

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
AUGUST 2, 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 2nd day of August 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.

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 Councilman Adkins.

Mr. Duer asked to amend the agenda. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to amend the agenda to add 7c, Ordinance No. 215. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – JULY 12, 2021:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of July 12, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Damion Geist informed the Mayor and Council that he has leased the old Benjamin Department Store.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that there are three anniversaries this month. Officer Eddie Diaz has 1 year with the Town, Town Clerk Ethel Parks has 20 years, and Office Chip Little has 2 years.

The moratorium on utility cut-offs remains in place. We have sent another submission to the County for COVID Relief.

Demolition of the houses in New Road has begun. Clarice is following the process of demolishing the old houses and building the new ones. She is also in the process of revamping our website.

The new police car will be delivered in the next few days and the tamper has been delivered.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

JUNE FINANCIALS:

Mr. Duer noted that since the moratorium began, there is over \$40,000 in utility penalties and interest that we cannot recover.

Total income for the month of July was \$205,422 and total expenses were \$172,096 for a net income of \$33,326.

NEW BUSINESS:

GPS LOCATOR AND GIS SOFTWARE:

Mr. Dukes asked the Mayor and Council to authorize him to purchase a GPS locator and GIS software. He explained that engineering firms charge approximately \$250 per hour to locate water and sewer lines. He said that we could purchase the locator and software for approximately \$2,000 and train one of our employees to do the job. It was the general consensus of the Council to purchase the locator and software.

FUNDING FOR NEW POLICE CAR:

Mr. Duer noted that the new police car will be delivered soon. He said that the car will be paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

UPDATE ORDINANCE NO. 215:

Chief DiMartino said that Ordinance No. 215 is an update to Ordinance No. 112. He noted that the ordinance allows the Town to receive traffic fines. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 215. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty and was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Dukes noted that they will start the design of the sewer system so it can go out for bid. He said that the cost of the design is \$969,227. Councilman Sturgis noted a few details that may need to be changed. After brief discussion, Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize Mr. Duer and Mr. Dukes to move forward with the design process of the sewer system with a cap of \$1,000,000. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

GRINDER PUMP AGREEMENT, SYSTEM PROTECTION MEASURES:

Mr. Duer noted that we need to get the agreements out to property owners very soon. Councilmen Sturgis and Heaster noted several parts of the agreement that need to be changed.

UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN:

Mr. Duer reported that we received over \$300,000 in principal forgiveness. He said that we are 2.5 to 3.5 million dollars short from what we need. We have not heard from the EDA or the USDA about our grant applications as yet.

UPDATE ON OTHER LOANS:

Previously reported.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino said that all the officers are doing well and staying busy. He noted that there were 2 reportable crashes in July. Officer Diaz will be attending Crisis Intervention Training in September. There was some discussion about vehicles parking too close to street corners and it is hard to see oncoming traffic if you are coming out of one of the side streets. Chief DiMartino said that he would reach out to VDOT about the yellow curb markings.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

WATER/SEWER/ZONING

Mr. Dukes noted that all the Public Works crew are doing well. He said that demolition of some houses in New Road started today to ready the properties for 6 new homes.

Mr. Duer noted that they will be purchasing jump starters with the Safety Grant this year.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Clarice MacGarvey reported that the new website should be ready in a few weeks

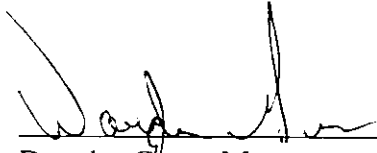
SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 – LABOR DAY


TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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