

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 2, 2012
6:45 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Miles, Ethel Parks, Chief DiMartino, Sgt. Moyano, J.R. Bishop.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Mayor Moore.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Moore stated that it is a Public Hearing on potential land sales and opened it to the public.

Roland Carpenter spoke to the Mayor and Council about the Troy Ashe Tournament that is held every October at the pistol range. He said that it not only helps the law enforcement community but the community in general. Mr. Carpenter noted that the tournament was started in 1999 to help start a scholarship fund for Trooper Troy Ashe's children after he was killed in an off duty accident. He said that in 2003 another off duty State Trooper, Darryl Campbell, and his son, Drew were killed by a drunk driver. This was the beginning of the Campbell Cup portion of the tournament and the Troy Ashe Scholarship fund for local high school students. Those applying for the scholarship have to write an essay about the dangers of driving while intoxicated and also sign a release saying that if they rode with anyone intoxicated or drove while intoxicated themselves they would have to pay the scholarship back. They held a Dove Shoot as a fund raiser and had t-shirt sales as a fund raiser. Mr. Carpenter went on to say that in June of 2009 they had a hard blow when they lost Guy Lawson to a vehicle accident. He stated that Mr. Lawson was one of the founders of the tournament. They now hold a youth BB Gun Tournament in memory of Guy, for children 5-12 years old. He said that it also teaches the children safe gun handling. He noted that Guy always wanted to do something for the kids and this was started for him and the kids. Mr. Carpenter said that in April of 2010 there was yet another hard blow to law enforcement when they lost Chief Steve Elliott and to honor Steve they took the sporting clays event and started a sporting clays tournament. He stated that Steve was an inspirational to all officers. In 2003 they started a relief fund for local law enforcement officers. It has helped officers with cancer, officers who have been burned out of their homes, those with medical needs and with tolls to travel across the bridge for doctors. He said that this year they will start a cornhole tournament. He stated that all departments utilize the pistol range.

Mr. Carpenter stressed that it would be a great impact on the law enforcement community and civilian community to lose the range.

Tommy Carpenter, Chief of Police for the Town of Parksley, addressed the Mayor and Council about the pistol range. He noted that he became a firearms instructor for the Accomack County Sheriff's Department in 1995. In 2000 when he started working for the Town of Parksley he has been utilizing Exmore's range to qualify all the Town's police officers in Accomack County. Chief Carpenter stated that Exmore's range has been an invaluable asset to law enforcement. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider keeping the range.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore announced that the Council will hold their regular meeting at 7:00.

William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk