

TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2011  
7:00 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Connie Doughty, Chief Tom Potts, Officer Kevin Doughty.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Vice-Mayor Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETINGS OF MARCH 7 AND MARCH 18, 2011:

It was the general consensus of the Council to table the Minutes of the March 7 meeting until Councilman Scanlan is present to vote on them. Councilman Metz made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on March 18, 2011 as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REMARKS:

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. stated that he did not see much of a presence of police officers on Saturday and Sunday and that there were two establishments vandalized with graffiti. Mr. Kellam also stated that the You Tube video shot in Exmore was not becoming to Exmore.

Chief Potts responded to Mr. Kellam's remarks. He noted that the You Tube video was shot by a Baltimore based outfit and that Exmore does not look like the video on You Tube. He informed Mr. Kellam that the officer was riding through only to keep peace and make sure things did not get out of hand. Chief Potts stated that the graffiti has been on the buildings for over a week and that it is not gang related. He said that if it was gang related they would have it removed.

Mr. Miles stated that he would contact the owners to take steps to clean it up.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIVES OF PAST COUNCIL MEMBERS ALBERT R. "BERT" ASHBY AND J. GRAYSON DUER:

Mr. Miles stated that the resolutions in the Council packets are to honor the lives of two past Council Members, Albert R. "Bert" Ashby and J. Grayson Duer. He noted that he also included a resolution to honor the life of Exmore Police Chief Steve Elliott. Mr. Miles asked the Council to vote on all three resolutions on one vote. Mr. Miles read the resolutions. He informed the Council that the Fraternal Order of Police will hold a dedication ceremony in honor of Steve Elliott on April 14 at 4:00 pm, which is the one year anniversary of Steve's death. Councilman Ward made the Motion to approve all three resolutions. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR NON-SUPPORT OF THE RIVERSIDE COPN. PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 14, 2011:

Mr. Miles stated that he has a request for non-support of the existing Riverside Hospital Certificate of Public Need. He noted that Supervisors Richard Tankard and Spencer Murray have asked for our support in the request for non-support. The hospital is moving north and they are not sure how much use the existing facility will be to the residents of Northampton County. Mr. Miles asked the Council for their approval to write a letter to the Hospital expressing the need for Urgent Care or Emergency Room. Councilman Metz made the Motion to move forward with a letter to the Hospital. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

THE EASTERN SHORE PSA HAS OPENING(S) ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME!:

Mr. Miles informed the Council that Scott Walker, Rusty Gowan and Robert Meyers have resigned from the PSA Board of Directors. He noted that Dave Fauber has filled Scott Walker's seat, but two other seats remain open and nominations are welcome.

REPORT FROM THE STATE OF THE COUNTY BREAKFAST:

Mr. Miles reported that each Town and the County had representative to speak and that overall Exmore is 2<sup>nd</sup> in growth in population.

EXMORE YARD SALE/SHOULD THE TOWN DO IT?/SHOULD IT BE IN CONCERT WITH CAPE CHARLES ON SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> ?

Mr. Miles stated that he has had several call about the Exmore Yard Sale. He noted that the office staff is willing to take it on again this year. Mr. Miles and the Council discussed the possibility of coordinating the date of the yard sale with Cape Charles and other towns for a Shore-wide yard sale.

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT RIGELL WILL STOP IN EXMORE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:45 PM. COME OUT, SHAKE HANDS!:

Mr. Miles informed the Council that Representative Scott Rigell will be in Exmore on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm. He noted that light refreshments will be served.

RAIN GUTTER REHABILITATION WORK FOR THE TOWN OFFICE WILL SOON COMMENCE:

Mr. Miles stated that the Town Office needs some rehab work on the rain gutters. He said that he asked a local guttering company for a quote. The quote is for \$940.00 to clean and repair the gutters and downspouts around the building and install an additional three by four downspouts. Mr. Miles noted that he feels it is a reasonable price and asked the Council for approval to move forward with it. Councilman Massey made the Motion to approve having the rain gutters and downspouts fixed. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

INTERSECTIONS ON ROUTE 13 NEED MORE FREQUENT CUTTING THAN VDOT CAN ACCOMPLISH. WE HAVE CUT THESE IN THE PAST BUT, WITHOUT PROPER PERMIT. WE CAN GET THE PERMIT AND HAVE THE COSTS COVERED UNDER OUR EXISTING LAND USE PERMIT. VDOT MAY FURNISH THE NEEDED SIGNS:

Mr. Miles stated that Jim Bailey has asked if the Public Works Department should continue cutting grass at the intersections as they have in the past. VDOT informed him that the Town can do it under a volunteer program with the proper permit, equipment and signs. VDOT said they will furnish the signs. Mr. Miles noted that we can use our existing Land Use Permit and that we do have a tractor that can be used. Councilman Ward made the Motion to cut the grass at the intersections with the proper equipment. Councilman Metz seconded the Motion. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORTS AND PAYABLES/RECEIVABLES FOR MARCH 2011:

Mr. Miles stated that we are slightly over in expenditures but slightly over in revenue as well. Councilman Massey asked if the old police car had been taken to the salvage company. Mr. Miles informed him that he had received an unsolicited bid for the car. He noted that it was more profitable to sell it locally than to take it to Allstate for salvage.

OLD BUSINESS:

EXMORE (DRAFT) PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW AND DISCUSSION/INCLUSION OF ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES:

Vice-Mayor Greer had questions regarding the probationary period. After brief discussion the Council agreed to table the Draft Personnel Policy until all Council members are present.

ANEC HAS CONTACTED THE TOWN REGARDING THE GLADSTONE LANE DEBRIS. LETTER IS IMMINENT:

Mr. Miles told the Council that Don Bowling from ANEC came today to inform him of things that need to be done before the debris can be burned. There are is grass and weeds around the pile of debris that needs to be cleaned up so that they can wet down the area around the pile and ANEC will disable the electric line that runs behind it for safety purposes.

PAT MUSSO HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND HAS SECURED A CONTAINER FOR DEBRIS FROM THE DEMOLITION. WORK SHOULD HAVE STARTED TODAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>:

Mr. Miles informed the Council that Mr. Musso called today and told him that he has started the demolition of his building and that he would stay until it was completed.

VIRGINA PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT HAS COMPLETED THE REQUESTED WORK ON THE STREET SWEEPER. A HAULER HAS BEEN CONTACTED FOR ITS RETRIEVAL:

Mr. Miles said that the motor now runs. He noted that he has talked to a local hauler to go get the sweeper.

THE TRAFFIC ISLAND IN FRONT OF PEEBLES WILL BE REPAIRED WHEN WEATHER PERMITS. CONCRETE FORMS ARE IN PLACE:

Mr. Miles stated that the traffic island in front of Peebles has been framed and when weather permits they will pour the concrete.

EXMORE'S WASTEWATER PLANT IS IN COMPLIANCE:

Mr. Miles noted that the Health Department is happy with the changes in the wastewater plant.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Councilman Ward asked Mr. Miles if he has talked to Guy Doughty about cleaning up the old Fish Market. Mr. Miles reported that he has not talked to him recently. Mr. Miles informed the Council that two of the railway cars have been sold and the excavator that will be taking them down will be available to the Town. He said that we may be able to help Guy with the demolition of the old Fish Market and help ourselves by tearing down the old barn and clear the force main right-of-ways.

Councilman Ward commended Councilman Scanlan for the progress of the Cobb Station building.

Mr. Miles stated that the dedication ceremony for Steve on April 14 will include a tree planting, a stone placed by the tree and hamburgers and hot dogs and maybe Johnny, Doodles and all the puppies.

DATE FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (MAY 2, 2011)

Mayor Moore announced that the date for the next Council meeting is May 2 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. The Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Douglas W. Greer, Sr., Mayor

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Ethel Parks, Town Clerk