

TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
JULY 11, 2022  
7:00 PM

At a 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:**

Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Taylor Dukes, Chief DiMartino, Cpl. Parks.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS– JUNE 6, 2022:**

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2022, regular Town Council meeting with corrections. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously, Councilman Adkins absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):**

None

**CHIEF DIMARTINO AND POLICE PROMOTION:**

Chief DiMartino commended Brandon Parks for the outstanding job he has been doing as a police officer for the last 4 years and announced that he has been promoted to Corporal.

**OPENING OF BID(S) FOR SALE OF LAND:**

Mayor Greer noted that the only bid submitted for the parcels on Carolyn Avenue was from Carolyn Small in the amount of \$12,050.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:**

Mr. Duer announced that the one anniversary this month is Chief DiMartino, who has served the citizens of Exmore for 17 years on the Police Department.

Mr. Duer told the Mayor and Council that they will now be paid bi-weekly instead of monthly. He informed them that the budget can be found on the website. The water quality report (CCR) has been posted on the website as well.

Mr. Duer stated that he has received confirmation from the DEQ that \$3,500,000 has been reserved in the state budget for Exmore.

A letter to VDOT addressing problems on Virginia Avenue was sent last month, but there has been no reply as of yet.

The benches and trash cans that were purchased through the Tourism Grant should arrive next week. The Memorial Bench has been ordered and should be arriving soon.

Eastern Shore Spay has approached the Town for their annual contribution. Mr. Duer noted that \$1,000 is in the budget for this. It was the general consensus of the Council to contribute to the organization.

The Public Works shop needs a new air compressor. Mr. Duer said that they can purchase one for approximately \$2,000. The lights around the Town Office need to be replaced.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:**

**JUNE FINANCIALS:**

Revenue for the month of June was \$196,626 and expenses were \$175,233. The net income for the month was \$21,392.

**YTD FINANCIALS:**

Year-to-date income was \$2,495,505 and expenses were \$2,271,342 for a net income for the year of \$224,163. Mr. Duer remarked that despite some major expenses, we had a good year.

Mr. Duer stated that the majority of the interest earned is coming from the Investment Pool. He said that we are earning very little from Atlantic Union Bank. He asked the Mayor and Council their thoughts on moving the funds from the Money Market account to the Investment Pool. The Mayor and Council were in agreement to move \$1,000,000 to the Investment Pool from the Money Market account to earn more interest.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR SALE OF LAND:**

Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to accept the bid from Ms. Small for the vacant lots on Carolyn Avenue. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Adkins absent.

**ZONING CHANGE TO MEET RPA AND DEQ REQUIREMENTS – MR. DUKES:**

Mr. Dukes asked the Mayor and Council if they were in agreement with DEQ's recommendations for the Corrective Action Agreement regarding the Chesapeake Bay Act. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to accept DEQ's Corrective Action Agreement. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Adkins absent.

**SHORE SPAY ANNUAL DONATION AND SPAY CLINIC IN TOWN:**

Previously reported.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWN ATTORNEY:**

No attorney has been obtained as of yet.

**UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT – MR. DUER & MR. DUKES:**

**LOAN/GRANT STATUS:**

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to run the ad regarding the issuance of a water and sewer interim note in a principal amount of up to \$3,200,000. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Adkins absent.

Mr. Duer noted that CoBank will be the lender. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize the Town Manager to handle affairs with CoBank on behalf of the Town Council. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously with Councilman Adkins absent.

Mr. Dukes said that Congresswoman Luria has reduced our budgeted amount to \$750,000. He noted that they will keep trying to obtain \$3,000,000.

**POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:**

Chief DiMartino noted that all the officers are working hard and doing well. He said there were 2 reportable crashes last month and 4 arrests. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

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

Mr. Dukes noted that he and Ms. MacGarvey has had a business owner/citizen approach them about holding a fall festival event in September. The Mayor and Council were in agreement.

**WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:**

Mr. Dukes reported that they are installing water and sewer for the new homes on Occohannock Neck Road.

**ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:**

**CAMPERS AS RESIDENCES:**

Mr. Duer said that he has received several calls from citizens about people living in campers. After brief discussion, the Mayor and Council decided to table the discussion until they have more information.

**CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):**

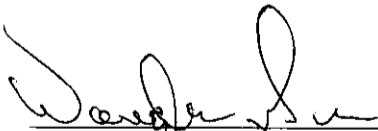
None.

**SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
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Douglas Greer, Mayor

  
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Ethel Parks, Town Clerk