

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OCTOBER 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 October 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, Officer Little.

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 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2021:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of September 13, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Metz abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

None.

WEBSITE PRESENTATION – JEAN FLYNN:

Mrs. Flynn gave a brief overview of the work-in-progress for the new Town website. She said that her goal for the website is to include community events and businesses.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer announced that there are 2 anniversaries this month. Christian Blue will have 3 years with the Town on the 10th and Sgt. Jonathan Gonzalez will have 4 years on the 25th. Mr. Duer informed the Mayor and Council that Mrs. Wert will be retiring at the end of April. He said that Mrs. Sherwood has agreed to take over the tax department and is currently training with Mrs. Wert. We will need to hire someone to work with the utility billing, etc. The ad for the Grant Administrator is closed and we received one application. Shakespeare in the Park was a success. The annual car show is scheduled for October 16th. There will be a housing summit at the Town Office on the evening of the 19th and a group from Jamesville will hold a presentation here on the 20th about telemarketers and how to avoid them. Representative Luria will be here on October 29th at 2:30 pm to meet with the Town about sewer and financing issues. She has requested that only one Councilman or the Mayor be present.

Water turn-offs are scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Duer noted that there are approximately 50 accounts to be turned off for non-payment. Mr. Duer recommended to cease renting the Park until the new sewer system is complete.

Halloween will be observed on Saturday, October 30th this year with a curfew of 8:00 pm for ages 17 and under.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS:

Total income for September was \$190,255 and expenses were \$181,746 for a net income of \$9,509.

YTD FINANCIALS:

The year-to-date income is \$605,495 and expenses are \$525,977 which gives us a net income of \$79,518.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONGRESSWOMAN LURIA VISIT:

Previously discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Dukes noted that he continues to wait for an answer from the EDA regarding the grant.

UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN – MR. DUER AND MR. DUKES:

No report.

UPDATE ON OTHER LOANS – MR. DUER AND MR. DUKES:

No report.

COMP PLAN UPDATE – MR. DUKES:

No report.

DHCD FORMS – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes asked the Mayor and Council to give Mr. Duer the authority to sign any forms necessary for the DHCD grant. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize Mr. Duer to handle any necessary documents as they relate to the DHCD. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Duer said that Mr. Geiss and a few others are asking Exmore for a letter of support to save the railroad tracks below Hallwood.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino reported that all the officers are doing well and staying busy. Officer Diaz has completed CIT Training, and Officer Little has completed Firearms Instructor Training. He noted that there was one reportable crash in September. He said that high speeds through town may contribute to the increase in crashes.

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

Mr. Dukes stated that A. W. Custis has completed installing new drainage in the Park, and after the recent rains, there has been no water standing in the Park. He said that we should receive the \$15,000 from the Virginia Outdoor grant sometime this week. They also plan to add rubber curbing around the children's play area and wood mulch under the swings.

Mr. Dukes noted that fiber contractors are working in town and without having well marked water and sewer lines, they are cutting into the lines, causing leaks for our Public Works crew to repair. He said that grass cutting is slowing down and they will have more time to spend on leaks.

Officer Little is doing a good job with code enforcement. They had a property on Occohannock Road cleaned up last week.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Clarice MacGarvey noted that on October 23rd, the CBES Bike riders will be stopping at the Park for lunch then continue their ride.


— SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION – MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm


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

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk