

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 14th day of September, 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, Taylor Dukes, Mike Johnson, Sgt. Zieger, Cpl. Marshall.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 3, 2015: Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2015. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously. COUNCIL WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 10, 2015: Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Work Session of August 10, 2015 with the correction. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Roy Ballard reported that the Town-Wide Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday is on track. He said that there are a few spots left. He announced that there will be a car show at the Town Park on October 17, 2015.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer reported that Dollar Tree is on schedule to open its new store on November 1st. He noted that there is talk about the old Burger King building being sold and a new building will be constructed on that property. Mr. Duer stated that he, Taylor, Public Works and the Police Department will be working the Town-Wide Yard Sale this Saturday. We have advertised for a maintenance worker. We need two. Danny will be leaving at the end of September and another walked off the job. Clyde Nordstrom complimented the Town on how nice the Park is and has asked that we honor his parents (who donated the property) by placing a plaque at the Park. The Council agreed. Mr. Duer informed the Mayor and Council that the County has begun withholding the 5% of the police fines and the check is coming a month later than before. He said that the e-ticket funds showing in our budget may be wrong due to the fact that the County is sending us what belongs to us and what belongs to the State Police.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer reported that the 90-day balance includes accounts that have been sent to the attorney for collection. We have collected 90% of 2014 taxes. Mr. Duer commended Kathy for doing an excellent

job with the DMV STOP Program which has assisted her in collection of the personal property taxes. Police Fines are low because we were only sent a portion of July fines due to us. Meals Tax is up \$6,000 from this time last year. Gross profit for the month was \$164,887 total expense was \$110,559 for a net income for the month of \$54,328. Mr. Duer noted that we still have the catwalk at the Wastewater Plant, the police car, the multi-purpose building at the Park and the well buildings to pay for.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON TOWN EDGE – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer said that it appears the Board of Supervisors is in favor of keeping our Town Edge but the County staff is not. He encouraged the Mayor and Council to contact the Board of Supervisors to maintain our Town Edge.

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported that the P.E.R. is complete and has been sent to the USDA-RD for their approval. Mr. Duer said that it would cost the Town approximately \$2.3 million to connect every home and business to the Town sewer.

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes stated that he is waiting to get the test results back from the state lab. He said that due to the manganese we will need a filtration system.

UPDATE ON TOWN PARK – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that they have updated the building. He said they had to have an engineer look at the plans because people will be occupying the building at times. We have received one bid for the stage at \$21,400. Mayor Greer recommended that they wait until spring and rebid the stage. The Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

WATER, SEWER, TRASH DEPOSITS:

Mr. Duer noted that we currently charge \$210.00, which is 3 months service, for water, sewer and trash deposit on rentals. He would like to credit renters for two months if they are in good standing after one year. The Council was in agreement.

RESOLUTION TO AGREE TO ALLOW TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Mr. Duer and Chief DiMartino explained to the Mayor and Council that Northampton County needs a Resolution signed by the Mayor giving the Town Manager authority to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement on behalf of the Town. The one they have on file was signed by the former Town Manager not the Mayor. Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to adopt the Resolution to agree to allow the Town Manager to sign the Mutual Aid Agreements with Northampton County and Accomack County. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Duer stated that we need VDOT to do traffic studies on Lee Street, and Westfield Avenue in order to have speed limit signs posted. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the Resolution to allow VDOT to conduct the traffic study on Lee Street and Westfield Avenue that will enable them to post speed limit signs. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that the officers are doing very well. He said there were two reportable crashes for the month of August. One crash resulted in a fatality who was not wearing a seatbelt, and the other, who was partially ejected, also was not wearing a seatbelt. Grants are on schedule and fines are coming a month later than before.

UTILITY REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes reported that we pumped 3.2 million gallons of water last month. The catwalk is in place at the Wastewater Plant and we are pumping sewer tanks every week on schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. JOHNSON:

Mr. Johnson noted that one of his workers walked off the job but they will manage until someone is hired to replace him. He reported 54 service calls, 16 turn-offs, 2 leaks, 7 sewer calls, 3 re-reads, 4 Miss Utility calls, 1 emergency turn off, 3 weekend emergency calls, 12 turn-ons and 4 pressure tests. Fire hydrants were flushed on August 27th, bush and limbs were picked up on August 20th and furniture and appliances were picked up on August 13th. They picked up approximately 21,000 pounds of trash last month, read 714 water meters, replaced 38 water meters, which totals 164 new meters installed.

ZONING – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that he and Sandy Savage will begin on October 1st revising our current zoning. He said that the Town has torn down two derelict houses and cleaned up trash and debris from properties that has cost approximately \$10,000. Mr. Dukes stated that he researched the rental fee for landlords and we would be required to adopt the entire state code for rental properties. He said that it would be a nightmare for Exmore.

Councilman Adkins asked about the status of our new website. Mr. Duer said that he will be striving to have a tourism website for the Town this winter.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

SCHEDULED MEETINGS & CLOSINGS:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015 @7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis. The Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Douglas Greer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk