

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 4, 2021
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 4th day of January 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

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

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Taylor Dukes.

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.
Mayor Greer established a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2020:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Public Hearing and regular Town Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DHCD/CDBG FOR SEWER PROJECT:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Dukes noted that this is the second Public Hearing for the DHCD/CDBG application to be submitted on March 29, 2021. He explained that the purpose of this public hearing is to hear input from the citizens and to discuss the project. Mr. Dukes said that the Town is applying for \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the CDBG and DHCD to build a new wastewater treatment facility, which will provide sewer to all residents in Exmore, and to demolish the existing building. All comments must be received by February 28, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greer closed the Public Hearing.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that there is only one anniversary this month. Capt. Zieger has given 10 years of service to the Town.

We have applied for the COVID-19 Care Relief Funds. There is approximately \$30,000 in need and \$11,000 has been requested by citizens. The moratorium on utility cut-offs remains in effect, leaving large balances climbing.

Due to the pandemic, the holiday luncheon for employees was canceled and each employee received a \$20 gift card.

We are waiting on the Holiday Decorating Contest pictures, but checks have been mailed to the winners. Mr. Duer noted that we have received a \$10,000 tourism grant. He said that we will use the grant to update the Town website, among other things.

There has been no word from our potential partners concerning the pending sewer solution.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

DECEMBER SUMMARY:

Total income for December was \$212,854 and expenses were \$257,591. VRSA's premium of \$17,000, the audit was \$16,500 and \$73,000 for the street sweeper are a few of the larger expenditures that left us with a net loss of \$44,736 for the month of December.

YTD SUMMARY:

Our year-to-date income is at \$1,067,761 and expenses are at \$938,926, which gives us a year-to-date net income of \$128,835.

BUDGET YTD:

Mr. Duer noted that some of the budget figures are over budget and some are under budget. Overall, we are doing good.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021-2022 BUDGET:

Mr. Duer noted that it is once again, budget time. He recommended to the Mayor and Council to think about having electricity installed in the downtown area and to think about any other items or equipment that they would like to include in the budget.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Mr. Duer said that Officer Little has agreed to take over as Code Enforcement Officer. He will work code enforcement during his day shifts and Chief DiMartino will manage the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

No Report.

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

UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN:

Mr. Duer noted that the letter from DEQ states that we have been approved for \$17,255,000 at 0.5% interest for up to 30 years. Mr. Dukes said that we will find out in March how much of that will be grant funds, or principle forgiveness.

GRINDER PUMP AGREEMENT-DRAFT:

No new reports.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that the academy is closed for two weeks due to COVID, which will delay Officer Diaz's graduation until the first half of March. He reported that there have been several drive-by shootings in the last couple of months. Chief DiMartino said that Northampton County is experiencing the shootings as well as Exmore. He said that they have been discussing the probability of more cameras around Town. He noted one reportable crash in December.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr., Dukes reported that we pumped 3.4 million gallons of water in December. He said that they had one sizable leak on Occohannock Neck Road, and it has been repaired.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that there is one house that needs to be demolished. He said that they will work with the fire department to clean up the property.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.


SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk