

TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MARCH 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 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.

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 – FEBRUARY 7, 2022:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2022, regular Town Council meeting with the correction to correct Mrs. Branch's first name. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously, with Councilman Heaster abstaining.

BUDGET WORK SESSION – FEBRUARY 15, 2022:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2022, Budget Work Session. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Damion Geist noted that if he is allowed to obtain ownership of the caboose, he would like to have it moved to his property on Willis Wharf Road for display or maybe a museum.

Ken Dufty thanked the Mayor, Council and employees of Exmore for their dedication and hard work.

Mr. Duer asked Mayor Greer to amend the agenda to remove "b. Rail Siding" from New Business. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to remove "b. Rail Siding" from New Business. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

— ANNIVERSARY – KATHY WERT, 10 YEARS, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>:

Mr. Duer noted that he asked to remove the Rail Siding from the budget because it is all on private property.

Mrs. Wert will celebrate 10 years with the Town on March 30 and will be retiring in April.

Redesigning the Town's website has been a struggle and challenge due to usernames and passwords.

Ms. MacGarvey said that the new website should be live this week.

There has been no official word from officials in Richmond regarding our designated funds in their budget.

The patrol car that we tried to order is not available. They will not be making these cars for 12 months or longer. We will talk more about another car during the Police Report.

Shore Little League is hosting an oyster roast this month at the Town Park.

Mr. Duer stated that trying to complete the new budget has been a difficult challenge due to inflation.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:**

**FEBRUARY FINANCIALS:**

Income for the month of February was \$185,595 and expenses were \$229, 245, leaving the Town with a net loss of \$43,650.

**YTD SUMMARY:**

The year-to-date income is at \$1,679,773 and expenses are \$1,524,816 for a net income of \$154, 958.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CABOOSE:**

Mr. Dukes stated that The Sawmill in Nassawadox and Mr. Geist have both shown interest in obtaining the caboose. After brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to donate the caboose to Mr. Geist. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

**SEWER LINE TO A-NPDC HOUSES:**

Mr. Duer noted that the A-NPDC has asked the Town to supply water and sewer to the 4 houses on Occohannock Neck Road. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to move forward with the 2” water line and 3” sewer line. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty and was passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2023 BUDGET:**

Mr. Duer stated that the changes that were discussed during the work session have been made. After brief discussion, Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to advertise the FY 2023 budget as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

**REVISION OF ORDINANCE NO. 147:**

**REQUIRING WATER AND SEWER HOOKUPS – MR. DUER & MR. DUKES:**

Mr. Dukes noted that Article II, Section 5 of Ordinance No. 147 needs to be changed to require all properties to hook up to town sewer. He said that the updated ordinance may be ready for Public Hearing in April.

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

Mr. Dukes stated that Mrs. Ward has been working hard on the easements. Mr. Duer noted that we have to pay the grant administrator (Mrs. Ward) out of DHCD funds, up to \$100,000.

**LOAN GRANT STATUS:**

No report

**POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:**

Chief DiMartino noted that he had to cancel the order on the new police car. He said that production has been stopped on all police vehicles and equipment. They may begin building police vehicles again at the end of the year. Mr. Duer asked the Council about redirecting the funds for the police car to the Capital Improvement Fund so that it is available when they are able to order another car. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to redirect \$30,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund for a new police car. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

Chief DiMartino reported that all the officers are doing well and staying busy. He noted that there were 2 reportable crashes in February. Grants are on track and reimbursements are coming in. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

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

Mr. Dukes made the recommendation to hold a roundtable for the 911 Commission and fire companies from the Shore. He said that over the years, fire hydrants have been damaged and recently, there was extreme pressure on our water system that shut the water system down. He said that it is costing Exmore taxpayers approximately \$3,000 to repair the damaged hydrants and water lines. Mr. Dukes stated that the Town is very thankful that we have the water and hydrants to assist the fire companies, but maybe more training is needed for the firemen.

No report for Sewer and Trash.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that he has been in contact with the Town attorney regarding condemning houses and structures.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:


TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET – MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 @7:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 219 – MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 @ 7:00 pm  
(Trash Rates)

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.

  
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Douglas Greer, Mayor

  
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Ethel Parks, Town Clerk