

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021
6:00 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 5th day of April, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present

Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present

Councilman G. W. Adkins-Present

Councilman Bradley Doughty-Absent

Councilman Bryon Heaster-Present

Councilman John Metz-Absent

Councilman Chase Sturgis-Present

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Greer.

READ INTO TO CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to consider entering into closed session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

(C) Paragraph 5: Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed by the roll call vote of Councilman Sturgis-Aye; Councilman Adkins-Aye; Councilman Heaster-Aye; Vice-Mayor Lewis-Aye; Mayor Greer-Aye; with Councilman Doughty and Councilman Metz being absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION TO CERTIFY CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Sturgis read the Motion to certify the Closed Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed by the roll call vote of Councilman Sturgis-Aye; Councilman Adkins-Aye; Councilman Heaster-Aye; Mayor Greer-Aye; Vice-Mayor Lewis-Aye with Councilman Doughty and Councilman Metz being absent.

RECESS MEETING:

Mayor Greer recessed the meeting until 7:00 pm.

RECONVENE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 pm

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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 – MARCH 1, 2021:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of March 1, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION – MARCH 22, 2021:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Town Council Budget Work Session of March 22, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to amend the agenda to add 11.c – Sale of Lot on Blue Jay Lane. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Tommy Ward addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Moose Lodge regarding July 4th. He said that board members at the Moose were talking about a joint venture with the Town for a July 4th celebration. He suggested that businesses in Exmore could set up tents throughout Town. He mentioned activities at the Park, and fireworks would be held at the Moose in Belle Haven.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that George Duer has seven years with the Town this month. The Governor’s restrictions remain in effect and we can not turn off water or charge penalties.

We are receiving some COVID Relief funds from the County.

Business license taxes were due March 31st and are slowly coming in. Sales taxes have increased slightly. The Park is open, and several events are scheduled including a job fair on May 5th from 10:00 to 3:00.

All fire hydrants have been repainted. The Public Works crew has been busy mulching, trimming and chipping through Town.

Our lobby opened today, and we are allowing only one or two in at a time.

Clarice is working on a Town video that will focus on businesses, diversity and the Town field. The website is being rebuilt and will include links to Town businesses.

Ava Wise has requested a letter of support to build 30 homes on Route 13 for the New Road Community and the owners of Peter Cartwright is considering building a second unit on Route 600.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

MARCH SUMMARY:

Mr. Duer reported that the total income for March was \$207,009.39 and the total expenditures were \$219,056.30 which leaves us with a net loss of \$12,046.91.

YTD SUMMARY:

Year-to-date income is \$1,617,924.23 and expenses are \$1,407,118.30 for a net income of \$210,805.93.

Mr. Duer noted that the new police car has been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

Mr. Duer stated that there are no changes in the employee handbook this year. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the employee handbook with no changes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously.

COMP PLAN UPDATE – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Duer said that the Comp Plan is due to be updated. Mr. Dukes noted that the only change in the Comp Plan is that Broadwater Academy wishes to include a parcel of their property that is covered under the Chesapeake Bay Act. He said that he will add the needed paragraph to include the parcel.

SALE OF LOT ON BLUE JAY LANE:

Mr. Duer said that there has been some interest in the Town owned lot on Blue Jay Lane. He noted that we would have to advertise to sell the property by sealed bid. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to advertise the lot for sale. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 – 2022 BUDGET:

Mr. Duer noted that the proposed budget for FY 2022 is ready to advertise. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to advertise the proposed budget. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN:

Mr. Dukes stated that they submitted the application for \$1,000,000 to DEQ on April 1st.

USDA RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the USDA Resolution of Governing Body, which authorizes Mr. Duer to act on behalf of the Town. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

GRINDER PUMP AGREEMENT, SYSTEM PROTECTION MEASURES:

Mr. Dukes said that HRSD uses owner agreements for maintenance.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino reported that all the officers are doing well. Officer Diaz will soon finish his field training and will be out on his own by the end of this month. Officer Little is doing a great job with code enforcement. Officers Little and Parks responded to a double overdose situation and handled it very professionally and calmly. Chief DiMartino said that he held a gun safety class for the Cub Scouts. He reported 51 arrests in March. During a routine traffic stop, Officer Parks issued four felony warrants against a subject who is wanted in another state. Lucky 13 opened in October and was warned at the time that their establishment was an illegal gambling operation. Last month Chief DiMartino, with the assistance of other officers, obtained a search warrant, seized the equipment and shut them down. There were three reportable crashes in March. Capt. Zieger was able to identify the individuals who were passing counterfeit bills. Chief DiMartino commended all the officers for their diligence and hard work.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No Report.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Previously reported.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Previously reported.

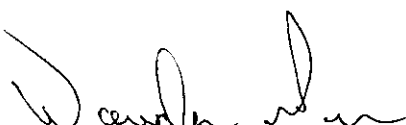
CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:


TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

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