

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 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 1st day of November 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-Absent
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 Mayor Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2021:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of October 4, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Metz being absent.

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council Work Session of October 18, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously with Councilman Metz being absent.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER:

Mr. Duer announced the following anniversaries for November.

Joe Sommers 11/15 – 11 years

Robert Duer 11/18 – 8 years

Lynn Sherwood 11/25 – 8 years

Mr. Duer noted that the application deadline for Utilities Clerk was this afternoon, and we will begin interviews as soon as possible.

The DHCD has agreed to allow the engineering firm to perform the grant administration.

We will be closing the Park bathrooms on December 1st for the winter months.

Congresswoman Luria visited on Friday. Councilman Heaster noted that Mr. Duer and Mr. Dukes informed Ms. Luria of what the Town is facing and what we will need. He said that she could not tell them how the government could use or allot the funds. Once they figure out how the funds can be used, it could be beneficial to the Town.

Mr. Duer said that water turn-offs will be next Monday (8th).

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

OCTOBER FINANCIALS:

Mr. Duer stated that we have approximately \$9,000 from the County that can be used for delinquent utility bills.

Total income for October was \$235,251 and expenses were \$158,173 for a net income of \$77,078.

YTD FINANCIALS:

The year-to-date income is \$840,837 and expenses are \$684,979 which gives us a year-to-date net income of \$158,858.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRASH TRUCK REPAIR:

Mr. Duer noted that the Sterling trash truck is facing some major repairs. He said that the estimate for repairs is \$16,234. Mr. Duer recommended that they refrain from depositing the monthly appropriation of \$1,500 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the remainder of the fiscal year in order to pay for the repairs. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to repair the trash truck at the quoted cost. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Metz being absent. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to amend the budget for Capital Improvement deposits to cease for the remainder of this fiscal year. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously with Councilman Metz absent.

HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY FOR EMPLOYEES USING ARPA FUNDS – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino explained that the County Deputies and State Police will be receiving \$3,000 in hazardous duty pay. He said that the State will give \$1,500 and each locality will match it. All Towns were eliminated. Mr. Duer stated that none of our Town employees missed a day of work due to the pandemic and asked the Mayor and Council to authorize \$1,500 from the ARPA funds per employee for hazardous duty pay. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to utilize up to \$25,000 of ARPA funds for employees' hazardous duty pay. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously with Councilman Metz absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Duer stated that we are \$5,000,000 short from having sufficient funds for the sewer project. He said that two sources for the funds would be the USDA, which would be a grant/loan and we are working on the EDA Disaster funds. Mr. Duer said that we may end up having to pull out of the project and turn the sewer over to HRSD.

COMP PLAN UPDATE – MR. DUKES:

DEQ AND WETLANDS:

Mr. Dukes stated that DEQ has given the Town until June 30, 2022 to bring the Zoning Ordinance and Comp Plan into compliance. He said that there is one parcel of land belonging to Broadwater in the overlay district and they want every parcel that touches it to be zoned RPA. Mr. Dukes noted that they want other parcels on the Seaside and Bayside of Route 13 to be rezoned RMA. Mr. Duer noted that we will search for someone qualified to assist with the Zoning Ordinance and Comp Plan.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that all the officers are staying busy and doing well. He said that Capt. Zieger and Officer Little were able to catch a breaking and entering suspect and recover the stolen items.

Chief DiMartino noted that he is working on multiple grants and submitted the Byrne Grant application asking for cameras and other equipment. There were two reportable crashes in October. He said that Halloween went very well without any reported incidents.

They will hold the drawing on the raffle for the pistol and shotgun on December 8th and purchase \$200 gift cards for those in need.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported a water leak on Occohannock Road and Monroe Avenue that they will repair on Wednesday morning.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES

Previously reported.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Ken Dufty thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do for the Town. He spoke in opposition of HRSD, urging the Mayor and Council to steer clear of HRSD and retain control of the Town sewer system.

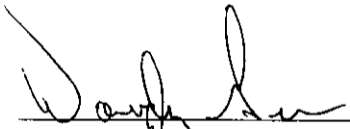
SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 – VETERAN’S DAY
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2021 -
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk