

TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MAY 3, 2021  
7:00 PM

At a regular meeting and 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2021, 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.

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 Councilman Adkins.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2022 BUDGET:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the citizens.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greer closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 5, 2021:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of April 5, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed with Councilmen Doughty and Metz abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Ken Dufty thanked the Mayor and Council for the financial support to Town businesses, stating that it helped keep them from shutting down. He noted that he was proud of their negotiations with HRSD to maintain control of the collection system. Mr. Dufty asked the Mayor and Council to consider using the old septic tanks rather than install grinder pumps.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that Officer Hinman will have two years of service with the Town this month. George Duer is resigning after seven years with the Town. Mr. Duer said that we will be advertising to fill the position. The moratorium remains in effect for utility bills, but we are receiving a bit of COVID Relief. We have received the majority of the business license fees. A job fair is scheduled at the Park on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The state has mandated that county and local elections shall be held on the same date as the state and federal elections. The Mayor and Council agreed to change the Town election to be held at the same time as the state and county. The first upcoming election will be November 2021.

We had some problems at the well today and it has been repaired.

Mr. Duer noted that we have a blown engine on a mower. A new mower will cost approximately \$10,000 and a new engine for the mower will cost approximately \$3,800. Mr. Duer recommended that they replace the engine. The Mayor and Council agreed to replace the engine rather than purchase a new mower. Councilman Adkins asked about the sale of Blue Jay Lane. Mr. Dukes noted that we will advertise for a Public Hearing. Mr. Duer said that he has not received a signed agreement from HRSD as yet.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:**

**APRIL FINANCIALS:**

The total income for April was \$198,640, which includes the grant/loan funds from USDA for the street sweeper. Total expenses were \$75,424 which gives us a net income of \$123,216 for April.

**YTD SUMMARY:**

The year-to-date income is \$1,816,621 and the year-to-date expenses are \$1,482,612 for a year-to-date net income of \$334,008.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mr. Dukes noted that since we are not going with the treatment system, we will have to send a letter to the EDA stating that we are pulling our application. We will then need to re-apply for the commercial collection system. Mr. Duer stated that the application to send the funds to HRSD was denied.

**UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN:**

Mr. Dukes said that he continues to wait to hear from the VDEQ to find out the status of the loan forgiveness.

**GRINDER PUMP AGREEMENT, SYSTEM PROTECTION MEASURES:**

No report.

**COMP PLAN UPDATE – MR. DUKES:**

Mr. Dukes noted that two paragraphs in the Comp Plan needs to be changed so that we are in compliance with DEQ regarding the Chesapeake Bay Act. He said that it applies only to a parcel that Broadwater Academy owns. He noted that it can be addressed at the June meeting.

**POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:**

Chief DiMartino noted that all of the officers have been busy and productive. He said there were two reportable crashes in April. They are now all wearing load bearing vests (paid for through a state grant). He said that having the weight of their equipment on the vests takes the pressure off their backs and hips. Chief DiMartino noted that they have also applied for a grant to purchase street surveillance cameras. He said that Exmore is a great Town and that all the employees work well together, and they appreciate the Council's support. Councilman Adkins commended Capt. Zieger for stopping the counterfeit bills and also Officer Parks for the four felonies during a traffic stop.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:**

Mr. Dukes noted that everything is going well with public works. He said that they swept the streets on Friday and that they will do it again tomorrow.

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

Mr. Dukes stated that the issue at the well started on Thursday, which was one year since the well project was completed. He said that the motor on Well #4 went bad and it should be covered under warranty. Sommerset Drilling is working with the Town to have the installer cover the cost of the motor under warranty.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes said that there will be a public hearing on the sale of the property on Blue Jay Lane. He noted that Officer Little is doing a great job cleaning up the Town.

Mr. Duer noted that the tamper the Town uses to help repair streets is not heavy enough to get the job done right. VDOT has recommended that they purchase a heavier one. He said that the heavier one like they need, costs approximately \$2,500. It was the general consensus of the Council to move forward with the purchase of a new tamper.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

None

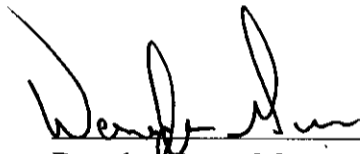
SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021 – MEMORIAL DAY

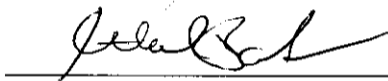
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ADJOURNMENT:

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



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk