

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2010
7:01 PM

Mayor Moore-Present
Vice-Mayor Greer-Present
Councilman Ward-Present
Councilman Massey-Present
Councilman Doughty-Present
Councilman Metz-Present
Councilman Scanlan-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Chief Potts, Officer Justice.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Exmore Town Council was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Moore. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Councilman Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2010:

Councilman Scanlan noted an error in the Minutes. Councilman Massey made the Motion to approve the Minutes with the correction. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REMARKS:

Donald E. Kellam asked how soon the Minutes and financial reports would be on the website. Mr. Miles noted that the Minutes and financial reports will go to the administrator of the website once they have been approved by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

POLICE CAR SEALED BID PERIOD WILL END ON OCTOBER 4th, AT 5:00 PM:

Mr. Miles noted that he has not received any bids on the police cars. Councilman Scanlan suggested to set the cars out by the office with for sale signs and the prices.

TOWN WATER TOWER RFQ HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AND HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO FIVE FIRMS WHO HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST. RESPONSE TIME PERIOD ENDS ON OCTOBER 15th, 2010.

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that the RFQ has been advertised and sent to five firms that have previously shown interest and that it ends on the 15th.

PROPOSED WATER USE ORDINANCE NO. 188, NECESSARY FOR GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT:

Mr. Miles stated that there is a need to amend Ordinance no. 178, dealing with emergencies and businesses only. He said that they need to add "Water Conservation under normal conditions". He recommended that the Council consider approving the amendment to the ordinance and that it should satisfy the DEQ.

After some discussion Councilman Ward made the Motion to pass Ordinance No. 188. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Massey. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

THE TOWN POLICE FORCE HAS ELECTED TO DROP THEIR COMPENSATION REQUEST. WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL FOR ACROSS-THE-BOARD SALARY ADJUSTMENTS IN UPCOMING BUDGET CYCLE:

Mr. Miles stated that the Police Department has elected to drop their compensation request. He noted that he has calculated salary increases at different rates and recommended that the Council consider these rate increases in the next budget cycle.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CANVASS NON-RESPONDERS TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN EXPANDING THE EXMORE WASTEWATER SYSTEM:

Mr. Miles said that he has received surveys back from approximately one-third of the residents of Exmore. He is asking for volunteers to go door-to-door to canvass the non-responders to determine the interest in expanding Exmore's wastewater system. He noted that they need 80% in agreement in order for it not to be mandatory.

EXMORE YARD SALE SUMMARY AND TIME FOR SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS:

Mr. Miles stated that although the crowd was fewer than previous years, the yard sale was a success. Mayor Moore suggested having another yard sale in the spring.

YTD REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Mr. Miles noted that this is an extremely lean time of year for the Town and that we are maybe a month better off than last year. There was no other discussion regarding the revenue and expenditure report.

FLO TREND SLUDGE DE-WATERING UNIT HAS REACHED THE END OF ITS RENTAL AGREEMENT. WE MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO BUY OR NOT:

Mr. Miles stated that the Flo Trend unit is working. He said that he has not had to call Roto-Rooter since June 12 and that is a savings of approximately \$4,500. He noted that the rental period for the Flo Trend system is almost over and they need to consider buying the unit. Mr. Miles recommended to the Council to work out an agreement with Flo Trend to purchase the unit. Mayor Moore asked Mr. Miles to find out more about the details and terms of purchasing and transporting the unit.

TAX BOOK RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010.
SOFTWARE TRANSLATOR CONTACTED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010:

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that we have received our tax books from the County on Friday and that the software translator has been contacted to make the conversion. Mayor Moore asked if once this is done if they could stop selling decals. Mr. Miles said that it has nothing to do with the decals. Councilman Scanlan agreed that the cost of the decals needs to be included with the tax bills. The Clerk noted that the tax software is not capable of including a decal fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT STEP PLAN:

There was no discussion regarding the Police Department Step Plan.

BROAD STREET LAUNDRY AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED TO AND ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL:

Mr. Miles said that he talked to the potential buyer of the Broad Street Laundry lot and that purchase should take place this week. He noted that the buyer is asking for two sewer connections rather than one. Mr. Miles said that he did not have a problem with that.

Councilman Doughty asked about the status of the building on Mr. Musso's property. Mr. Miles stated that he will contact Mr. Musso. Councilman Scanlan asked about the buildings on Temple Drive. Mr. Miles said that they will get those buildings knocked down so they can be burned.

Councilman Massey asked if there is anything happening with the Farmer's Museum. Councilman Scanlan said that they need donations.

VIRGINIA PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN ASKED FOR AN ABBREVIATED REPAIR NEEDS ESTIMATE:

Mr. Miles stated that the estimate is down from \$30,000 to about \$7,800. He said that the \$7,800 will get it back on the street and that J.R. can fix whatever else needs to be done to get it performing properly. Councilman Metz asked Mr. Miles if he had contacted any outside sub-contractors to sweep the streets. Mr. Miles said he has not talked to anyone as yet. The Mayor and Council agreed to get a once-a-month and special events estimate from an outside sub-contractor. Mayor Moore asked Mr. Miles to find out what Virginia Public Works will give us as a trade in and also find out if a lease/purchase agreement is possible.

GOLF CART PACKAGE FOR USERS IS NOW AVAILABLE:

Mr. Miles noted that the Golf Cart Packages are now available. They include the Ordinance, brochure and inspection and registration information. He noted that Gladden Tire has agreed to inspect the golf carts. Councilman Scanlan asked if they could ride their carts now or do they have to wait for the crossing signs. Mr. Miles said that they have to wait for the crossing signs. He will order them through VDOT.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Councilman Scanlan asked for an update on the fire hydrant at the Plaza. Mr. Miles said that he has talked to Mr. Hudson and they are looking at fixing it in place rather than needlessly breaking the concrete.

DATE FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (NOVEMBER 1 OR NOVEMBER 8, 2010):

The Mayor and Council agreed that the set time is the first Monday of the month.

The date for the next meeting is November 1, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. The Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

William M. Moore, Jr., Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk