

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
JUNE 7, 2021
7:00 PM

At a regular meeting and Public Hearings 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 7th day of June 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, Capt. Zieger, Officer Hinman.

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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO HRSD:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the citizens.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greer closed the Public Hearing.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF PROPERTY ON BLUE JAY LANE:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the citizens.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greer closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 3, 2021:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of May 3, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Brenda Bailey complimented all Town employees for doing a good job. She asked where the Town stands with the sewer project. Mr. Duer noted that we are not at a stage where we can go public with much information. He assured her that she will be informed of future developments regarding the sewer project.

SALE OF TAHOE:

Mr. Duer stated that the Tahoe sold for \$2,550.

TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY:

Mr. Duer discussed the possibility of having a Town clean-up day. He said that all we can pick up are branches and limbs. He said that he would look into it more and report back

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that Officer Brandon Parks has been with the Town 3 years this month. The moratorium on utility cut-offs remains in effect.

Juneteenth Celebration will be held in the Park on June 19th. Mr. Duer noted that a parade will begin at 12:00 and they will start at the old Fresh Pride parking lot and come through Town to the Park.

We had one application turned in, in response to the Public Works ad. They have an interview tomorrow. Mr. Duer stated that there are rumors around Town about the COVID funds that were distributed recently. He said that if a business had 35 or less employees and they applied for the funds, then they received it. The Town has not spent any of the COVID funds on itself. It has all been distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that as of the end of May, the Town has lost over \$42,000 in penalties that have been waived.

MAY FINANCIALS:

Total income for the month of May was \$243,626 and the total expenses were \$26,415 which gives us a net income of \$217,211.

YTD SUMMARY:

Mr. Duer noted that our year-to-date income is \$2,060,391 and year-to-date expenses are \$1,509,849 for a net income of \$550,542.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021-2022 BUDGET PASSAGE:

Mr. Duer explained that we advertised the upcoming budget and held the Public Hearing. Now it is time to vote on the budget. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the FY 2021-2022 budget as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Duer said that we are moving forward despite the fact that no one is working on the state and federal level.

UPDATE ON VDEQ LOAN:

Mr. Duer said that we were approved for the \$10,000,000 loan and received \$3,005,300 in principal forgiveness.

He said that they could possibly break ground on this project in July. He said that the rates are set by HRSD and inflation could potentially raise the rates.

UPDATE ON OTHER LOANS:

Mr. Duer noted that he has applied for a loan from the DHCD, USDA and they will reapply with the EDA.

GRINDER PUMP AGREEMENT, SYSTEM PROTECTION MEASURES:

No report.

COMP PLAN UPDATE – MR. DUKES:

No report.

MOVING ELECTIONS TO NOVEMBER – DUER:

Mr. Duer explained to the Mayor and Council that since local elections have been moved to November, the next election for Exmore will be November 2022. He said that they could not shorten their term, by 6 months, to run in the election this November.

CONVEYANCE OF TOWN PROPERTY TO HRSD – MR. DUER:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to convey the property to HRSD. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously.

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Duer stated that the sale of the property on Blue Jay Lane still needs to be reviewed by the attorney. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to sell the property contingent on the attorney's advice. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that the officers are doing well and staying busy. He said there were 3 reportable crashes in May. They have held several Click-It-Or-Ticket details to stay in compliance. Chief DiMartino stated that Officer Little is doing a great job with code enforcement. He remarked that he is waiting to hear back from the grant for the purchase of additional cameras.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENT (Limit of 3 minutes per speaker):

Clarice MacGarvey announced that the Health Department will be administering free COVID vaccines at the Park after the Juneteenth Parade.

Brenda Bailey noted that water is not flowing as it should be between her house (Temple Drive) and the old Exmore-Willis Wharf School.

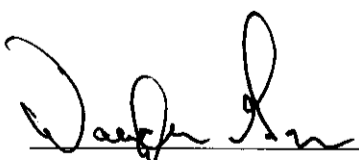
SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021 – INDEPENDENCE DAY


TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 12, 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