

TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MAY 4, 2020  
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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, at 7:00 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-Present  
Councilman Chase Sturgis-Present

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greer with the majority in attendance reciting the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Mayor Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 2, 2020:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 2, 2020. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer announced that George Duer has given six years of service to the Town as of April 8<sup>th</sup> and Officer Hinman will mark one year on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He noted that although the office has been closed to the public, we have been busy purging records and cleaning. We have also stripped the lobby floor and gave it some fresh wax. The Park remains closed and may reopen at the end of June.

Public Works is no longer in need of the old dump truck. He asked the Mayor and Council for permission to sell it. It was the general consensus of the Council to sell the dump truck. Mr. Duer told the Mayor and Council that the hard copies of the audit are now available. The auditor is interested in attending a meeting to explain the audit and answer any questions they may have. They agreed to invite her to the July meeting.

Mr. Duer and Mr. Dukes will teleconference tomorrow with DEQ to discuss the next steps in securing the \$300,000 loan. Mr. Duer noted that over \$75,000 of the loan is loan forgiveness and the balance is at 0.5% interest.

Mr. Duer stated that two of the hotels in town are asking for tax abatement. He said that tax abatement is a County issue more than a town issue.

The on-line payment system is working well.

The nine houses on Occohannock Road are gone and credit goes to Bobby Jo Wert for making it happen.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

MARCH AND APRIL 2020 SUMMARY:

Mr. Duer reported that the 30-60-90 day report is within reason. Total income for March was \$227,523 and total expenses were \$94,508, which gives us a net income of \$133,015. The largest expenditures were for Bowman Consulting and the auditor. Total income for April was \$159,052 and expenses were \$359,539 for a net loss of \$200,487, due mainly to a large pay-out on the new wells.

YTD SUMMARY:

The year-to-date net income is \$83,397.03.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUSINESS RELIEF:

Mr. Duer discussed with the Mayor and Council, a potential way to help businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic. He suggested that they abate the water and sewer charges for one month for businesses in Town except for long-term rentals (over 28 days). After brief discussion, Councilman Heaster made the Motion to abate water and sewer charges for one month for all businesses in Town except for long-term rentals (over 28 days). The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 BUDGET- APPROVE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to advertise the proposed budget. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported that the construction on the well project is complete and that the casing and shaft of the old wells will be removed and the wells capped. He stated that the new wells are much more efficient than the old ones, pumping 270 gallons per minute vs 80 gallons per minute from the old wells.

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

PER PROGRESS:

Mr. Dukes noted that the P.E.R. should be with USDA and DEQ by the first of next week. Mr. Duer said that the grinder system is the most cost efficient for the Town.

CONNECTION COSTS:

Mr. Duer noted that Bowman Consulting has suggested that existing customers would pay \$2,000 to connect to the new system and new customers would pay \$3,000 (within 6 months) to connect to it.

PPEA:

Mr. Duer stated that there was only one bid. He said that the PPEA process has been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 situation.

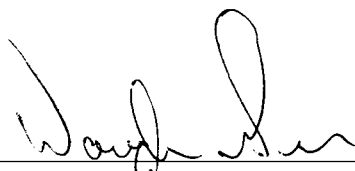
SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins 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