TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 27, 2023 4:00 PM

At a special meeting and public hearing 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 27th day of October 2023 at 4:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Taylor Dukes.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Greer established a quorum and called the Town Council meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SEWER PROJECT:

Mr. Dukes noted that pay app #3 to Kevcor Contracting Corporation is \$1,544,700.27. He said that they are working quickly with the installation and testing of the force mains and valves. After brief discussion, Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to accept the pay app as provided and authorized, processing of payment/reimbursement. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously with Councilmen Doughty and Heaster being absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – DHCD FUNDING:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greer opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Dukes explained that the additional funding is needed to assist in abandoning the existing wastewater treatment plant, which does not operate properly, replace the existing sewer collection system, which does not function properly, install the plumbing and electrical improvements needed to connect homes and businesses to the new grinder pump collection system and proper abandonment of the existing septic tanks. He said that the supplemental funding will enable the Town to fund the increased costs without borrowing additional money. The Town needs to reduce borrowing as much as possible to avoid additional sewer rate increases on a community that lives with persistent low incomes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Faye Wilfong, 11585 Occohannock Road, asked what her rate will be with the new sewer system. Mr. Dukes stated that the base rate will be \$40.00 plus \$8.00 per thousand gallons of water. AN average household will use approximately 2,500 - 3,000 gallons of water per month.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Vice-Mayor Lewis made the Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously with Councilmen Doughty and Heaster being absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Adkins made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously with Councilmen Doughty and Heaster being absent.

Douglas Oreer, Mayor

Ethel Parks, Town Clerk