

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
MAY 2, 2016
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 2nd day of May, 2016, 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, Officer Brady, Carroll Taylor.

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:

WORK SESSION – APRIL 4, 2016:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Budget Work Session of April 4, 2016 as presented. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2016 as presented. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

There was no one signed up to speak.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – ROBERT G. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that we have ordered six new banners for Main Street and six new banners for Bank Street. The signs at the north and south ends of town will cost approximately \$1,200 each. Mr. Duer said that he will meet with the Business Association to get their input on the message. Issues with the Sage Diner tax delinquency has been turned over to the town attorney. We have been trying to work with several residents with their water accounts and they are not complying. The only recourse is to turn them off. Mr. Duer asked the Mayor and Council to encourage citizens to complete and return the sewer surveys that were sent out with the April water bills. There is a VML Conference in Virginia Beach in October and the topic is Risk Management. Mr. Duer urged the Mayor and Council to make plans to attend along with our supervisors. There has been no news from Tractor Supply and Dollar General is moving forward. Second notices have been sent out for the delinquent taxes. Several CD’s came due in April and we rolled them over to 19 months for a better rate. Earth Day was well attended and three trees were planted at the Park.

FINANCIAL REPORT – ROBERT G. DUER:

Mr. Duer reported the balances on our USDA loans as \$4,900 for the tractor, \$20,000 for the replacement police car, \$14,750 for the original police car loan, a payoff balance on one sewer loan is \$253,400 and \$320,000 on the second sewer loan. We have collected approximately 85% of the 2015 taxes that were billed. Mr. Duer noted that our total income for April was \$179,496 with total expenditures of \$147,235 for a net income of \$32,261. Our net income year-to-date is \$266,561.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 BUDGET:

It was the general consensus of the Council to vote on the FY17 Budget during the June meeting.

ABANDONED VEHICLED ORDINANCE:

Mr. Duer noted that we are working on the ordinance and will revisit it at a later date.

BANNERS ON MAIN STREET:

Previously reported.

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT:

The P.E.R. should be complete this week.

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT:

Mr. Duer stated that the designs for the water treatment plant have been sent to the Virginia Department of Health for their approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

**ORDINANCE NO. 211 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT
ORDINANCE NO. 112 (TRAFFIC ORDINANCE)**

Chief DiMartino explained that this ordinance has to be adopted every year according to the Code of Virginia. This enables us as a municipality to collect the fines. Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 211. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

ZONING:

Mr. Duer stated that Mr. Rowan has approved our new Zoning Ordinance. We will now notify the affected property owners that will have changes made to their properties.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino reported that all the officers are doing very well. He has a meeting with VDOT on Wednesday concerning the problems with the intersections and hopefully find a solution to curb the crashes. The new tasers are in and Sgt. Campbell will recertify on May 17th in order to qualify the other officers. He noted that by year's end the fines collected should total \$490,000. Chief DiMartino commended the officers for their hard work and dedication, even on their days off, and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Duer stated that the Public Works department has a great group of guys who work well together and get the job done. He read Mr. Johnson's report for April. There were 57 service calls which included 16 turn-offs, 1 emergency call and 15 turn-ons. The hydrants were flushed on April 27th and we are averaging 21,000 pounds of trash weekly. They have installed 428 new water meters.

UTILITY REPORT:

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

No citizen comments.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016 – MEMORIAL DAY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 @ 7pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis. The Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Douglas Greer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk

