

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2011
7:00 PM

Mayor Moore-Present
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, Sgt. Moyano, Officer Campbell.

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 with one member absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Vice-Mayor Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REQUESTED FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2011:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to accept the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Council meeting and the September 19, 2011 Special Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REMARKS:

Bobby Bailey addressed the Mayor and Council in regards to the demolished houses on Temple Drive. Mayor Moore noted that the Town needs to rent an excavator. He assured Mr. Bailey that the pile will be gone by Thanksgiving.

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. asked if the Resolution for Regional Water Supply Plan had anything to do with the sewage system. Mr. Miles told him that it did not.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE, POLICE OFFICER(S) AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2011:

Mr. Miles noted that the advertisement will close on October 7 and they will then look over the applications and make the best selection.

PAT MUSSO HAS BEEN DELIVERED BY HAND A LETTER REQUIRING REMOVAL OF HIS BUILDING AT CATHEY AND ADRON STREETS. DISCUSSIONS INDICATE HIS INTENTION TO COMPLY WITHIN A THIRTY DAY PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2011: Mayor Moore stated that Mr. Musso has been put on notice that he has thirty days to remove the building on Cathey and Adron Streets.

SPECIAL MEETING REQUESTED (OCTOBER 17, 2011) TO ALLOW ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE TOWN OF EXMORE:

Mayor Moore stated that he would be out of town on October 17 and would like to meet for closed session on October 10. The Mayor and Council agreed to meet for closed session on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00pm.

SPECIAL MEETING REQUESTED (OCTOBER 24, 2011) TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE "RESOLUTION FOR REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN":

Mr. Miles noted that the Public Hearing does require two advertisements beforehand, one week apart. Mayor Moore stated that he would be back in town for the Public Hearing.

EXMORE'S FIREARMS TRAINING RANGE HAS COME UNDER SCRUTINY! ANY INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION REGARDING PRIOR COUNTY ZONING APPROVALS WOULD BE HELPFUL:

Mr. Miles noted that Exmore's Firearms Training range has come under scrutiny. He said that there is no record of any zoning approval for the use of the range at that time under the then current zoning. He stated that it was zoned agricultural. Mr. Miles said that he has talked to a previous employee of Northampton County who stated that if the zoning had not been appropriate for the range, it would not have been allowed and is willing to sign an affidavit on the Town's behalf. Mr. Miles stated that we need to keep the firing range and that he will go as far as he needs to go to make sure that happens. Mr. Miles noted that it is a good facility and they have been holding tournaments there since before 2000. He said that there is a sign on the fence stating that it is a firing range. He asked for anyone with any information and/or documentation concerning the zoning of the range to please let him know.

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 the vacant seats PSA Board of Directors need to be filled and asked for any suggestions or recommendations.

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

Mr. Miles asked the Council for any recommendations to fill the vacant positions on the Planning Commission, Zoning Appeals Board and the Façade Committee. He noted that he has advertised for these positions but with no success. Mayor Moore asked him to advertise again.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT APPLICATION RESPONSE TIME HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011 DUE TO FEDERAL BUDGET ISSUES:

Mr. Miles stated that the Virginia Department of Health Grant application has been extended to November 1, 2011 due to federal budget issues.

THE RAIN-SHORTENED EXMORE YARD SALE WAS SOMETHING LESS THAN A SUCCESS. WE ARE ANTICIPATING PLANNING A SPRING (MEMORIAL DAY SUGGESTED) EVENT IN CONCERT WITH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. PERSONS INTERESTED IN PLANNING THE EVENT ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME:

Mr. Miles noted that the Exmore Yard Sale was started then rained out. He said that it was too costly to do it again right away. Mr. Miles stated that they are planning a yard sale for the spring. He said that they are open for any ideas and suggestions to make the spring yard sale a little different.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Mr. Miles stated that the Northampton County Parks and Recreation has invited the Town to be a sponsor in the Annual Youth Basketball Program. He noted that sponsorships are \$260.00 for a team of ten (10), which includes uniforms. He asked the Council for direction. Mr. Miles noted also that Habitat for Humanity will hold a fishing tournament this weekend and they asked for support, and will probably be asked for support from Little League. Councilman Massey stated that he was asked if the Council was still thinking about providing a place for the street hockey league. Councilman Ward asked Mr. Miles to send a letter to the Farmer's Museum chairperson to find out their intentions for the use of the property. Mayor Moore stated that if the building is not going to be renovated then it needs to be demolished. It was the general consensus of the Council to sponsor a youth basketball team for the Northampton County Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Miles stated that he received a letter from the Best Western regarding the new water rates for large water users. He said that the rate increase may have been too much of an increase at one time. He feels that it would be accommodating to lower the rate, which would require a repeal of an ordinance and a new ordinance adopted.

Councilman Ward asked if the other hotels have complained. Mr. Miles said that he has not heard from anyone else regarding the rate increase. He stated that the increase was intended to help with water conservation. Mayor Moore asked Mr. Miles to write Best Western a letter informing them that the Council will take their concern under advisement.

Councilman Ward stated that the people that started taking the train cars have stopped and left a mess and that it looks terrible. Mr. Miles stated that he has not been successful in contacting him by phone. Mayor Moore asked Mr. Miles to send him a certified letter giving him ten (10) days to come back and continue clearing the train cars out.

SUGGESTED DATE FOR SPECIAL MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION (OCTOBER 17, 2011), SPECIAL MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING (OCTOBER 24, 2011) AND FOR THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING (NOVEMBER 7, 2011)

Mr. Miles noted that the meeting scheduled for October 17 is changed to October 10, 2011, there is another meeting requested for October 24, and the next Council meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2011.

Councilman Massey asked Mr. Miles if he has any new information on the pond behind the Hampton Inn. Mr. Miles noted that he has not contacted them as yet.

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 8:30pm.

William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk