

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012
7:00 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Connie Zahn, Chief Angelo DiMartino, Officer Jason 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.

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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012:

Councilman Ward made the Motion to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2012. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed by the vote of Councilman Ward-Aye; Councilman Doughty-Aye; Vice-Mayor Greer-Aye; Councilman Metz-Aye; Councilman Scanlan-Aye; Councilman Massey-Abstained. Councilman Massey stated that he abstained because he was absent for the January 9, 2012 meeting.

WELCOME THE TOWN OF BELLE HAVEN'S MAYOR, MARION LONG::

Belle Haven Mayor Long addressed the Mayor and Council regarding potential future services from Exmore such as garbage pick-up and police patrol. He noted that the Town of Belle Haven is split between Northampton and Accomack Counties, stating that it is the southern most town in Accomack County and the northern most County in Northampton County. Mayor Long said that he feels Belle Haven is in need of increased police patrol but both counties' resources are limited. He noted that Davis Disposal is currently collecting trash, but if all works out maybe Exmore could pick it up for Belle Haven again. Mayor Long also noted that the police patrol and trash collection could be a source of additional income for Exmore. After much discussion, the Mayor, Council and Mayor Long agreed that both towns should form a committee and meet to discuss their options further.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Stevon Sample reported that his newspaper should be ready for print next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECENT ACTIVITY ON PRETTYMAN PROPERTIES:

Mr. Miles noted that Mr. Prettyman is harvesting the timber from his property on Tower Way and he wants to clear the property on the south end of town for limited farming and have it available for future development.

PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY MOVING FORWARD. COMPLETION OF WASTEWATER INTEREST IS NOW VERY IMPORTANT:

Mr. Miles said that the Public Service Authority is moving forward. He noted that Peter Stith made a map for Exmore that distinguishes good and bad soil areas. He noted that if a repair needs to be made to a sewer system in the “good soil” areas it would cost approximately \$3,000-\$5,000, but if a repair needs to be made in the “bad soil” areas it could cost as much as \$20,000. Mr. Miles stressed the importance of completing the surveys.

BROADBAND WIRELESS TEST ANTENNA IS IN PLACE. FIBER HAS BEEN INSTALLED, BUT HAS NO TERMINATION (CONNECTOR). WE AWAIT THE “CONNECTOR GUY” TO COMPLETE HIS WORK TO ALLOW THE FIBER INTERFACE/TRANSMITTER TO BE INSTALLED SO THAT THE “TEST” CAN BEGIN. TEST PARTICIPATION CONTINUE TO BE WELCOMED:

Mr. Miles stated that the Broadband came to complete the installation but the wire had no end. He noted that they are applying for a Revolving Loan to open an office in Exmore.

ACQUITION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE FIRING RANGE FROM BARRY/RUTH LONG AND OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ARE IN PROCESS. WE EXPECT AGREEMENTS PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISEMENT DATE OF THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY ZONING BOARD:

Mr. Miles said that we are working on getting the power line easements from Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. He said that Mr. & Mrs. Long have indicated that they will grant whatever easement is necessary. Mr. Miles noted that he does not anticipate any problems with the plat.

ORDINANCE FOR “PROHIBITING DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN THE TOWN OF EXMORE”:

Mr. Miles stated that the dog ordinance in the packet reflects the same information that is in the County code. Councilman Scanlan asked if they needed to have a Public Hearing to vote on the ordinance. Mr. Miles said although the ordinance does not involve a tax, it does involve a fine and they could wait until the next meeting to vote on the ordinance.

SAMPLE OF GUN/WEAPON ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN:

Mr. Miles noted that he and Chief DiMartino have written and reviewed the firearms ordinance. He said that the attorney has not reviewed the ordinance yet. Mr. Miles stated that it also involves a fine and that a Public Hearing can be held for both ordinances.

PERMISSION OF COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO FILL A VACANT CLERICAL POSITION:

Mr. Miles asked the Council's permission to fill the vacant clerical position. The Mayor and Council authorized Mr. Miles to advertise to fill the vacant position.

EXMORE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Council agreed that the detailed expenditure report is more informative than the summary report.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADAM ZIEGER NOW HIRED AS POLICE OFFICER. BOTH NEW OFFICERS NOW AT THE TRAINING ACADEMY:

Mr. Miles noted that Adam Zieger has been hired as Exmore's newest police officer. He stated that Adam and Barry will start at the academy on February 10th.

Chief DiMartino reported that he has put in place a performance evaluation for the officers as of January. He stated that the evaluations will take place every six months. Chief DiMartino noted that he has an interim evaluation for the officers as well so each officer can see how they are performing. He said that they have been busy and that the officers are working hard and doing a great job. He reported 218 traffic summons issued, 4 parking tickets, 14 arrests (10 misdemeanors & 4 felony), 349 building checks and 102 calls for service.

Councilman Massey noted that he has received complaints about speeders on Broadwater Road. Chief DiMartino stated that unless a road is properly posted with speed limit signs, they cannot enforce any laws. He noted that Broad Street is another problem street for speeding but it is not posted.

EASTERN SHORE PSA CONTINUES TO HAVE OPENINGS ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NOMINATIONS WELCOME:

Mr. Miles stated that the PSA now needs only two Chairmen.

POSITIONS ON EXMORE'S PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING APPEALS BOARD AND FAÇADE COMMITTEE REMAIN OPEN. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE WELCOME AND NECESSARY!:

Mr. Miles said that there are still openings on Exmore's Planning Commission, Zoning Appeals Board and Façade Board

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:

Councilman Scanlan noted that in January's packet there was a sheet showing all employees' salaries to date but does not see one this month. He asked for a list of delinquent taxes and other sources of revenue. Mr. Miles said that the list is printing now.

Councilman Massey stated that he has received complaints on the first house on the left on Lee Street. Councilman Scanlan also brought up Mr. Butler's house on Westfield. Mayor Moore asked Mr. Miles to call the County or the town attorney to get something done about the two homes.

The Council agreed on appointing Jim Bailey, Chief DiMartino, Councilman Massey, Councilman, Doughty, and Mr. Miles to serve on the committee to meet with the Town of Belle Haven.

SUGGESTED DATE FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING (MARCH 5, 2012):

Mr. Miles noted that there will be a Public Hearing on March 5, 2012 and the regular Council meeting will be held at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Mayor Greer made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Massey. The Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk