

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
AND
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 1, 2017
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 1st day of May, 2017, at 7:00 pm

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, Sgt. Campbell, Officer Brady, Taylor Dukes, Mike Johnson.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 2017-2017 BUDGET:

Mayor Greer opened the public hearing at 7:00 to hear public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no one from the public to speak.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greer closed the public hearing.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Duer asked to amend the agenda to move 9c (Resolution Proclaiming National Safe Boating Week) before the Citizen Comments. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to amend the agenda as stated. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

WORK SESSION – APRIL 3, 2017:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2017 Work Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 3, 2017:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 18, 2017:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed with the majority vote of five councilmen in favor and Councilman Sturgis abstaining due to his absence at the meeting.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 18, 2017:

Councilman Metz made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Special Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed with the majority vote of five councilmen in favor and Councilman Sturgis abstaining due to his absence at the meeting.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK:

Councilman Sturgis read the Resolution Proclaiming National Safe Boating Week during the week of May 20-May 26, 2017 and made the Motion to adopt the Resolution. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis. Mr. John Pavolic thanked the Council for their support.

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 the 2016 audit is complete. The audit has been submitted to officials in Richmond for review to determine if we will receive the communications tax.

Earth Day was held on April 22 and they have expressed interest in returning to our Park next year. The ESO will sponsor a musical event at the Park on June 10th at a cost of \$10.00 per family, the Juneteenth Celebration is scheduled at the Park June 16-18, National Night Out is scheduled for August 1 and Shakespeare will play in September. Mr. Duer stated that there has been some vandalism at the Park. There was graffiti on the back of the building as well as the covers on the electrical plugs have been torn off. It was the general consensus of the Council to have cameras installed at the Park.

Mr. Duer noted that we have had our first meeting with the DHCD and Draper Aden.

Mr. Duer stated that our pledge to the Randy Custis Memorial Fund is coming due. He reminded the Council that we will be making our donation of \$10,000 to the Fund.

FINANCIAL REPORT – ROBERT G. DUER:

APRIL SUMMARY:

Mr. Duer stated that tax collection for Real Estate tax is at 92.5%. He said that revenue for the month of April was \$189,338 and expenditures were \$202,438 with a net loss of \$13,000. He noted that the loss is due to a large sum being paid for engineering costs. Year-to-date net income is at \$367,004.

2017 – 2018 BUDGET ADOPTION DATE:

The Council agreed to set the budget adoption date for June 5, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that they have conducted pump tests at the New Road pump station and they are waiting for the environmental report.

UPDATE ON WELL PROJECT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes stated that the force main is the only issue pending with the new well project.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NO. 213 – TO AMEND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NO. 112 AND UPDATE FOR 2017-2018:

Councilman Sturgis read Ordinance No. 213, which will update the existing traffic Ordinance, effective July 1, 2017. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 213. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Mr. Duer and Mr. Dukes explained that the Town needs to adopt the resolution for a Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive assistance from FEMA in the event of a natural disaster. Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adopt the resolution for a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK:

ZONING – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes noted that Councilman Adkins asked about the ditch on Hadlock Road. He stated that it would be a major project in itself and they should wait until the water and wastewater projects are complete.

The vehicle ordinance is working well. They have served several residents in the last few weeks to clean up the abandoned cars.

Mr. Dukes asked the Council to help with finding new members for the Planning Commission.

Ms. MacGarvey has helped with the application process for Northampton County's 2017 Tourism grant.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino reported that the fines and grants are on schedule. There was one reportable crash last month at the Rite-Aid traffic light. He also reported 19 arrests. He briefly discussed the need for surveillance cameras at the Park.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MR. JOHNSON:

Mr. Johnson reported 50 service calls which include 2 leaks, 18 turn-offs, 18 turn-ons, 5 re-reads, 6 Miss Utility calls and 2 pressure tests. He noted that they flushed the water lines through the blow-offs, brush and limbs were picked up on April 20th and they picked up approximately 23,000 pounds of trash each week. Mr. Johnson stated that they read 715 water meters and the total of new meters installed is now at 496.

Councilman Sturgis reported that there is a problem with the fire hydrant behind the Plaza. Mr. Dukes said that the Town does not maintain or repair any hydrants on private property.

UTILITY REPORT – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes stated that 3.4 million gallons of water was pumped in the month of April and a new fire hydrant has been installed on the corner of Westfield Avenue and Jackson Street.

A company from North Carolina is assisting with new utility rates.

Mr. Dukes noted that New Ravenna has hired a contractor to clean their system out. He will be meeting with VDOT to discuss the drainage problems at the intersection of Westfield Avenue and Broad Street.

There was brief discussion about color coding the fire hydrants throughout Town according to their flow of water per minute.

CITIZEN/COUNCIL COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. commended the Town Council and employees.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CLOSINGS:

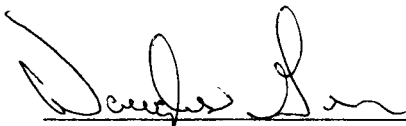
TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 (MEMORIAL DAY)

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 @ 7:00 pm


BUDGET ADOPTION – MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 during the Town Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk