## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 1, 2024 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024 at 7:00 pm.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Douglas Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Thomas Lewis-Present
Councilman G. W. Adkins-Present
Councilman Bryon Heaster-Present
Councilman John Metz-Present
Councilman Chase Sturgis-Present
7<sup>th</sup> Member Seat – Vacant

#### STAFF ATTENDANCE:

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

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Greer established a quorum and called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### 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 - JUNE 3, 2024:**

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2024, regular Town Council meeting as presented. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis and was passed unanimously.

## CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that Chief DiMartino has been of service to the Town 19 years this month. There remain 7 easements that have not been signed. Exmore's EDA representative, Kerry Kobe, needs to be reappointed. Clarice MacGarvey has given her notice that she will cease working with the Town as of October 31, 2024. Mr. Duer noted that Clarice has done a remarkable job for the Town and she will be missed.

## FINANCIAL REPORT - MR. DUER:

### JUNE FINANCIALS:

Income for the month of June was \$191,065 and expenses were \$1,990,028. The net loss for June was \$1,798,963.

### YTD FINANCIALS:

The year-to-date income is \$3,061,578 and expenses are \$3,985,488, which gives us a net loss of \$923,910. Mr. Duer explained that we are spending ARPA funds that have not been carried over.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to reappoint Ms. Kobe to the EDA. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Sturgis and was passed unanimously.

# KEVCOR JUNE BILL FOR SEWER PROJECT - MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer said that the KEVCOR invoice in the amount of \$791,014.78 needs to be approved to send to the engineers for approval. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize payment for pay app no. 11 to KEVCOR. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously. Mr. Duer noted that the East Phase of the project is complete and the retainage of \$211,480.95 should be approved by the engineers, also. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize pay app 11a. pending approval from the engineers. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

# BUDGET AMENDMENTS: EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS - MR. DUER:

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to approve the expenses including KEVCOR, John Maynard, salaries and James Cornwell. The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Lewis.

Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize payment of the 2 old sewer loans (USDA Bond A & Bond B). The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

Councilman Heaster made the Motion to accept the income from DEQ, USDA, DHCD and HUD. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Metz and was passed unanimously. Income from the ARPA funds include salaries, John Maynard, James Cornwell, USDA Sewer Bonds. Councilman Sturgis made the Motion to authorize income from the ARPA funds to pay salaries, John Maynard, James Cornwell and the USDA Sewer Bonds. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Heaster and was passed unanimously.

## **POLICE REPORT - CHIEF DIMARTINO:**

Chief DiMartino stated that Officer Hipple graduated from the Police Academy on June 11. Officer Hipple will finish his field training this month and then will be on his own.

The were no reportable crashes in June. Chief DiMartino said that Teresa Pittman has been planning the Exmore Outdoor Market for the Park. He said that the market will be open on Saturdays.

### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer noted that they are working on water and sewer leaks.

## WATER AND SEWER REPORT - MR. DUER:

Mr. Duer stated that a sensor on one of the motors is having some issues. Mr. Dukes is working on getting it repaired.

## **ZONING REPORT - MR. DUER:**

There is a joint meeting between the Town Council and Planning Commission scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

# CITIZEN COMMENT (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

None.

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS & CLOSINGS:

OFFICE CLOSED – THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024 – INDEPENDENCE DAY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 5 @ 7:00 pm JOINT TOWN COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISION MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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

Douglas Greer, Mayor

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