

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2011
7:00 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Chief Tom Potts, Connie 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 Scanlan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REQUESTED FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2011:

Councilman Scanlan noted an error on page 1 of the Minutes. Councilman Massey made the Motion to accept the Minutes of the July 11 meeting with the correction made. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None. Councilman Metz abstained. The Motion was passed.

CITIZEN REMARKS:

Barry Marsh addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the drainage issues in Town. Mr. Marsh said that he would like to see an extension of the grant for the parking lot and make sure they do not make drainage worse than it already is.

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. asked how often the fire hydrants are bled. He stated that on Westfield and Roosevelt the water has a bad smell and there are particles in the water.

Councilman Ward told him that they flush the hydrants once a month. Mr. Miles informed him that they have increased the chlorine injection rate and that the additional chlorine has loosened the build up in the pipes.

Mr. Kellam also noted that the state highway sign on the corner of Third Street is rotten and has fallen over.

NEW BUSINESS:

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT FUNDING HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2012:

Mr. Miles stated that he received a letter from Wade Chenault saying that the Town has got to use the grant money or give it back. He noted that the Town now has until December 31, 2012 to use it. Mr. Miles said that the engineering firm has until to finish the design work by November 1. Councilman Scanlan stated that the engineers had designed a water garden to contain the rain water. Mayor Moore said that the parking lot has to be designed with storm water management.

OP-SAIL 2012-ADOPT-A-SHIP PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR EXMORE. DO WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE?:

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that he attended a meeting last week regarding OP-Sail 2012. He noted that they are all anxious for Towns to adopt a ship. He said that if we adopt a ship then it could possibly generate free advertising. Mr. Miles stated that this could mean more business for Exmore. Mayor Moore asked what the cost would be. Mr. Miles said that it would cost only what they wanted to put in it.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESTART MEETING ON AUGUST 17, 2011:

Mr. Miles stated that he has been contacted by Northampton Board of Supervisors to attend a committee meeting to see what is planned for the County and Exmore.

END OF YEAR 2010 FINANCIALS:

Mr. Miles stated that the end of year financials are not available because of some errors. He stated that he wanted to have the errors corrected in order to give the Council more accurate records.

OLD BUSINESS:

THE EASTERN SHORE PSA CONTINUES TO HAVE OPENING(S) ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NOMINATIONS FOR THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CONSIDERATION ARE WELCOME:

Mr. Miles noted that there are three seats open on the PSA Board of Directors and nominations are welcome.

POSITIONS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING APPEALS BOARD AND FAÇADE COMMITTEE REMAIN OPEN. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE WELCOME AND NECESSARY:

Mr. Miles stated that these are necessary positions and they need to be filled. He noted that there are two vacant seats on the Planning Commission, one vacant seat on the Zoning Appeals Board and three vacant seats on the Façade Committee. He said may have one person interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

PSA NORTHERN NODE GRANT APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED ON JULY 14, 2011:
Mr. Miles noted that the grant application was submitted on July 14. Councilman Scanlan asked if they had the results of the sewer survey. Mr. Miles told him that the survey was not finished.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED WITHIN 60 DAYS:

Mr. Miles stated that a grant application has been submitted to the Virginia Department of Health for two new wells.

RECENT DRAINAGE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY TOWN PUBLIC WORKS AND VDOT:

Mr. Miles stated that some drainage issues have been dealt with by VDOT. Councilman Scanlan noted that there are flooding issues on Virginia Street. Mr. Miles noted that public works installed a culvert that opened up approximately half of the area.

EXMORE YARD SALE PREPARATIONS ARE PROGRESSING NICELY! A MOON BOUNCE VOLUNTEER MONITOR WOULD BE WELCOME:

Mr. Miles noted that the Exmore Yard Sale preparations are moving along rather nicely. He said that they have sold thirty-two trophies for cars, three for motorcycles and three for antique tractors and equipment. He said that a moon bounce is possible courtesy of Ace Hardware but need monitors to oversee it.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Councilman Massey said that the grass at the Hampton Inn is getting tall. Mr. Miles noted that it had been cut.

Councilman Doughty asked about the status of the Musso building. Mr. Miles noted that he is dealing with Mr. Musso.

Councilman Scanlan asked about the signs for the golf carts from VDOT. Mr. Miles stated that the signs have been ordered.

Councilman Massey stated that the sign on the south end of town has been replaced and looks good. Mr. Miles said that the County replaced it.

Mayor Moore noted that he is happy to see so many people in attendance and asked the Council if moving the Council meetings to 6:00pm would be better for the residents to attend.

Councilman Scanlan stated that he has received complaints about tall grass, trash and dogs on Jefferson Avenue and asked if someone could follow up on the complaints.

Councilman Massey asked who owned the Gladstone House. Mr. Miles noted that he is in contact with a company in Florida to keep the grass cut.

Councilman Ward asked if all water and trash customers are being charged. Mr. Miles stated that those who were mentioned are being charged appropriately.

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council about the vandalism to the Police car parked out back.

Barry Marsh commended the Police Department for checking the businesses throughout the night.

DATE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (SEPTEMBER 12, 2011):

Mayor Moore announced that the next Council meeting will be September 12th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Scanlan. The Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk