

1 **Minutes of the New Market**  
2 **Town Council Meeting**  
3 **Tuesday, June 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 Tuesday, June 21, 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. Hughes**  
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 May 16, 2022 Meeting of the Town Council, minutes from the May**  
28 **13, 2022 Special Called Meeting/Public Hearing of the Town Council, minutes from**  
29 **the May 13, 2022 Special Called Meeting/Closed Session of the Town Council, and**  
30 **the Financial Statements for May 2022. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which**  
31 **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 Mr. Ryan Cabbage, with Northwestern Prevention Collaborative and the Family  
40 Youth Initiative, gave a brief presentation on the purpose of his organization and how  
41 they can impact a community. He mentioned work they had done in Page County and  
42 stated that there is a need for Family Youth Initiative in Shenandoah County. Mr.  
43 Cabbage's purpose for talking to Council was to request use of the Community Center  
44 for a meeting place for various youth activities. Mr. Cabbage introduced Mr. Khalani  
45 Hollifield who is a youth mentor with Family Youth Initiative. Mr. Hollifield spoke  
46 briefly on how Family Youth Initiative has impacted his life. He stressed that the Town  
47 of New Market really has a need for a place for youth to go to take place in organized  
48 activities, hang out with their peer group in a supervised environment, and learn new  
49 skills. Mr. Cabbage and Mr. Hollifield fielded comments and questions from Council

50 Members regarding what they would like to do with the Community Center. Mr. Walters  
51 asked Mr. Cabbage if his organization would like to use the Community Center currently  
52 as it is, or if they are asking to use it in the future, once it's been renovated. Mr. Cabbage  
53 advised that they would very much like to make use of it now, if they were permitted to  
54 do so. Mr. Cabbage thanked Council for allowing them to come and speak this evening.  
55 A copy of Mr. Cabbage's presentation is on file with the minutes.

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57 **Committee Reports:**

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59 There were no committee reports.

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61 **Staff Reports:**

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

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65 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects which his  
66 department had worked on over the past month. The Maintenance Department assisted  
67 the poultry plant with a water leak and replaced a shut off valve at 398 West Old Cross  
68 Road. They also worked on a sewer back up at a location on Congress Street, repaired a  
69 sewer lateral at 9418 John Sevier Road, and installed a clean-out on a lateral at a location  
70 on John Sevier Road. The Maintenance Department also replaced the swing chains and  
71 all the hardware on the swings at the Town Park, as well as handled all their regular  
72 monthly maintenance tasks. The Water Department replaced the batteries and charge on  
73 the generator at Well 6, replaced batteries at the North Fork Pump Station generator,  
74 cleaned and inspected Stirewalt pump station wet well and suction pipes, distributed the  
75 Annual Consumer Confidence Report for drinking water, and replaced a cooling fan on  
76 the frequency drive on Pump 1 at North Fork Pump Station. A copy of Mr. Fadley's  
77 presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

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80 Ms. Rupkey gave a brief update summarizing what she had been working on over  
81 the past month. She mentioned that a public hearing will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for a  
82 rezoning request for a property on Clark Street. She has sent out a few violation letters  
83 regarding tall grass. Ms. Rupkey will be attending training in the upcoming week in  
84 order to obtain her Certified Zoning Administrator Certification for a test that she will  
85 take later in the year. Ms. Rupkey also mentioned that the Town has received  
86 information on the next steps for the Planning Grant for the Community Center. A copy  
87 of Ms. Rupkey's power point presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

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90 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for  
91 the month of May 2022 as well as some notable events for the month. Chief Rinker  
92 attended the FBI National Command Course in Quantico in early May. He also spoke to  
93 basic recruits at the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy about  
94 Emotional Longevity for Law Enforcement. May 23, 2022 – June 6, 2022 the entire  
95 Police Department participated in "Click it or Ticket" campaign. A copy of Chief  
96 Rinker's report is on file with the minutes.

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

98 Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation in which she gave an update on  
99 recent events and upcoming events. She also mentioned that she is currently working  
100 with vendors on the Town's website redesign, wayfinding signage, and creating an app  
101 for the Walking Tour brochure. Mrs. Smoot is also currently involved with RevUp  
102 Planning, the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration, and the Merchant's Committee. A copy of Mrs. Smoot's  
103 presentation is on file with the minutes.

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105 **Action Items:**

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107 The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of  
108 requests from the New Market Chamber of Commerce for their 28<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival.  
109 Mr. Walters advised that the Chamber's requests are the same as in previous years. A  
110 copy of their requests was included with the packet. **Mr. Hughes made a motion to**  
111 **approve the requests from the New Market Chamber of Commerce for their 28<sup>th</sup>**  
112 **annual Fall Festival. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which passed on the**  
113 **following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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115	<b>Mr. Wymer</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mr. Hughes</b>	<b>Aye</b>
116	<b>Mrs. Hannah</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mr. King</b>	<b>Aye</b>
117	<b>Mr. Watkins</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mrs. Harkness</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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119 The second action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of  
120 Ordinance #119: Adoption of State Law. Mr. Walters advised that this is the annual  
121 adoption into our Ordinance any traffic laws that have been changed as a result of the  
122 General Assembly's action during their session. If approved, it will become effective  
123 July 1, 2022. Mr. Jordan Bowman advised that this is something the Town does every  
124 year so that the Town can receive a percentage of the revenues that are generated when  
125 police give tickets to people. He stated that by adopting Ordinance #119, Council is  
126 making the state law a Town Ordinance. Mr. Hughes remarked that it would be helpful  
127 to know what changes have been made so that Council could know what they are  
128 approving. Mr. Bowman advised that he would discuss it with Mr. Ham and they may be  
129 able to find sources that do a good job of summarizing the changes made by the General  
130 Assembly so that in the future Council may have that prior to approving an Ordinance  
131 adopting State Law. **Mr. Hughes made a motion to adopt Ordinance #119: Adoption**  
132 **of State Law. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0**  
133 **unanimous roll call vote:**

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135	<b>Mrs. Harkness</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mr. Watkins</b>	<b>Aye</b>
136	<b>Mr. King</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mrs. Hannah</b>	<b>Aye</b>
137	<b>Mr. Hughes</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mr. Wymer</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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139 The third action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of  
140 Ordinance #120: Adoption of the Annual Budget for FY 22-23. **Mrs. Harkness made a**  
141 **motion to approve Ordinance #120: Adoption of the Annual Budget for FY 22-23.**  
142 **Mr. King seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll**  
143 **call vote:**

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145	<b>Mr. Wymer</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mr. Hughes</b>	<b>Aye</b>
146	<b>Mrs. Hannah</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Mr. King</b>	<b>Aye</b>

147           **Mr. Watkins**           **Aye**                           **Mrs. Harkness**           **Aye**  
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149           The fourth action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of  
150 Resolution #243 – Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefits. Mr. Walters advised that this is a  
151 resolution that has to be passed for VRS to let them know that the Town is agreeing to  
152 increase the multiplier from 1.7% to 1.85% for law enforcement officers. **Mrs. Hannah**  
153 **made a motion to approve Resolution #243 – Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefits.**  
154 **Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll**  
155 **call vote:**

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157           **Mrs. Harkness**           **Aye**                           **Mr. Watkins**           **Aye**  
158           **Mr. King**           **Aye**                           **Mrs. Hannah**           **Aye**  
159           **Mr. Hughes**           **Aye**                           **Mr. Wymer**           **Aye**  
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161 **Mayor’s Comments:**

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163           Mayor Bompiani mentioned that he has received many favorable comments and  
164 compliments on the events that are being held in New Market. He is very appreciative of  
165 all the work that is being put in to make these events happen.  
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167 **Council Comments:**

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169           Mr. Watkins mentioned that the attendance at the Town’s events have been very  
170 good and he appreciates the leadership of Mrs. Smoot on these events.  
171           Mrs. Hannah remarked that the first meeting of the steering committee for the  
172 Community Center was held last month. They are in the process of establishing a vision  
173 for the community center. She hopes to be able to present that vision after the next  
174 steering committee meeting.  
175           Mr. Hughes thanked Mrs. Rupkey and Mr. Walters for the work done on the grant  
176 application for the New Market Community Center.  
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178 **Staff Comments:**

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180           There were no comments from staff members.  
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182 **Closed Meeting:**

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184           **At 7:29 p.m. Mrs. Harkness made a motion to recess into Closed Session to**  
185 **consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of**  
186 **legal advice by our attorney, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state**  
187 **code. The subject matter of the meeting is annexation matters. And to recess into**  
188 **Closed Session to discuss the disposition of real property, where discussion in an**  
189 **open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body, as**  
190 **authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(3). The subject matter of the meeting is real**  
191 **estate owned by the local government. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which**  
192 **passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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194           **Mr. Wymer**           **Aye**                           **Mr. Hughes**           **Aye**  
195           **Mrs. Hannah**           **Aye**                           **Mr. King**           **Aye**

196 Mr. Watkins Aye Mrs. Harkness Aye  
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199 At 8:37 p.m., Mr. Watkins made a motion to return from Closed Session by  
200 reading aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just  
201 concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only  
202 public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under  
203 The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters  
204 as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were  
205 heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Wymer  
206 seconded the motion which passed on the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:

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207 Mrs. Harkness Aye Mr. Watkins Aye

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208 Mr. King Aye Mrs. Hannah Aye

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209 Mr. Hughes Aye Mr. Wymer Aye

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211 **Adjournment:**

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213 With no further business to discuss, at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion

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214 to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a

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215 unanimous 6-0 voice vote.


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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk

  
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Larry Bompiani, Mayor