

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
JULY 2, 2012
7:00 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 7:00 pm by Mayor Moore.
Mayor Moore welcomed Tommy Lewis to the Town Council.

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 JUNE 4, 2012, THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 18. THE SCHEDULED MEETING FOR JUNE 25 RESULTED IN NO QUORUM:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing and the regular meeting June 4, 2012. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Metz made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 18, 2012. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Patty Kiger, from the Eastern Shore Healthy Community, spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding the health of the community. She said that their organization work with businesses to try to create systems and policies to help keep people healthy. She noted that they also help to make environmental changes within the communities. Ms. Kiger said that on July 30, 31, and August 1, Dan Burden will be on the attending a Walkability Workshop to help determine where some environmental changes can be made in several Towns including Exmore. She invited the Mayor and Council to join them in the workshop stating that on July 30 they would be in Chincoteague and

Onancock and on July 31 they would start out in Cape Charles at 9:00 am and then come to Exmore at 1:00 pm.

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. asked if the approval from VDH for the two new wells was for the drilling of the wells. Mr. Miles noted that the approval is for the study only and not for the drilling. He said that the approval for the drilling of the wells has to come from the DEQ.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF ADJUSTED BUDGET FOR 2012-2013 AND CALL FOR APPROVAL:

Vice-Mayor Greer stated that he at the next Council meeting would like to put a plan in place on how to handle the overtime. Mayor Moore agreed saying they have to have a mechanism in place for overtime to be approved.

Councilman Massey made the Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Budget. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RE-SIGNING RESOLUTION TO ALLOW VML TO UNDERWRITE OUR VIRGINIA LINE OF DUTY ACT OBLIGATION:

Mr. Miles noted that the previous resolution that they approved was not in the format written by VRS. He said that Mayor Moore has already signed the resolution.

RE-CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR ENTRANCE INTRANCE INTO TRIAL AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA BROADBAND AUTHORITY:

Mr. Miles noted that the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority has set a deadline date of July to stop the trial and cut off broadband services if the trial agreement is not signed. He said that the trial is not going to cost Exmore anything except for advertising for a service provider. Mr. Miles recommended to the Council to sign the agreement. Councilman Metz made the Motion to sign the trial agreement. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

SPRINGSTED MANAGER SEARCH PROCESS HAS BEGUN!:

Mr. Miles noted that all the Councilmen were interviewed by Mr. Anzivino today. Mr. Miles noted that the cost will be approximately \$16,400 for the search. Mr. Miles said that Springsted has gone as far as they can go with the search process until a contract has been signed. After some discussion about the process of searching for a Town Manager, Vice-Mayor Greer made the Motion to sign the contract with Springsted. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed by the vote of Councilman Doughty-Aye; Vice-Mayor-Greer-Aye; Councilman Metz-Aye; Councilman Lewis-Aye; Councilman Ward-Nay; Councilman Massey-Nay.

Mayor Moore commented that the overtime problem is not going to go away.

TOWN HALL ROOF-GOOD NEWS!:

Mr. Miles stated that the Town Hall roof does not have the problem that was perceived. He said that Peninsula Roofing has looked at it and reported that it needs some patching but does not need to be replaced. Mr. Miles noted that they had to have an asbestos inspection done and does not have the results from that as yet.

POSITIONS VACANCIES FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING APPEALS BOARD AND FAÇADE COMMITTEE SEATS CONTINUE WITH NO RESPONSE TO ADVERTISING (MULTIPLE):

Mr. Miles noted that he has advertised several times but with no response.

EXMORE FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Miles noted that we are in much better shape than we have been n years past.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief DiMartino noted that there have been a spree of juveniles stealing bikes and a bus but three have been charged. He reported that the department issued 233 summons's, made 25 arrests, 332 building checks, along with numerous calls for service, including assisting the County and State Police. Chief DiMartino stated that Adam is back from school and is working and that Barry is still in the Academy. He noted that the Seizure Fund will reimburse the General Fund for Tara and Kevin's school expense.

NEW BUSINESS:

PHASE III DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT PROJECT FINAL PLANS COMPLETED AND ARE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE FINAL APPROVAL:

Mr. Miles said that the bus stop that is currently on Main Street will have to be relocated to the parking lot next to the Custis building. He said that now he needs to secure the easements from the owners.

NEED FOR A NEW COPIER FOR THE TOWN HALL:

Mr. Miles said that the copier that we currently have is of advanced age and it does not make good copies. He discussed several options with the Mayor and Council. Councilman Ward made the Motion to authorize Mr. Miles to look at copiers and make the best selection. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Massey. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

EXMORE FIRING RANGE AND VIRGINIA STREET LOT HAVE GARNERED PURCHASER INTEREST. COUNCIL DIRECTION NEEDED TO ADVERTISE (OR NOT) FOR SALE BY SEALED BID, AUCTION, ETC.:

Mr. Miles noted that there has been interest in the firing range and the lot on Virginia Street. He asked the Council for direction as to advertise or not. Councilman Metz made the Motion to advertise for sealed bids on the lot on Virginia Street. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Ward stated that he does not want to sell the firing range. Councilman Massey agreed. Mr. Miles said in order to use the range as a firing range they will have to get a zoning map amendment, which he is in the process of now. Vice-Mayor Greer commented that if the zoning map amendment is not granted and they do not sell it then they have a lot that they can do nothing with. After some discussion Vice-Mayor Greer made the Motion to advertise the range for sealed bids. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE GRANT WAS SUCCESSFUL. \$200 DONATION AND TOWN MATCH OF \$200 WILL BE SENT TO THE EASTERN SHORE ORCHESTRA:

Mr. Miles stated that the Town raised \$200 in donations and the State will match that donation.

THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY VDH FOR OUR TWO (2) NEW WELLS:

There was no further discussion from previously in the meeting.

EASTERN SHORE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WALKABILITY WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN EXMORE ON JULY 31, 2012. COUNCIL AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DESIRED AND ENCOURAGED!:

Mayor Moore noted that this was previously discussed and reminded the Council to mark the date on their calendars.

DISCUSSION-COUNCIL' CITIZEN INPUT:

Mayor Moore suggested that the Council draft a resolution for former Councilman Scanlan and his years of service to the Town.

Mr. Miles noted that they should also do the same for Phyllis Kilborn.

Councilman Massey asked what the status is of the old Chevrolet building. Mr. Niles said the Farmer's Museum is still holding on to it because they have items stored in it.

Councilman Massey noted that the grass around the pond behind the Hampton Inn is getting tall again.

Councilman Doughty remarked that he has received complaints about the grass just north of the old Cameo building.

SUGGESTED DATE FOR THE AUGUST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING (MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 21012):

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. The Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk

