

TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MARCH 5, 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, 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 FEBRUARY 6, 2012:

Councilman Massey made the Motion to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2012 as written. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Ward. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously.

WELCOME MARION NAAR, EASTERN SHORE ORCHESTRA:

Marion Naar spoke to the Mayor and Council about the Eastern Shore Orchestra. She noted that it is a non-profit organization that serves the entire Eastern Shore. Ms. Naar asked the Mayor and Council for a \$500 donation to be added to the Town's upcoming budget for the Orchestra. She noted that it can be any amount and that the Virginia Commission of the Arts will match whatever dollar amount the Town contributes.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Scott Hines addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns about the age limit for hunting and that they can do these things in their own yards as long as the projectile does not go outside the limit. He said that he could throw a rock a bust a window as easily as a BB or a sling shot could. Councilman Scanlan noted that this ordinance is not aimed at anyone who is trying to act responsibly and try to do things properly and legally. Mayor Moore noted that the ordinance is about public safety not about children being supervised by a responsible adult.

NEW BUSINESS:

DUSCUSSION/VOTE RELATIVE TO PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DOG ORDINANCE NO. 193:

Councilman Scanlan made the Motion to table Ordinance No. 193 until the attorney has made the corrections needed. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/VOTE RELATIVE TO PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FIREARM/WEAPON ORDINANCE NO. 194:

Vice-Mayor Greer made the recommendation to change the wording in Section 3-b to read “Any person who violates any provision of the ordinance ‘may’ .....” instead of ‘shall’.

Teresa Adams asked if non-profit or for-profit events, such as turkey shoots, paint ball parties, or other like events would be permissible with a license. Mayor Moore said the ordinance would allow a non-profit organization to obtain a permit for an event and a business license should cover the for-profit event.

Councilman Scanlan made the recommendation to change the ordinance to read “for-profit or non-profit events”.

Ms. Adams asked the Mayor and Council to put a donation in the budget for the Relay for Life.

After much discussion Vice-Mayor Greer made the Motion to table Ordinance No. 194 until the attorney has made the corrections needed. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Scanlan. Discussion-None further. The Motion was passed unanimously.

FRONT DESK CLERK APPLICATIONS (28) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THESE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND FOUR (4) APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO BE INTERVIEWED. WHAT IS COUNCIL’S INTEREST IN THE INTERVIEW PROCESS?:

Mr. Miles noted that we have received twenty-eight applications for the position of Front Desk Clerk and have narrowed them down to four applicants. He asked the Council for guidance in the interview process. After brief discussion it was the general consensus of the Council to call a special meeting for Monday, March 12, to interview the applicants in Closed Session.

CHANGE IN BILLING PROCEDURES IS REQUESTED. WE WOULD PREFER TO BILL LANDLORDS/OWNERS RATHER THAN TENANTS:

Mr. Miles explained to the Mayor and Council that at times renters leave town owing a bill that their deposit does not cover. He noted that we would like to be able to charge the water, sewer and trash fees to the property owner and they can in turn raise their rent to collect it or increase the amount of the deposit from \$100.

CHANGE IN BILLING PROCEDURES REQUESTED FOR SEWER BILLS. WE WOULD PREFER THE ABILITY TO CEASE SEWER BILLING WHEN A HOUSE GOES VACANT AS WE DO FOR WATER/GARBAGE BILLING:

Mr. Miles also asked to stop billing for sewer when a house becomes vacant as we do for water and trash. It was the consensus of the Council to table the request until further information is available.

AUDITOR HAS INDICATED THAT THE 2009 AUDIT WILL BE FINISHED PRIOR TO THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Miles informed the Mayor and Council that the auditor will be in attendance at the May Council meeting to address the Council on the audit.

EXMORE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mayor Moore asked about the new pickup. Mr. Miles noted that he purchased a 2003 pickup in the amount of \$5,500 last week with 61,000 miles, with the title. It was purchased for Public Works.

OLD BUSINESS:

BROADBAND WIRELESS TEST ANTENNA IS FINALLY IN PLACE AND OPERATIONAL. TEST PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOMED!:

Mr. Miles said that he has a list of approximately eight participants. He noted that after several attempts, there is wireless signal leaving this building.

EXMORE FIRING RANGE LAND OWNERSHIP ISSUES (LOCATION OF LAND OWNED) HAVE ARISEN AND MUST BE CLARIFIED PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO THE ZONING BOARD:

Mr. Miles noted that the ownership of the Exmore Firing Range has been improperly labeled by the County. He said that the plat has to be corrected before he can proceed.

JOHN REITER SELECTED AS PSA BOARD MEMBER, BUT, THE EASTERN SHORE PSA CONTINUES TO HAVE OPENINGS ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME!::

Mr. Miles stated that the PSA has a new Board member, Mr. John Reiter, but they still have empty seats.

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

Mr. Miles noted that positions on the Planning Commission, Zoning Appeals Board and Façade Committee remain open.

Chief DiMartino's report to the Council included the departments' calls for service, arrests, summons issued, parking tickets, etc. He informed the Mayor and Council that Occohannock Elementary Preschool classes will be visiting the Police Department this week. He stated that all of the officers are doing a great job. Chief DiMartino noted that the Department received gift certificates and cash donations at Christmas and invited the Council to join them for pizza.

Vice-Mayor Greer commended the Police Department for their work.

**DISCUSSION-COUNCIL/CITIZEN INPUT:**

Councilman Scanlan asked for the list of delinquent taxes. Mr. Miles said the printer jammed while printing it last time. The Clerk said it was over 200 pages.

Councilman Massey asked Mr. Miles if he has found out anything about the vacant house on Lee Street. Mr. Miles told him he has not.

Councilman Scanlan asked about the house on Westfield. Mr. Miles said that he has asked Mr. Rowan to write the owner a stern letter. He noted that he talked to the County Code Enforcement Officer and that he needs to go through David Rowan first.

Councilman Massey asked Mr. Miles if Maranatha Church came to him about a sign permit. Mr. Miles stated that they did. He said that the sign will be similar to what they already had, maybe just a little smaller and two-sided.

Vice-Mayor Greer said he felt activity at the park will increase and asked if there was enough light. Chief DiMartino said that the light is working again.

Councilman Scanlan noted that the roofs on all the buildings by the park are bad.

Councilman Ward said that he spoke with Ruth Wise about the New Road area across the highway and she said they are in the process of cleaning up the area.

Councilman Scanlan stated that the fire hydrant at the Hut is out of order. Mr. Miles said that he was not aware of it.

**SUGGESTED DATE FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING (MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012):**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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William M. Moore, Jr. Mayor

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Ethel Parks, Town Clerk