

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 6, 2021
7:00 PM

At a regular meeting and public hearing 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 6th day of December 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present
Councilman G. W. Adkins-Absent
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, Capt. Zieger, Sgt. Gonzalez, Officer Diaz.

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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

USDA FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SEWER PROJECT:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing for public comment on the USDA Funding Application for the sewer project. Mr. Dukes explained that we are trying to obtain USDA funding for the sewer project to help close the gap and it would be a fully funded project. This public hearing is one of the requirements issued by the USDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to close the public hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously, with Councilman Adkins being absent. Mayor Greer closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2021:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2021, regular Town Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed by the vote of Councilman Sturgis, Councilman Doughty, Councilman Heaster and Vice-Mayor Lewis in favor. Councilman Adkins-absent and Councilman Metz abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that there are no anniversaries this month.

There is a Thank You note in the packet from the Rotary Club, thanking the Mayor and Council for allowing them to use the Town Park for their recent BBQ fundraiser.

The Town website is nearing completion.

Brown Box Theater has ceased their production and will not be returning next year.

Interviews for the Utilities Clerk position have been completed. Mr. Duer said that there were nine applicants and there are two very good candidates. He stated that no offer has been extended as of yet but will be soon.

The Park bathrooms have been closed for the season.

The Community Fire Department Christmas Parade is scheduled for this Saturday, the 11th at 6:00 pm. Congresswoman Luria's representatives have contacted our office to let us know that they are trying to help us. There is no word from the other two funding sources.

Mr. Duer noted that there are 45-50 water accounts scheduled to be turned off tomorrow for non-payment.

HOME HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTICIPATION:

Judging for the Home Holiday Decorating Participation is scheduled for Friday, December 17th between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

NOVEMBER SUMMARY:

Total income for the month of November was \$254,430 and expenses were \$220,274 giving us a net income of \$34, 156.

YTD SUMMARY:

The year-to-date income is at \$1,095,363 and expenses are at \$905,307 for a net year-to-date income of \$190,055.

NEW BUSINESS:

GRANT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:

Mr. Duer noted that we have \$50,000 of DHCD funds to use for grant management. Bowman Consulting will be providing grant management for the sewer project with a budget of \$48,960.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Dukes noted that the design on the sewer project is now complete. He will be meeting with Bowman tomorrow to review the design and sign it.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino stated that all the officers are doing well. He noted that Officer Diaz was involved in a traffic accident by a driver who ran the red light. Officer Diaz was not hurt but his car is badly damaged. Chief DiMartino said there have been several high speeds recently, one of which turn into a high-speed pursuit and ended in a crash. He said that there were 3 reportable crashes in November.

The Secret Santa Raffle drawing will be held on Wednesday, and they will be distributing \$200 gift cards to families in Town.

Chief DiMartino thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of all the officers for the hazardous duty supplement.

Mr. Duer noted that we need to order a car to replace Officer Diaz's, which will possibly be deemed a total loss.

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize Mr. Duer to replace the wrecked car with funds from the Capital Improvement Fund. The Motion was second by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously with Councilman Adkins being absent.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that they are busy this week sweeping the streets and washing sidewalks to get ready for the parade.

New Ravenna is holding a Holiday Fair for their employees and other vendors to display their artistic talents. He said the event is open to the public.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Clarice MacGarvey noted that the business open house was a success. She mentioned that they may repeat the event this week.

Councilman Sturgis told Chief DiMartino that he appreciates the Police Department and all that they do and Public Works for their hard work in getting the Christmas lights up and working.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

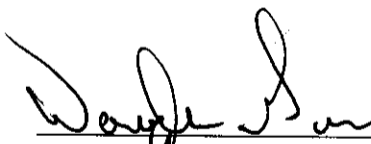
TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – THURSDAY, FRIDAY & MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 24 & 27, 2021 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 – NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED


TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk