

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2020
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 2nd day of November, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present
Councilman G. W. Adkins-Present
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, Capt. Zieger, Sgt. Gonzalez.

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 – OCTOBER 5, 2020:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular Town Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Mr. Geise asked the Mayor and Council if they would consider selling a Town owned lot (property south of Willis Wharf Road) to him. He said that he is in the process of building a mountain bike trail and would like to obtain the additional lot. Mr. Duer said that they should be ready to make a decision in the near future.

Chief DiMartino noted that Jonathan Gonzalez is coming up on his third year as an officer with the Town. He praised Officer Gonzalez for the work he is accomplishing and taking on more responsibility in the office. Chief DiMartino announced that Officer Gonzalez has been promoted to Sergeant.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that Joe Sommers has been with the Town for 10 years this month and that Lynn Sherwood is coming up on 7 years this month.

The COVID Care Relief Funds have been distributed throughout the county. Mr. Duer said that no press release has been given, but he thinks there was over \$500,000 distributed to businesses.

Past due accounts were turned off and most have been turned back on. Mr. Duer stated that there are 147 customers receiving cut-off notices.

Mr. Duer, Mr. Dukes and Councilman Heaster met with a representative from HRSD via teleconference. He said that he feels that it was a good meeting and is waiting for Mr. Henefin to return some figures to him.

The Community Services Board has scheduled a film in the Park on November 12th and the contract for Shakespeare in the Park has been signed for September 24, 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that water, sewer, penalties and interest that have been waived due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has reached nearly \$32,000 and this cannot be collected.

OCTOBER SUMMARY:

The total income for October was \$181,212 and expenses were \$19,045. The net income for the month was \$162,167.

YTD SUMMARY:

The year-to-date income is \$601,935 and expenses are \$524,672 for a net year-to-date income of \$77,262.

NEW BUSINESS:

CDBG BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION:

Mr. Dukes explained that the Resolution is just the first step of the application towards the \$1,000,000 CDBG Block Grant for the sewer system. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the Resolution. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SEAT:

Mr. Duer noted that the seat on the Industrial Development Authority is still vacant. He said that if there are no volunteers, the County will fill the seat and it needs to be a resident of Exmore.

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

The well project is complete except for capping the old wells.

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

Previously reported.

UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN:

Mr. Duer stated that we have started to receive reimbursements from DEQ.

GRINDER PUMP AGREEMENT – DRAFT:

Mr. Duer discussed the probability of transferring all water and sewer accounts to the homeowners' name.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that all the officers are doing well, and Officer Heriberto is advancing in the academy. He said that Halloween went good as there were not many trick-or-treaters out. Fines are up now that court is back open. A citizen on Occohannock Road was given 30 days to clean up their property and it has been completed. Another citizen has been charged for failing to clean up their property. Chief DiMartino reported four crashes in October. He commended his officers, noting that they are a good team and handle themselves in a professional manner, given any situation.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that mowing is beginning to slow down. They are in the process of doing the winter maintenance preparation on the vehicles.

Holiday lights will go up over the month, along with a few new banners. Mr. Dukes said that they have recently purchased new swings for the Park, and they will soon have them installed. He is currently working on a grant that will help with the Park.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported that we pumped 3.4 million gallons of water in October. They repaired two large leaks and will be removing the fire hydrant that is next to one of the leaks.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes said that Mr. Rowan has sent a letter to a property owner, to get the property cleaned up, but has had no response from the owner. Mr. Dukes noted that if the owner does not respond and comply by the given time frame, the Town will begin the clean-up process and demolish the structure.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Clarice MacGarvey asked if the Fire Department will be holding the Christmas Parade this year. Vice-Mayor Lewis told her that the parade has been canceled but they are discussing Santa on the fire truck.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSED SESSION – TO BE DETERMINED

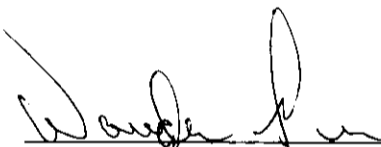
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 (VETERAN'S DAY)

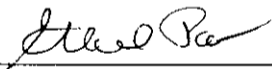
TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2020
(THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY)

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Vice-Mayor Lewis. The Motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk