

TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 1, 2023
7:00 PM

At the budget public hearing and 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 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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 ATTENDANCE:

Robert Duer, Ethel Parks, Taylor Dukes, Chief DiMartino, Capt. Zieger.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greer.

PLEDGE:

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

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 3, 2023:

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2023 regular Town Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 BUDGET:

Mayor Greer opened the Budget Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2024 BUDGET):

None.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to close the Public Hearing due to no comments. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that Officer Hinman has his 4-year anniversary with the Town this month. There is no interest income in the financial report. He said that we do not receive the interest report until late in the day on the 1st. Mr. Duer stated that we have received our draft audit. The audit firm cited numerous errors made by the previous auditor.

Mr. Duer noted that we still need 3 – 4 members for the Planning Commission. Virginia Avenue is in dire need of repair. Citizens are upset and he is hopeful that a letter from Mayor Greer to VDOT will help.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. DUER:

APRIL FINANCIALS:

Income for the month of April was \$196,767 and expenses were \$254,871. There was a net loss of \$58,104. Mr. Duer explained that the loss is largely due to new security locks, computers in the police cars, one new police car was purchased, sewer consulting and Caleb Shrieves has been enrolled in water school.

YTD FINANCIALS:

The year-to-date income is at \$2,969,949 and expenses are at \$1,823,322, which gives us a year-to-date net income of \$1,146,328.

Mr. Duer noted that there are 2 budget amendments to be made. One is \$32,368.26 for the police car computers and another is \$35,910.51 for the new police car. He noted that the funds for the car were allocated, but not the funds for the computers. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the budget amendments as proposed. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously. Councilman Adkins made the Motion to allocate \$32,368.26 from the E-ticket funds to pay for the computers. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously. Mr. Duer asked the Mayor and Council if they would rather pay for the new car from the General Fund or Capital Improvement Fund. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to allocate \$35,910.51 from the General Fund to pay for the new car. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

VIRGINIA HOUSING RESOLUTION FOR WINMAR ADVISORY – MR. DUKES:

Mr. Dukes explained that there has been some interest by WinMar Advisory to purchase the land to the north of Dollar General, on the highway for the purpose of building a few businesses with apartments (for lower to moderate income persons/families) above them. He said that they need Exmore's support, by Resolution, in order to receive funds from the Virginia Housing Development Authority. Councilman Heaster made the Motion to adopt the Resolution. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed by the vote of Councilman Adkins-Nay; Councilman Doughty-Aye; Councilman Heaster-Aye; Vice-Mayor Lewis-Aye; Councilman Metz-Aye; Councilman Sturgis-Nay.

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GREGORY DEYOUNG'S SERVICE TO THE TOWN – MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that Gregory DeYoung has accepted a job with Northampton County Emergency Services. Mr. Duer suggested that Exmore adopt a Resolution of Appreciation thanking Mr. DeYoung for his years of service to Exmore. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. DeYoung to be presented at June's Town Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

2023-2024 ACQUISITION PLAN:

Mr. Duer stated that the Acquisition Plan is a guide for the purchase of new vehicles, mowers, and other equipment. He noted that we have not purchased new mowers in almost 10 years, and we will need to purchase another police car in order to keep 9 on hand. After brief discussion, Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to accept the 2023-2024 Acquisition Plan as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN AND A-NPDC – MR. DUKES:
(CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ACT):**

Mr. Dukes noted that the DEQ has contacted A-NPDC and agreed to pay for them to re-write the Chesapeake Preservation Act for the Town. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and A-NPDC in regard to the Chesapeake Preservation Act as presented. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Dukes added that it is time to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Exmore. He said that there have been changes, it just needs to be adopted with no changes. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to adopt the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan with no changes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Adkins and was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT – MR. DUER & MR. DUKES:

Mr. Duer noted that Senator Warner has reneged on the \$750,000 that was promised to Exmore for the sewer project.

Mr. Dukes noted that KevCor was awarded the Contract for the sewer project with changes. He said that he, Mr. Duer and Mrs. Ward met with USDA last week and they have suggested to award KevCor the contract at \$18.4 million and then make the necessary changes with KevCor.

PLANNING COMMISSION CANDIDATES – MR. DUER:

— Previously reported.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIMARTINO:

Chief DiMartino noted that all of the officers are doing well and staying busy. He reported 2 armed robberies, one at Family Dollar and the other in Accomac. Both suspects have been arrested and charged. There were 2 reportable crashes last month. Break-ins are increasing, but there have been none in Exmore. The new camera system in the New Road Community will go live next week. Chief DiMartino told the Mayor and Council that he and the department appreciate their support.

PUBLIC WORKS/ WATER/SEWER REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

ZONING REPORT – MR. DUKES:

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

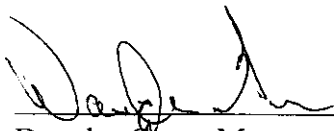
SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 – MEMORIAL DAY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Douglas Greer, Mayor



Ethel Parks, Town Clerk