

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, December 21, 2020**
4 **6:30 pm**
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6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, December 21, 2020 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer,
9 Bob King, Daryl Watkins, Doug Bradley, and Janice Hannah.
10 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
11 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
12 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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14 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all
15 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani
16 welcomed all visitors and guests.
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18 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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20 **Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr.**
21 **Wymer seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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23 **Consent Agenda:**
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25 **Mr. Bradley moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
26 **minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Town and the financial**
27 **statements for November 2020. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which carried on**
28 **a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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30 **Public Hearing:**
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32 Mayor Bompiani opened the public hearing to hear comments on Budget
33 Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 20-21 at 6:32 p.m. There were no comments from the
34 public and so the public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.
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36 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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38 Mr. Sonny Mongold of Shady Lane, New Market, VA, praised the public works
39 Department for the excellent job they did putting up Christmas lights in the park for the
40 holiday season this year. He remarked that they had done a very professional job.
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42 **Committee Reports:**
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44 There were no Committee Reports.
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46 **Staff Reports:**
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48 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd Walters**

49 Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on
50 planning and zoning items such as a sign permit for Jalisco's and a zoning permit request
51 for 404 West Old Cross Road. Mr. Walters also gave an update on projects on which the
52 public works department had worked. Mr. Walters advised that in an effort to reduce the
53 number of people attending the meeting due to the pandemic, Mrs. Smoot and Chief
54 Rinker would not be giving their presentations at the meeting, but Council members
55 would receive a hard copy of their presentations. A copy of Mr. Walter's presentation is
56 on file with the minutes.

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58 **2. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker**

59 Chief Rinker distributed his monthly report to Council members. A copy of Chief
60 Rinker's report is on file with the minutes.

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62 **3. Events & Marketing Annual Report – Mrs. Amber Smoot**

63 Mrs. Smoot's power point presentation was distributed to Council members as
64 well. A copy of Mrs. Smoot's presentation is on file with the minutes.

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66 **Action Items:**

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68 The first Action Item was the discussion and consideration of a request from the
69 New Market Farmer's Market. Mr. Walters advised that the New Market Farmer's
70 Market had requested to use the west side of the public parking lot on Congress Street
71 every Friday beginning in March 2021 and going through November 2021, with hours
72 between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A copy of the requests from the New Market Farmer's
73 Market is included with the packet. **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the
74 requests from the New Market Farmer's Market for use of the west side of the
75 public parking lot on Fridays for the 2021 season beginning in March and going
76 through November with hours of operation between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and
77 not to exceed 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which carried on the
78 following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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80	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
81	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. Bradley	Aye
82	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mr. King	Aye

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84 The next action item was the discussion and consideration of the reappointment of
85 Mr. Sonny Mongold and Mr. Tom Linski, Jr., to the New Market Planning Commission.
86 Mr. Walters advised that the terms of three planning commission members are set to
87 expire at the end of December. Mr. Bair did request that he not be reappointed. Mr.
88 Walters advised that Council members will likely discuss filling the vacancy at the
89 beginning of next month. Mr. Mongold and Mr. Linski have asked to be reappointed.
90 Mr. Walters advised that he does have one application for the vacancy. **Mr. Wymer
91 made a motion to reappoint Mr. Sonny Mongold and Mr. Tom Linski, Jr. to the
92 New Market Planning Commission. Mr. King seconded the motion which passed on
93 the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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95	Mr. King	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
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The next action item was the discussion and consideration of Budget Amendment #2. Mr. Walters advised that he had presented the information for the budget amendment at the work session held in December and he could go over it again if necessary. Council agreed he did not need to go over the information again. **Mr. Wymer made a motion to accept Budget Amendment #2. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. Bradley	Aye
Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mr. King	Aye

Mayor’s Comments:

Mayor Bompiani offered condolences to Mrs. Green on the recent loss of her father. Mayor Bompiani stated that he was surprised at the number of his patients from the Harrisonburg area who have commented to him on the Christmas lights in the park. He stated that he supports what Mr. Mongold said earlier regarding the work done by the public works department on the lights in the park. He said that one of his patients saw the lights in the park when she came off the interstate into New Market and felt like she was home. Mayor Bompiani also thanked the town for the gift baskets.

Council Comments:

Mrs. Harkness commended the Town Staff for the work done in the park. She too has heard lots of compliments on the lights. Her husband has taken videos and photos of the lights in the park. She stated this brings the community together and she commends staff for the hard work on making it happen.

Mr. Watkins commended the public works department for the fine work they did on clearing the snow during the recent snow storm.

Mrs. Hannah thanked Town Staff for all that they do. She said she understands that staff does many things that are above and beyond what is in their job descriptions and she appreciates what they do.

Mr. Wymer thanked staff for their hard work.

Mr. King requested that Mr. Walters make the public works staff aware of Mr. Mongold’s comments regarding their work on the lights in the park.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Walters mentioned that this has been a difficult year and staff has worked continuously during the pandemic in order to make the town run. He appreciates that staff worked with little to no complaint. Without the work of the staff, projects would not get done. Mr. Walters advised that he appreciates his staff very much. He appreciates that staff is willing to do tasks that are outside of their job descriptions on a regular basis. He appreciates Council and their support as well.

Chief Rinker commented that he appreciated Mr. Walters calling and checking on him during the last few weeks when he was out sick.

Closed Session:

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At 6:52 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to enter into Closed Session as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the state code to discuss the performance and employment of specific local government personnel. The subject matter of the meeting is a specific local government employee, Town Manager's Annual Review. And a Closed Meeting as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the state code, to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. The subject matter is the possible acquisition of real property for community and recreational activities. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:


Mr. King	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
Mr. Bradley	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

At 8:19 p.m. Mr. Watkins made a motion to return from Closes Session and read aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just-concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. King seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:


Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. Bradley	Aye
Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mr. King	Aye

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.



J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor