

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011
7:15 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Connie Doughty, Chief Tom Potts, Officer Jason Campbell.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Exmore Town Council was called to order at 7:15 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 Scanlan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2011:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2011 as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REMARKS:

There was no one signed up to speak. Mayor Moore asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. There was no one.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXMORE IS PURSUING A VDH WATER GRANT TO COVER INSTALLATION OF NEW WELLS AND REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINES:

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that Virginia has \$23,000,000 for new infrastructure. He stated that Draper Aden is putting together a PER for the project. Mr. Miles said that it covers new wells and also new water lines.

EXMORE (DRAFT) PERSONNEL POLICY:

Mr. Miles asked the Mayor and Council to read through the draft Personnel Policy and bring any changes to the next Council meeting. Mayor Moore noted that he would like to implement the Personnel Policy at the beginning of the new fiscal year in July.

PSA/PMT MEETING REPORT WITH DRAFT NORTHERN NODE PER:

Mr. Miles stated that the draft PER indicates that it will be more feasible and less costly to run the wastewater line south rather than north. He said that the disposal site would be just south of Nassawadox. Mr. Miles noted that the draft indicates a phased approach with the central part of town being the skeleton. He said that the first phase will be in the Holly Circle area, the second phase will be on the eastern side of town and the third phase will be in the New Road area of town. He informed them that the phased approach will help keep costs down to an acceptable amount for the lending agencies. He also noted that we still need to finish the surveys.

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORTS AND PAYABLES/RECEIVABLES FOR DECEMBER, 2010 AND JANUARY 2011:

Mr. Miles noted that they have received approximately \$11,000 in delinquent taxes. Mayor Moore asked about the status Seaside Family Restaurant's delinquent meals tax. Mr. Miles stated that they have not contacted him and that he will move forward with a lien on the property.

Councilman Scanlan stated that he has had several phone calls from residents concerning the delinquent tax letters. He said that some are saying that they received letters but that their taxes were paid. Mr. Miles stated that the ones that he is aware of are those who have sold property during the tax year and the attorneys that have handled the closing are paying the new owners for the pro-rated tax amount and that the new owners have not paid the taxes. He explained that it then becomes delinquent for that tax year in the previous owner's name.

Mayor Moore noted that he saw the decal ad in the newspaper. Councilman Scanlan asked if the ads for Planning Commission and Façade Committee have been submitted to the paper yet. Mr. Miles told him that they have not as of yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

WE CONTINUE TO AWAIT APPROVAL LETTER FROM ANEC FOR THE BURNING OF THE HOUSES ON GLADSTONE LANE:

Mayor Moore stated that he received a verbal approval on Friday and that Mr. Miles should be receiving the approval via email.

VIRGINA PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT HAS COMPLETED THE REQUESTED WORK ON THE STREET SWEEPER BUT HAS NOT TESTED IT DUE TO DIFFICULTY STARTING THE REAR ENGINE:

WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM WHEN THE UNIT HAS PASSED OPERATIONAL TESTING:

Mr. Miles stated that the street sweeper is complete except that they cannot get the engine that runs the vacuum portion of it to run. He said that they are working on that and once they get it running they will contact him.

WASTEWATER PLANT CONTINUES TO OPERATE WITH MINOR ISSUES:

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that he compiled two spreadsheets that show how the wastewater plant has been operating; one for 2009-2010 and one for 2010-2011. He explained that the sheets indicate the number of bad samples from the wastewater plant which show 18 bad samples for 2009-2010 and only 6 since July. He noted that it is hard to find a perfect balance. Councilman Doughty asked if anyone is licensed for the wastewater plant. Mr. Miles stated that Albert is licensed and J.R. is scheduled to re-test on March 17.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Councilman Doughty asked about the status of the Musso building. Mr. Miles noted that he has not talked to Mr. Musso and that it does not appear that Mr. Musso has done anything to the building. Councilman Massey stated that he is still receiving complaints about the building and that something needs to be done. Mr. Miles stated that he will take further steps.

Councilman Scanlan noted that he has recognized two businesses on Bank Street that have a sewer connection but are not on the billing list; the Maddox building and the building that was formerly Brennan's Gifts (12152 Bank St.)

Councilman Massey asked if the hydrant at the Plaza is working. Mr. Miles told him it is working. The cones are still there because they are waiting for decent weather to replace the island.

DATE FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (APRIL 4, 2011)

Mayor Moore announced that the date for the next Council meeting is April 4.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Scanlan made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

William M. Moore, Jr., Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk