

TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 10, 2015
7:00 PM

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Exmore, Virginia,
held in the Meeting Room of the J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore
Virginia, on the 10th day of August, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present
Councilman G. W. Adkins-Present
Councilman Bradley Doughty-Present
Councilman Bryon Heaster-Present
Councilman John Metz-Present
Councilman Chase Sturgis-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Chief DiMartino, Sgt. Zieger, Cpl. Marshall, Sgt.
Campbell

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greer. Mayor Greer established a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the majority in attendance.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Mayor Greer.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXMORE RAILROAD STATION:

DOES THE TOWN WISH TO PAY FOR UTILITIES AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING?

Mr. Duer noted that expenses for the railroad station was not budgeted this year.

FUTURE OF BUILDING:

The Mayor and Council agreed that someone needs to step up and oversee the maintenance
and operation of the railroad station.

PARK RULES:

REVIEW OF CAPE CHARLES' APPLICATION AND HOW TO APPLY TO EXMORE:

Mr. Duer discussed Park rules, event fees, security, proof of insurance and other items. He gave the
Mayor and Council a draft application to review.

PARK NAME:

DETERMINE A NAME FOR THE PARK FOR SIGNAGE PURPOSES:

The Council discussed naming the Park either Exmore Town Park or Exmore Municipal Park and
are leaning toward Exmore Town Park.

BPOL:

DISCUSSION OF RATES, COMPARING WITH SISTER TOWNS:

Mr. Duer explained that our BPOL rates are in line with other towns except Cheriton, who charges a
flat fee for business licenses. He said that the owners of gas stations in Town are complaining that
the BPOL tax should be adjusted due to their cost of the gas tax.

RAISE MINIMUM RATE, LOWER EXISTING RATE(S)?

Mr. Duer noted that the existing retail rate is \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 and the minimum rate is \$30.00. The minimum rate could be raised to \$50.00.

SEWER ORDINANCE:

DISCUSSION OF UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES AND MONTHLY EXPENSE:

Mr. Dukes discussed with the Mayor and Council the possibility of rewriting the Sewer User Agreement.

FAÇADE LOAN PROGRAM:

DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER TO COMMENCE A FUNDED FAÇADE PROGRAM FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES:

Mr. Duer and Mr. Dukes spoke to the Mayor and Council about possibly bringing back the Façade Program for downtown businesses.

PROMOTIONAL WEBSITE:

TOWN BUSINESSES AND TOURISM:

Mr. Duer discussed having a tourism website that will promote Exmore and Exmore businesses

Mr. Duer asked the Mayor and Council to think about an annual rental tax that will be charged to landlords. He said that the Town will inspect the rental properties to make sure they are up to code and in livable condition for residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Greer adjourned the work session.

Douglas Greer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk