

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Tuesday, January 19, 2021**
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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer,
9 Bob King, Daryl Watkins, and Janice Hannah. Council Member Doug Bradley was
10 absent.

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12 Town Attorney – Jordan Bowman
13 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
14 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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16 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five
17 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani
18 welcomed all visitors and guests.
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20 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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22 **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to amend the agenda to move Action Item #1**
23 **to follow the Closed Session. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the**
24 **following unanimous 5-0 roll call vote:**
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26	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
27	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
28	Mr. Watkins	Aye		

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30 **Consent Agenda:**
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32 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
33 **minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting of the Town Council and the financial**
34 **statements for December 2020. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a**
35 **unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**
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37 **Public Hearing:**
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39 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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41 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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43 There were no comments from the public emailed to Mr. Walters prior to this
44 meeting.

- 45 1. Mr. James Kelly, presented the audit findings for year ending June 30, 2020
46 by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. Mr. Kelly gave a brief power point
47 presentation highlighting some key points from the audit. A copy of Mr.
48 Kelly's presentation is on file with the minutes.
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50 **Committee Reports:**

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52 There were no Committee Reports.

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54 **Staff Reports:**

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56 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd Walters**

57 Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on
58 planning and zoning items, and updates on projects on which the public works
59 department and water department had worked. Mr. Walters advised that in an effort to
60 reduce the number of people attending the meeting due to the pandemic, Mrs. Smoot and
61 Chief Rinker would not be giving their presentations at the meeting, but Council
62 members would receive a hard copy of their presentations. Mr. Watkins asked Mr.
63 Walters about the timeline expected for work on a house on Shady Lane. Mr. Walters
64 advised that the permit for work on the foundation had been approved. Mr. Watkins
65 mentioned that work has been done at that location and it looks like they are currently
66 working to put in a foundation drain. Mr. Walters advised he could reach out to the
67 property owner to find out what his plans are. Mrs. Hannah asked Mr. Walters where the
68 Town had advertised for the Town Planner position. Mr. Walters advised that the Town
69 had advertised on the Town’s website, VML’s website, and in the Daily News Record,
70 and the Northern Virginia Daily. Mr. Walters stated that if the Town does not receive
71 any applications, the position would be re-advertised as “open until filled”.

72 A copy of Mr. Walter’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

75 Chief Rinker distributed his monthly report to Council members. A copy of Chief
76 Rinker’s report is on file with the minutes.

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

79 Mrs. Smoot’s power point presentation was distributed to Council members as
80 well. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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82 **Closed Session:**

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84 **At 6:56 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to enter into Closed Session as**
85 **authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state code to consult with legal counsel**
86 **regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by our**
87 **attorney. The subject matter of the meeting is Utility Disconnection Memorandum**
88 **Exemption. And a Closed Session to discuss the hiring or appointment of specific**
89 **public officers, appointees, or employees, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of**
90 **the state code. The subject matter is the appointment of a specific public official.**
91 **Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 unanimous roll**
92 **call vote:**

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94	Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
95	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
96	Mr. Watkins	Aye		

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98 At 7:34 p.m. Mr. Watkins made a motion to return from Closed Session and
99 read aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just-
100 concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only
101 public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under
102 The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters
103 as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were
104 heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Wymer
105 seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:
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107	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
108	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
109	Mr. Watkins	Aye		

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111 **Action Items:**
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113 The first Action Item was the discussion and consideration of an appointment to
114 the Planning Commission. Mrs. Harkness made a motion to appoint Mrs. Sherri
115 Erbaugh to the New Market Planning Commission for a four year term. Mr.
116 Wymer seconded the motion which carried on the following unanimous 5-0 roll call
117 vote:
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119	Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
120	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
121	Mr. Watkins	Aye		

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123 **Mayor's Comments:**
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125 Mayor Bompiani mentioned that he had received a letter from a citizen regarding
126 how the Town is prioritizing sidewalk repair work in the Town. He remarked that he had
127 met with that citizen regarding those concerns.
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129 **Council Comments:**
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131 There were no Council Comments.
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133 **Staff Comments:**
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135 There were no Staff Comments.
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137 **Adjournment:**
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139 With no further business to discuss, at 7:52 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion
140 to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a
141 unanimous 5-0 voice vote.
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146 J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor