

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**
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 18, 2022 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Bob King, Peter
9 Hughes, Daryl Watkins and Janice Hannah. Council Member Scott Wymer was absent.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham (via Zoom link)
12 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
13 Town Treasurer- Teresa Green
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15 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five
16 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani
17 welcomed all visitors and guests.
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19 **Approval of the Agenda:**

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21 **Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. King**
22 **seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**
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24 **Consent Agenda:**

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26 **Mr. Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
27 **minutes from the December 20, 2021 meeting of the Town Council, and the**
28 **Financial Statements for December 2021. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion which**
29 **carried on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**
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31 **Public Hearing:**

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33 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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35 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

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37 There were no comments nor petitions.
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39 **Committee Reports:**

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41 There were no committee reports.
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43 **Staff Reports:**

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45 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. D. Fadley**

46 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects on which
47 his department had worked over the past month. One of those projects was the removal
48 of Christmas decorations in the park, at the Town Office, and on Congress Street.
49 Additional projects on which they had worked included snow removal, vehicle

50 maintenance, the replacement of a meter box at 162 West Lee Street, the regular cleaning
51 of park restrooms, and street and sidewalk maintenance. The Maintenance Department
52 also collected Christmas trees and disposed of them. The Water Department replaced a
53 heater at Campbell Pump Station, performed generator maintenance, replaced an air
54 bubbler at Campbell Pump Station, washed down and disinfected Campbell Pump
55 Station, and replaced 14 control valves on CMF unit #2. A copy of Mr. Fadley's
56 presentation is on file with the minutes.

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58 **2. Planning Department Monthly Report – Meghan Rupkey**

59 Ms. Rupkey was not present for the meeting so Mr. Walters gave the Town
60 Planner's Report. Ms. Rupkey had worked on a shed permit for 9909 Pleasant View
61 Drive, received signatures on a lot line adjustment and lot line vacation and provided this
62 documentation to the property owner to be recorded at the courthouse. There was no
63 Planning Commission meeting held in January. The ShenGo Transit has had over 700
64 riders since the launch. The Town is also still in need of volunteers for the BZA. Ms.
65 Rupkey is requesting that anyone interested should apply with her. A copy of Ms.
66 Rupkey's power point presentation is on file with the minutes.

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68 **3. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker**

69 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for
70 the month of December. One notable event for the month was the Police Department
71 provided a presence during the Tis the Season Drive through parade at the Community
72 Park. Chief Rinker also notified Council that it is possible that New Market Police
73 Officers who have to accompany an ECO/TDO to the hospital may have to be at the
74 hospital for an extended period of time (as much as twelve hours), due to a lack of beds
75 or available rooms at any of the facilities where a patient may be taken. This would
76 result in the possibility of other agencies having to cover calls in New Market during
77 such a time frame. A copy of Chief Rinker's report is on file with the minutes.

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79 **4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report – Amber Smoot**

80 Mrs. Smoot gave a presentation providing a review of events held and projects
81 handled in 2021. She provided some podcast statistics for 2021. Mrs. Smoot mentioned
82 that the texting/email alert system had started in 2021. She also mentioned that the E-
83 newsletter currently has 619 people signed up to receive it. Mrs. Smoot is currently in
84 the process of planning yearly events for 2022, working on brochures and other
85 publications, as well as creating an RFP for website re-design. She is also in the early
86 stages of planning for replacement of wayfinding signage. Other projects she is looking
87 into include downtown artwork such as a mural, and the LOVEworks project. A copy of
88 Mrs. Smoot's presentation is on file with the minutes.

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91 **Closed Meeting:**

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93 **At 6:55 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to recess into Closed Session to**
94 **consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of**
95 **legal advice by our attorney, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state**
96 **code. The subject matter of the meeting is property transfer issues. And a Closed**
97 **Session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, as**
98 **authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the state code. The subject matter is the**

99 possible acquisition of real property for public purposes. Mr. Hughes seconded the
100 motion which passed on the following unanimous 5-0 roll call vote:

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102 Mrs. Hannah Aye Mr. King Aye
103 Mr. Watkins Aye Mrs. Harkness Aye
104 Mr. Hughes Aye
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106 At 8:24 p.m., Mr. Watkins made a motion to return from Closed Session by
107 reading aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just
108 concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only
109 public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under
110 The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters
111 as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were
112 heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Hughes
113 seconded the motion which passed on the following unanimous 5-0 roll call vote:

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115 Mrs. Harkness Aye Mr. Watkins Aye
116 Mr. King Aye Mrs. Hannah Aye
117 Mr. Hughes Aye
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120 **Action Items:**

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122 The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of
123 Resolution #240: A Resolution Regarding the Acceptance of the Hassler-Sutphin Post
124 No. 166, American Legion, Inc. Building and Property.

125 Mrs. Harkness made a motion to table action item #1, discussion and
126 consideration of Resolution #240 – A Resolution regarding the acceptance of the
127 Hassler-Sutphin Post No. 166, American Legion, Inc., building and property, until
128 the February 2022 council meeting. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which passed
129 on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:

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131 Mrs. Hannah Aye Mr. King Aye
132 Mr. Watkins Aye Mrs. Harkness Aye
133 Mr. Hughes Aye
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135 The second action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of
136 Resolution #241 – A Resolution regarding the acceptance of the New Market Community
137 Center, incorporated building, property and assets.

138 Mrs. Hannah made a motion to approve Resolution #241: A Resolution
139 regarding the acceptance of the New Market Community Center, Incorporated
140 building, property and assets. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which passed on
141 the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:

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143 Mrs. Harkness Aye Mr. Watkins Aye
144 Mr. King Aye Mrs. Hannah Aye
145 Mr. Hughes Aye
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148 **Mayor's Comments:**

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150 There were no comments from the Mayor.

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152 **Council Comments:**

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154 Mr. Hughes expressed his gratitude to the Maintenance Department for clearing
155 the roads during the recent snow storm.

156 Mr. Watkins remarked that he enjoyed the way Council Members worked
157 together at this meeting.

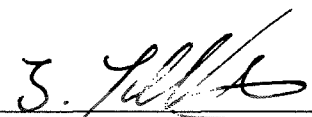
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159 **Staff Comments:**


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161 Mr. Walters stated that the trash collection day in New Market has been moved
162 this week to Saturday due to delays caused by the recent winter storm. Mr. Walters also
163 remarked that he and Mr. Fadley had a conversation with an engineering firm from Luray
164 regarding the maintenance shop building. A meeting will be planned with that firm in the
165 coming weeks. He and Mr. Fadley are exploring the option of not hiring a contractor,
166 acquiring the plans from the engineer and then managing the project ourselves. This
167 would be a cost saving measure.

168 Mrs. Green advised Council Members that a copy of the audit had been
169 distributed to them for their review. Mr. James Kelly, auditor, will present their findings
170 at the February 2022 Council Meeting.

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172 **Adjournment:**

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174 **With no further business to discuss, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. King made a motion to**
175 **adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which carried on a**
176 **unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**

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181 J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor