

TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 14, 2022
7:00 PM

At a Public Hearing 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 14th day of November, 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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 225 – PROPOSED SEWER RATES:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Duer explained that the proposed sewer rates, as outlined in Ordinance No. 225, is mandated by USDA. They have to review our rates annually to make sure that the sewer system is sustainable. The proposed rate is \$40.00 for operation and maintenance of the system plus \$8.00 for each 1,000 gallons of water used.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brandi Drummond asked if she had to pay the monthly fee if she was not hooked up to the sewer. Mr. Duer told her that everyone will be hooked up. She later said that she is connected to town water to the main house and guest house but only one water meter. Mr. Duer remarked that everyone will be connected to the sewer and Mr. Dukes said that she would be required to pay two base fees plus water usage for sewer.

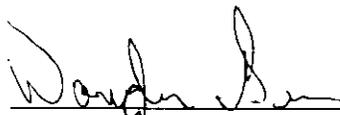
Homer Miller asked how the new rate schedule differs from the current one. Mr. Duer said that we currently charge a flat rate of \$44.50 and on the new system we would charge a \$40.00 operation and maintenance fee plus water usage. He noted that we may offer a summer rate for washing cars, watering gardens, etc.

Ralph Bowen stated that he owns a home on Bayside Road that currently does not have town water or sewer. Mr. Duer said that the ordinance states that if a water and sewer main run by your house, you have to be connected.

Ken Dufty asked how the rates compare with other towns on the Shore. Mr. Duer told him that our rates will be on the lower end and for families using 5,000 or more, the rate would be cheaper. Mr. Dufty asked why we did not build or own sewer system. Mr. Duer noted that it would cost approximately \$10,000,000 more and we have nowhere for the drain fields.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously, with Councilman Adkins being absent.



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk