

TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 13, 2016
6:30 PM

At a Work Session to discuss several items, conducted by 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 13th day of June, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Taylor Dukes.

CALL TO ORDER:

The work session was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Greer.

PLEDGE:

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

JUNK CARS ORDINANCE:

Mr. Dukes presented an increased fee of \$100 (from \$50) to the Mayor and Council for unlicensed vehicles and a fine of \$250 if the owners do not comply with the \$100 fee. They discussed the possibility of having to have the vehicles towed if the owners do not comply at all. Mr. Dukes stated that he will check with Mr. Rowan about the legalities of towing the vehicles and rewriting the ordinance.

ORDINANCE TO CHANGE UTILITY BILLS TO PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME:

Mr. Duer explained that the Virginia Residential Landlord & Tenant Act states that the utility bills are the landlord's responsibility. After some discussion, it was the general consensus of the Mayor and Council to make the landlords responsible for all utility bills, effective January 1, 2017, if legally possible.

RENTAL CODE:

The possibility of adopting a rental code and charging for inspections was discussed. Mr. Duer noted that the money collected from the inspections would be earmarked to help cover the expense of demolishing derelict houses and buildings. It was the general consensus of the Mayor and Council to adopt a rental code in the near future.

CIGARETTE TAX:

The Mayor and Council briefly discussed adopting a cigarette tax.

BPOL REDUCTION/CAP ON ANYTHING WITH AN ENGINE:

Mr. Duer said that he and Taylor have been discussing reducing the BPOL tax or putting a cap on it for the sale of anything with an engine. Mr. Duer said he would look into this more and bring it back to the Council.

FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES FEES:

It was agreed to eliminate the furniture and appliance pick-up effective September 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Greer closed the work session.

Douglas Greer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk