at Mimmo's in Burkeville, VA on July 17, 2013.

**Facilities/Parks & Recreation:** Council Member Sisk reported everything is looking good. He stated he met with Tammy of the Chamber of Commerce about the information sign as well as the locations of the other signs. He also stated the CBYRA hosted the District V Minor League Tournament and it was a great event. He stated the Chamber donated a sign thanking all the sponsors and volunteers.

**Finance:** Council Member Knight had no report.

**Public Works/Infrastructure:** Council Member Spencer had no report.

**Personnel:** Mayor Simmons gave Council Member Stinson's report thanking all the folks with the 100 Mile Yard Sale and commending the Police Department on their various events they have hosted over the last month.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Fisher had no report.

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**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Booth stated the Department would be hosting its First Annual Bike Rodeo on July 13, a Camp-out on July 27 with Office Baxter Stegall demonstrating various military techniques for the children and finally the National Night Out will be held on August 6. He also stated the Department had advertised for the Full Time Police Officer Position and they will have interviews on Friday, July 12, 2013.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Simmons thanked everyone with the 100 Mile Yard Sale and the CBYRA because it is all volunteer and because of the economic impact it has on the community. He also thanked the Police Department for their past events and he is looking forward to the coming events. He encouraged everyone to attend the events hosted by the Police Department reminding them they do the events for citizens. He also reported VMRE has announced its next event to be "Brew Fest and Barn Dance" on Saturday, September 14th at SEC's Hooper Park in Crewe, VA. Adding there will be 6 Virginia craft breweries with 20 different craft beers. Gates open at 4pm with Delbert McClinton headlining and other blues bands to perform throughout the day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Sisk, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to transfer remaining balance funds to the account setup for the purchase of a truck for the Fire Department.

Motion by Council Member Fisher; seconded by Council Member Miskovic, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to have the cupola and the roof of the old Fire Department building repaired.

Council Member Knight stated the gutters at Town Hall needed to be replaced. Discussion followed. To be tabled until next monthly meeting.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Council Member Crittenden reminded Council he had been reaching out to the older citizens in an effort to have a get together with "story telling" and there has been little interest. He stated he would continue to work on getting a larger group of interest.

Council Member Sisk reported Council Member Miskovic had drafted a possible ordinance in reference to having chickens in town. Discussion followed. Council Member Sisk asked fellow Council Members to review the ordinance and come back next month and revisit the issue.

Motion by Council Member Knight; seconded by Council Member Fisher, Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.