

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, May 16, 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, May 16, 2022 with the following members
8 present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Janice Hannah, Bob
9 King, Peter Hughes, Daryl Watkins, and Scott Wymer.

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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 all
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. Wymer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. King**
22 **seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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24 **Consent Agenda:**
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26 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
27 **minutes from the April 18, 2022 Meeting of the Town Council, minutes from the**
28 **April 25, 2022 Special Called Meeting of the Town Council, minutes from the April**
29 **25, 2022 Work Session of the Town Council, minutes from the May 9, 2022 Work**
30 **Session of the town Council and the Financial Statements for April 2022. Mr.**
31 **Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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33 **Public Hearing:**
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35 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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37 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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39 There were no citizen comments nor petitions. Mr. Walters did not receive any
40 comments from the public via email.
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42 **Committee Reports:**
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49 **Staff Reports:**

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

Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects which his department had worked on over the past month. The Maintenance Department assisted the poultry plant with a water leak at a meter, worked on two water main repairs on South Congress Street, and took care of a sewer back up at the Town Office. They also drained, cleaned and repaired the Town Pool, mowed town properties and planted some new trees in the park. The Water Department replaced a main SCADA panel at North Fork Pump Station, changed out 48 filters at the water plant, updated the O&M manual for the water plant, updated the laboratory testing manual for DEQ testing, and began preparations for upcoming inspections. A copy of Mr. Fadley’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

2. Planning Department Monthly Report – Meghan Rupkey

Ms. Rupkey gave a brief power point presentation highlighting projects she had worked on during the month. She had received a zoning request that will be brought to the Planning Commission on June 6th, 2022. She had also approved a variance to the road frontage requirements for a property on Clark Street, and began work on a Food Truck ordinance. A copy of Ms. Rupkey’s power point presentation is on file with the minutes.

3. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker

Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for the month of April 2022 as well as some notable events for the month. Chief Rinker mentioned that the Police Department took 12 criminal reports related to larcenies, breaking and entering, and vandalism during the timeframe of April 1, 2022 – April 21, 2022. Charges were placed on two individuals. Chief Rinker also mentioned that an ECO/TDO had been handled by the department. Police Department Staff sat at the hospital with the individual in crisis for approximately 43 hours, until a bed at a facility was located for the individual. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the minutes.

4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report – Amber Smoot

Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation regarding upcoming events in the Town. Mrs. Smoot mentioned that a class entitled “Managing Your Money” will be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evenings for six weeks. Other events scheduled for the month include Jammin’ Foods Fest and a Movie Night in the Park. Upcoming events include more Movie Nights in the Park, and Cross Roads Music Events. Ms. Smoot mentioned that eight website design/hosting proposals have been received by Town Staff and interviews will be set up for several companies within the next week. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

Action Items:

The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Mr. Walters advised that Mr. Tom Brower’s term on the Board of Zoning Appeals expired in March and he has expressed a desire to serve another term. Town Staff advises council to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Brower. Town Staff had also received an application from Ms. Heather Beach and Town Staff is recommending that Council recommend the

99 appointment of Ms. Heather Beach to the Board of Zoning Appeals. **Mr. Hughes made**
100 **a motion to recommend to the Circuit Court the reappointment of Mr. Tom Brower**
101 **to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the appointment of Ms. Heather Beach to the**
102 **Board of Zoning Appeals. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which passed on the**
103 **following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

104	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye
105	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
106	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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108 **Mayor's Comments:**

109 Mayor Bompiani asked Chief Rinker if he'd like to say a few words in regards to
110 National Police Week. Chief Rinker read aloud the following statement:
111 "In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial
112 Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. A joint
113 resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those
114 law enforcement officer who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and
115 protection of others." Chief Rinker also mentioned that he had received a letter from
116 Senator Mark Warner and he read the following excerpt from the letter, "A career in law
117 enforcement demands courage, honor, and a commitment to service above self. In
118 difficult and high-pressure circumstance, you are able to remain steadfast and take action
119 in order to protect your fellow citizens. Too many have lost their lives in the line-of-
120 duty, and during this important week, we take a moment to reflect upon their service."
121 Chief Rinker mentioned that the New Market Police Department has a combined eighty
122 years of service within its staff. Chief Rinker thanked the staff of the New Market Police
123 Department (all Police Department Staff were present at this meeting) for their hard work
124 and dedication to the Town of New Market. Chief Rinker also thanked the Mayor, Town
125 Council Members, and Mr. Walters for their support of the New Market Police
126 Department.

127 Mayor Bompiani mentioned that in 2019 there were 149 officers killed in the United
128 States. That number more than doubled in 2020 to 373. In 2021, 473 officers were killed
129 in the United States. That's an increase of 200 more deaths of officers in two years.
130 Mayor Bompiani remarked that he and Town Council Members greatly appreciate what
131 the New Market Police Department staff does for the Town.

132 Council Members all thanked the Police Department for everything they do.

133 Mayor Bompiani read aloud a proclamation establishing May 11-17, 2022 as National
134 Police Week 2022 in the Town of New Market. A copy of the Proclamation is on file
135 with the packet.

136 Mayor Bompiani also read aloud a proclamation establishing May 15-21, 2022 as
137 National Public Works Week. A copy of the Proclamation is on file with the packet.

138 Mayor Bompiani remarked that he appreciates the Public Works Staff's willingness to be
139 on call for utility emergencies, and he greatly appreciates all they do for the Town.

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141 **Council Comments:**

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143 Peg recognized students who were present in the audience to observe a local
144 government meeting.

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146 **Staff Comments:**


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148 Mr. Walters mentioned that he appreciates all that the Public Works Department
149 does for the Town in all kinds of weather. Mr. Walters mentioned that citizens are not
150 aware of all the things that are done for them by the Public Works Department. Mr.
151 Walters also thanked Chief Rinker and the New Market Police Department for all they do
152 for the Town and stressed how much they are appreciated.
153 Mr. Walters stated that the revised budget will be sent to Council. Town staff is currently
154 working on an ad for the public hearing for the budget. A special Meeting for the
155 purpose of holding the public hearing will be scheduled a week before the regular June
156 Council Meeting. There will also be a joint public hearing with the Planning
157 Commission in July.

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159 **Closed Meeting:** There were no closed meetings scheduled.

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161 **Adjournment:**

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163 **With no further business to discuss, at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion**
164 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a**
165 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**

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170 J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor