

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 5, 2022
7:00 PM

At the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Exmore, Virginia, held in the Meeting Room of the J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore Virginia, on the 5th day of December 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present
Councilman G. W. Adkins-Present
Councilman Bradley Doughty-Absent
Councilman Bryon Heaster-Present
Councilman John Metz-Present
Councilman Chase Sturgis-Present

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Taylor Dukes, Chief DiMartino, Capt. Zieger.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greer.

PLEDGE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the majority in attendance.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Mayor Greer.

Mr. Duer noted that we need to amend the agenda to include a Public Hearing on the proposed sewer rates between #3 and # 4, Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to amend the agenda to add a Public Hearing on the proposed sewer rates between #3 and #4. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously with Councilman Doughty being absent. Mr. Duer also noted that we need to amend the agenda to include speaker, Joe Andrews, regarding his 3-D printing project between #4 and #5. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to amend the agenda to include speaker Joe Andrews between # 4 and # 5. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously with Councilman Doughty being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2022:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2022 regular Town Council meeting with the correction. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously with Councilman Doughty being absent.

TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – NOVEMBER 14, 2022:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 14, 2022. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously with Councilman Adkins abstaining and Councilman Doughty being absent.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED SEWER RATES:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing. There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Doughty being absent.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

3-D PRINTING PROJECT – JOE ANDREWS:

Mr. Andrews said that Northampton County is redeveloping the old Middle School building. Mr. Andrews, Joe Beatty and Patrick Cody are working with the County to develop a 3D-Print Center that is part of an advanced manufacturing capability for County residents. He asked the Mayor and Council for a letter of support. It was the general consensus of the Council for Mr. Duer to write the letter of support for Mr. Andrews.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that there are no anniversaries this month. He asked if the Fire Department needed anything from the Town for the parade. Vice-Mayor Lewis said they needed the PA system and light tower. Real Estate tax payments are coming in, but Personal Property taxes have not been converted yet. Northampton County changed software programs and it is not compatible with Cape Charles’ and Exmore’s. Mr. Duer noted that Northampton County did not send the sales tax check for November. They told him that they have been busy with taxes. It was received December 1st so it will show up in December’s report. VDOT is doing some work on Virginia Avenue. They are trying to level the roads and make them passable. A citizen has asked for a speed limit sign for Adron Street. It was the general consensus of the Council for Mr. Duer to follow up with VDOT regarding the speed limit sign. The year-to-date budget report shows that we are off on fuel and water repairs. Mr. Duer said that those departments, and others, can be fine-tuned next year. The Home Holiday Light participation judging will be on December 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Mr. Duer explained that the Investment Pool is returning much more in interest than the Capital Improvement Fund. The Council authorized Mr. Duer to transfer funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Investment Pool. Mr. Duer met with Verizon today regarding a GPS locator for the Town vehicles. He said that the cost is \$16.00 per month for the vehicles and \$20.00 per month for the cameras in the trash trucks. And could be paid for with the cigarette tax revenue. The Council agreed. Mr. Duer mentioned that it is budget time again and asked the Council to think about salaries for the upcoming budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

NOVEMBER FINANCIALS:

Income for the month of November was \$218,899 and expenses were \$177,428. The net income was \$41,472.

YTD FINANCIALS:

The year-to-date income is at \$1,811,468 and expenses are at \$928,863 for a year-to-date net income of \$882,604.

NEW BUSINESS:

VOTE ON ORDINANCE NO. 225 – PROPOSED SEWER RATES:

Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 225 with the effective date changed to July 1, 2023. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Doughty being absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

CAMPERS AS RESIDENCES – NO REPORT:

No Report.

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT – MR. DUER:

LOAN/GRANT STATUS:

Mr. Dukes reported that in order to go to bid on the sewer project we are required to have Ordinance No. 225 approved and hire a lawyer. USDA has required us to have 717 residential accounts and as of last week we had 567 accounts. This total does not include one of the larger apartment complexes.

RATE SCHEDULE:

Previously reported (Ordinance No. 225)

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that all the officers are doing well and there were no reportable crashes. The Secret Santa drawing will be held on Thursday (Dec. 8th). He stated that the cost of the radar they purchased in November will be reimbursed through a grant next quarter.

PUBLIC WORKS/WATER/SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported that all the Christmas lights are up throughout Town.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Duer noted that they have repaired three water lines and the cost increased immensely.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 – CLOSING AT 12:00pm

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 23, & 26 –

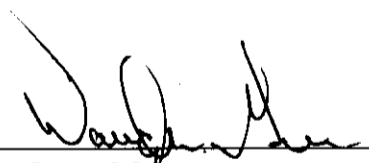
(CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

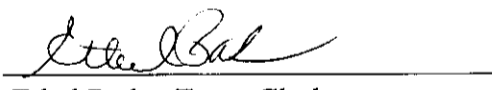
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. The Motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk