

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, March 21, 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 Monday, March 21, 2022 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Bob King, Peter
9 Hughes, Daryl Watkins, and Scott Wymer. Council Member Janice Hannah arrived late.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
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 **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to**
22 **include Action Item #3, which is the discussion and consideration of authorizing the**
23 **Town Manager to apply for a \$50,000 CDBG Planning grant for the Town of New**
24 **Market for the Community Center. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which passed**
25 **on the following roll call vote:**
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27 Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
28 Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
29 Mr. Hughes	Aye		

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31 **Consent Agenda:**
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33 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
34 **minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Town Council, the minutes from**
35 **the March 7, 2022 Special Called Meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
36 **Statements for February 2022. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a**
37 **unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**
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39 **Public Hearing:**
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41 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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43 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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45 Ms. Megan Capps, Executive Assistant, Moms in Motion, was unable to attend
46 the meeting to make a presentation.

47 There were no comments nor petitions from citizens at the meeting, nor were any
48 comments emailed to Mr. Walters.
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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. D. Fadley**

57 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects which his
58 department had worked on over the past month. The Maintenance Department repaired
59 one leak in the distribution system, handled three sewer backups, continued to refurbish
60 picnic tables from the shelters at the park, performed snow removal and vehicle
61 maintenance. The Water Department replaced 4 control panel solenoid valves on the #2
62 filter unit, washed down and disinfected the Foothills pump station, worked with an
63 engineer on the corrosion control program and design for injection points, replaced a
64 turbidity meter at the Water Plant, and took care of end of year filings. A copy of Mr.
65 Fadley’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

68 Ms. Rupkey gave a brief power point presentation highlighting some items she
69 had worked on during the month. One permit had been issued for bee keeping at 105
70 Clark Street. Also a variance application had been received for a property at the end of
71 Clark Street. Ms. Rupkey mentioned that the Planning Commission held their quarterly
72 meeting at the beginning of March. She is currently working on the planning grant
73 application for the Community Center. That application process opens April 1, 2022. A
74 copy of Ms. Rupkey’s power point presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

77 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for
78 the month of February 2022 as well as some notable events for the month. Notable
79 events include Sergeant Smoot attending a 2-day rifle armor training in Lexington, a
80 Police Department staff meeting, and a 3-day crisis response team training in Virginia
81 Beach attended by Chief Rinker. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the
82 minutes.

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

85 Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation regarding upcoming events in the
86 Town. Mrs. Smoot mentioned that Shenandoah County’s 250th Birthday Bash event will
87 be held at the New Market Battlefield this coming Saturday. Ms. Smoot provided a run-
88 down of activities planned for that celebration. Other upcoming events include the Easter
89 Egg Hunt in the park and the Arbor Day Celebration. Ms. Smoot also mentioned that the
90 event rack card and new brochures will be available next month. The website RFP will
91 be out by the end of the month. She is currently working on sponsorships for Cross
92 Roads. She also mentioned a Money Management class to be hosted in New Market. A
93 copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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95 **Closed Meeting:**

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97 There were no Closed meetings scheduled.

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99 **Action Items:**

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101 The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of a text
102 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, removing the word “hedge” from Section 70-133.
103 Ms. Rupkey mentioned that a public hearing had been held early in March regarding this
104 text amendment. This amendment just removes the word “hedge” from the ordinance.
105 The Planning Commission recommended the approval of the text amendment.

106 **Mr. King made a motion to approve the text amendment as recommended**
107 **by the Planning Commission and as stated in the packet. Mr. Wymer seconded the**
108 **motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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110 **Mrs. Harkness Aye Mr. Watkins Aye**
111 **Mr. King Aye Mrs. Hannah Aye**
112 **Mr. Hughes Aye Mr. Wymer Aye**
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114 The second action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of the
115 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 23-27. Mr. Walters advised that Council
116 Members had received a copy of the CIP FY 23-27 some time ago and it had been
117 discussed at Council’s Work Session held on March 12, 2022. Mr. Walters advised that
118 if Council Members had any questions he would be happy to answer them.

119 **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan**
120 **(CIP) for FY 23-27. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following**
121 **6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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123 **Mr. Wymer Aye Mr. Hughes Aye**
124 **Mrs. Hannah Aye Mr. King Aye**
125 **Mr. Watkins Aye Mrs. Harkness Aye**
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127 The third action item was the discussion and consideration of authorizing the
128 Town Manager to apply for a \$50,000 CDBG Planning Grant for the Town of New
129 Market for the Community Center. Mr. Walters advised that this is providing approval
130 for Mr. Walters to apply for the grant. If Council votes to make this approval, the
131 minutes from this meeting will be included with the grant application as proof of
132 Council’s support. Mr. Walters also hopes to get some additional letters of support. As
133 Meghan stated, most of the initial questions have been answered so that the Town will be
134 ready to include them once the application is made available on April 1, 2022. **Mrs.**
135 **Harkness made a motion to authorize Mr. Walters, on behalf of the Town of New**
136 **Market, to apply for the \$50,000 CDBG Planning Grant for the New Market**
137 **Community Center planning project. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which**
138 **passed on the following, unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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140 **Mrs. Harkness Aye Mr. Watkins Aye**
141 **Mr. King Aye Mrs. Hannah Aye**
142 **Mr. Hughes Aye Mr. Wymer Aye**
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144 **Mayor’s Comments:**

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146 Mayor Bompiani read aloud a Proclamation establishing April 2022 as National
147 Autism Awareness Month. A copy of the Proclamation is included with the packet.

148 Mayor Bompiani also mentioned that Mountain View High School football team
149 is willing to pitch in with any labor projects if needed in Town.

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151 **Council Comments:**


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153 There were no comments from Council Members.

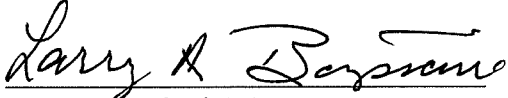
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155 **Staff Comments:**

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157 Mr. Walters remarked that staff will apply for the \$50,000 CDBG Planning Grant
158 for the Community Center Planning Project as soon as possible once the application is
159 made available on April 1, 2022. Mr. Walters stated that he had a meeting today
160 regarding the Water Improvement Project. He has received a draft of the PER for the
161 water storage tank and will review it. The project has been broken up into two separate
162 projects with one for the water storage tank, and one for water line replacements. Mr.
163 Walters expects to receive the PER for the water line replacements by next week. Both
164 PER's will be submitted to DEQ within the next two weeks. Mr. Walters also mentioned
165 that the engineers did speak to VDH and there is a new round of funding. There are two
166 submission dates. One is April 8, 2022 and one is May 8, 2022. Staff and the engineers
167 will try to get an application ready to submit but it will be to see if the town qualifies for
168 some loan principal forgiveness. Mr. Walters is uncertain if the Town will be able to
169 receive it. Mr. Walters believes the Town needs approximately two million more dollars
170 in order to complete the projects that need to be completed.

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172 **Adjournment:**

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174 **With no further business to discuss, at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion**
175 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a**
176 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**

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180 J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk

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179 Larry Bompiani, Mayor