

TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MARCH 5, 2012  
6:30 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, Chief Angelo DiMartino, Officer Jason Campbell.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Exmore Town Council was called to order at 6:30 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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 193 (DOG ORDINANCE)

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 193, "An Ordinance of the Town of Exmore to Repeal Ordinance No. 106 and to Enact Ordinance No. 193, An Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs Running At Large in the Town of Exmore".

Councilman Scanlan read Ordinance No. 193.

Councilman Scanlan noted that Section 2-b should specifically state "seeing eye dogs". Mayor Moore asked Miles to add "service animals" to Section 2-b.

There was no one who wished to speak regarding this Ordinance. Councilman Massey made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 194, "An Ordinance to Prohibit the Discharge of Firearms in Public Places or Residential Areas Within the Town of Exmore".

Mr. Miles read Ordinance No. 194.

Teresa Adams, 3365 Main Street, asked if a business could obtain a license or permit to hold an event for profit or if it was strictly for non-profit. Mayor Moore informed her that the Council cannot comment on that at this time, but that it is a good point to discuss later in the meeting.

Scott Hines, owner of Eastern Sore Outfitters, noted that one concern that he has is that the ordinance prohibits the discharge of firearms in a public place. Mr. Hines stated that he operates an archery range. He said another concern is the mention of “guidance or supervision of a responsible adult”. Mr. Hines asked the Mayor and Council what age is consider a responsible adult, saying further that according to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, persons can hunt by themselves at the age of 12 years old.

Mark Davis remarked that he plays paintballs in his yard with his grandchildren and asked if the ordinance would prohibit that as well. Councilman Scanlan noted that it is not the intent to stop them from doing this in their own yard.

Councilman Scanlan made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Ward made the Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Doughty. The Motion was passed unanimously.

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William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

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Ethel Parks, Town Clerk