

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
7:01 PM

Mayor Moore-Present
Vice-Mayor Greer-Present
Councilman Ward-Present
Councilman Massey-Absent
Councilman Doughty-Present
Councilman Metz-Present
Councilman Scanlan-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Chief Potts, Sgt. DiMartino, Officer Hodgson, Officer Doughty.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Exmore Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Moore. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Councilman Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2010:

The Clerk noted a correction already made to the Minutes on page 4. Councilman Ward made the Motion to accept the Minutes of August 2, 2010 with the correction made by the Clerk. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REMARKS-GENERAL:

Mark Freeze addressed the Mayor and Council in regards to the sewer bill that has accrued at the old Broad Street Laundry. Mr. Freeze informed the Mayor and Council that he is attempting to sell the business. He stated that he requested for the water to be turned off in the fall of 2007 when he closed the business but the sewer bill is \$500 per month and he cannot afford to pay that as the business is closed. He noted that he is in negotiations with E.T. Nordstrom, of Exmore Auto Sales, to sell a lot to him for approximately \$10,000. He said that the business has 17 sewer connections. He would like to keep one connection for the business, let one connection go to Mr. Nordstrom with the lot and return the remaining 15 connections back to the Town along with the money he receives from the sale of the lot as a way to reconcile the sewer bill.

Mr. Miles stated that the current balance on the sewer bill is approximately \$17,000. It was the general consensus of the Council to stop billing Mr. Freeze and negotiate a way to pay off the delinquent bill.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilman Scanlan asked Mr. Miles if there were any other accounts with similar situations as Mr. Freeze's. Mr. Miles told him that there was only one that he is aware of and arrangements have already been made.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE PROPOSED GOLF CART ORDINANCE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND REFINED FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Mr. Miles noted that the Golf Cart Ordinance has been reviewed by the Town Attorney, minor changes have been made and the ordinance is ready for Council approval.

Councilman Scanlan questioned Section 7 of the Ordinance, regarding utility vehicle permits and fees. Mr. Miles said that he would make the necessary changes to Section 7.

Councilman Doughty made the Motion to adopt the Golf Cart Ordinance with the necessary changes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Scanlan. Discussion-Chief Potts asked if there is an age limit for operating the golf carts. Mayor Moore told him that anyone operating a golf cart has to be a licensed driver. No further discussion. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Scanlan noted errors in the Golf Cart brochure.

TOWN WATER TOWER SPECIFICATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE ARE IN HAND AND HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND REVISED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND ARE READY FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL. WITH SUCH APPROVAL, WE CAN ADVERTISE AN RFQ.

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that the water tower specifications have been reviewed by the Town Attorney. He asked for their approval to move forward with the request for proposals to begin the work.

Councilman Ward made the Motion to advertise an RFQ for the maintenance on the water tower. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC FINE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN UPGRADED BY THE STATE BY APPROXIMATELY 20%. THIS MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL INTAKE OF FUNDS. OUR OFFICERS HAVE REQUESTED THAT WE CONSIDER A CHANGE TO THEIR SELECTIVE RATE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS EXPECTED:

Mr. Miles noted that due to the increase of fines by the State, our increase of revenue in fines is expected to be approximately \$36,000 per year. He stated that our officers are asking for a rate increase in the selective program. Councilman Metz asked if other town employees would be receiving a pay increase. Mr. Miles told him they would not. Councilman Doughty remarked that

the increase would not cost the town anything. Councilman Metz stated that he is not against the rate increase, but feels that all employees should receive the same. Councilman Doughty recommended a 1.6% increase. Councilman Ward stated that they discussed pay increases during budget time and they did not approve it then. He said that other employees are doing a good job and feels that if they give one department a raise they should approve it for all employees.

Chief Potts stated that the selective program is not mandatory. The officers voluntarily participate. He said that instead of taking on a part-time job elsewhere, the officers have chosen to stay in Town which makes our roads safer. Chief Potts stated that the officers who participate are not only writing the tickets, there are others things that go along with it including preparation for court and time spent in court. The fines received from these tickets are additional revenue for the Town. He added that the officers are not taking from the Town, they are giving.

Councilman Ward said that it is the same for Public Works if they get called out at night or weekends to fix a water leak. They get paid time and a half. Vice-Mayor Greer said that he does not have a problem with the selective rate increase. Mayor Moore stated that he does not have a problem with the increase but is not sure what the rate should be. Councilman Metz stated that he does not have a problem with the increase, but feels the other employees should get a raise as well. Chief Potts stated that it is not a raise. After some discussion Mayor Moore told Chief Potts that they would get this worked out.

T-CUP TOWN MEETINGS CONTINUE AND THE ESVPSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED. ROBERT MEYER WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN AND BOB PANEK WILL SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. KATIE NUNEZ WILL CONTINUE AS SECRETARY FOR THE PRESENT. THE MAIL SURVEY PLEA HAS GARNERED APPROXIMATELY 200 RESPONSES. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CANCELL THE NON-RESPONDERS TO FURTHER DETERMINE INTEREST IN EXPANDING THE EXMORE WASTEWATER SYSTEM:

Mr. Miles noted that the T-CUP meetings continue and the Board of Directors positions have been filled with Robert Meyer serving as Chairman and Bob Panek serving as Vice-Chairman. He noted that there are approximately 360 responses with the mail surveys. Mr. Miles stated that volunteers are needed for the door-to-door surveys.

THE EXMORE YARD SALE WILL HAPPEN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th. 100 SPOTS HAVE BEEN RENTED THUS FAR:

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that the Yard Sale will happen. He said that the advertisements were due to be on the radio today. He noted that they have rented 125 spots.

YTD REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT:

There was no discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

FLO-TREND SLUDGE DE-WATERING EQUIPMENT CONTINUES TO BE WORKING:

Mr. Miles stated that the Flo-Trend de-watering system continues to work well.

THE EXMORE.ORG WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 AND CONTINUES IN DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Miles noted that the Exmore.org website is now live and more information is being added to it.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Mr. Miles stated that the cost to bring the street sweeper up to standards is \$29,000. He said that the sweeper is 27 years old and is not worth it. He also said that they can partially fix it for approximately \$11,000. Councilman Scanlan made the suggestion to look into hiring out street cleaning once a month.

Vice-Mayor Greer asked Mr. Miles to look into obtaining grass cutting signs like Belle Haven has; "Please Cut Your Grass". Councilman Ward remarked on the grass being overgrown around the pond behind the Hampton Inn.

Councilman Scanlan asked if the fire hydrant at the Plaza has been fixed yet. Mr. Miles told him that the equipment needed to bust the concrete around it costs \$500 per day to rent.

Councilman Scanlan stated that he has been in contact with animal control and they told him that the Town does not have a leash law. Mr. Miles noted that we do have a tethering ordinance and that he would look into a leash law.

DATE SET FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (October 4, 2010):

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Scanlan made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. The Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

William M. Moore, Jr., Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk