

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, July 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 Monday, July 18, 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
14 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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16 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all
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 **Mr. Wymer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hughes**
23 **seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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25 **Consent Agenda:**
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27 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
28 **minutes from the June 21, 2022 Meeting of the Town Council, minutes from the**
29 **June 27, 2022 Special Called Meeting of the Town Council, minutes from the July**
30 **11, 2022 Special Called Meeting/Joint Public Hearing of the Town Council, and the**
31 **Financial Statements for June 2022. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which**
32 **carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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34 **Public Hearing:**
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36 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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38 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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40 Mr. Mark Harman introduced himself and Mr. Dan Phelps and thanked Town
41 Council for their time this evening. Mr. Harman and Mr. Phelps are both members of the
42 Sons of the Confederate Veterans, part of the Stonewall Brigade out of the Lexington
43 Camp, and members of the Mechanized Cavalry. They spend a lot of their time trying to
44 preserve our history. They are involved with security at monuments and cemeteries as
45 well as reenactments. Mr. Harman would like the reenactment at New Market to be
46 brought back. To that end, he has approached legislators who have suggested he start a
47 petition to see the reenactment brought back. The goal is to get 10,000 signatures. They
48 have been working on getting signatures for a little less than four weeks and they already
49 have over a thousand signatures. Most people love their history. The museum has

50 informed Mr. Harman and Mr. Phelps that they lost their production company for the
51 reenactment. Mr. Harman advised that he has a background in production. Mr. Phelps
52 has a background in protection and security. Mr. Harman believes they can put the
53 reenactment back together and market it. Their purpose for being at tonight's meeting is
54 to let Council know what Mr. Harman and Mr. Phelps are doing in Town currently,
55 which is acquiring signatures for their petition. They are asking for Council's help in
56 letting the citizens know about the petition and the goal of bringing back the reenactment.
57 Mr. Harman also asked for the possible use of the Town's Facebook page to promote
58 their petition. Mr. Harman thanked Council and staff for their time.

59 Mr. Phelps advised that he has been on many executive security details and his
60 background is in security. He currently helps coordinate the reenactment that still takes
61 place every year in Buchanan, VA. Mr. Phelps advised that the COVID pandemic shut
62 down many events and reenactments. A lot of the people in the reenactment community
63 reached out to the Battlefield in New Market and were advised that the reenactment was
64 going to be permanently ended. Mr. Phelps believes that reenactment weekend is a plus
65 for the businesses community. It is also a great way to preserve and promote New
66 Market's history. Mr. Phelps remarked that he and Mr. Harman are affording themselves
67 to the Town to aid in bringing back the reenactment in New Market. Mr. Phelps hopes
68 that Council might send a letter to Todd Gilbert, the Town's delegate, letting him know
69 of their interest in bringing back the reenactment. Mr. Phelps mentioned that the petition
70 will be forwarded to the state assembly.

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72 **Committee Reports:**

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74 There were no committee reports.

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76 **Staff Reports:**

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

79 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects which his
80 department had worked on over the past month. The Maintenance Department replaced
81 an air release on a water main on West Old Cross Road, repaired clean outs on Pelham
82 Drive and Clicks Lane, replaced a sewer lateral at a location on Congress Street, set up
83 and cleaned up for the Independence Day Celebration, rebuilt the practice board at the
84 tennis courts, handled regular cleaning and maintenance of the swimming pool, cleaned
85 up debris from storm damage at the park and on the streets and trimmed trees and shrubs
86 on Town properties. The Water Department completed the tear down and inspection of
87 Pump #2 at Stirewalt pump station and discovered a large piece of concrete in the suction
88 line side of the pump. They also repaired the SCADA network on the water side. The
89 main tank antenna was struck by lightning. The Water Department started the installation
90 of a new computer operating system at the Water Plant. That could have cost up to
91 \$85,000 but because John Griggs, Chief Operator, can do most of the work himself "in-
92 house", it will likely only cost about \$30,000. That is a cost savings of \$55,000. A copy
93 of Mr. Fadley's presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

96 Ms. Rupkey was away at a conference so there was no monthly report from the
97 Planning Department.

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

100 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for
101 the month of June 2022 as well as some notable events for the month. Chief Rinker
102 mentioned that staff had provided a police presence at Cross Roads Fest. He also stated
103 that Sergeant Smoot and representatives from other Shenandoah County Law
104 Enforcement Agencies, met with students attending the Shenandoah County Leadership
105 camp. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the minutes.
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107 **4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report – Amber Smoot**

108 Chief Rinker gave Mrs. Smoot’s presentation for the month. He mentioned that
109 the Independence Day Celebration was a success with lots of positive feedback from
110 attendees and vendors. Chief Rinker expressed Mrs. Smoot’s appreciation for everyone
111 involved in making this event a great success. Chief Rinker mentioned some upcoming
112 events such as Movie Nights in the Park, Cross Roads Fest in August, and the Congress
113 Street Summer Block Party hosted by the Merchant’s Committee of the New Market
114 Chamber of Commerce. Projects Mrs. Smoot is currently working on include the website
115 redesign review of mock-ups, wayfinding signage meetings, and the walking tour app.
116 A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with the minutes.
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118 **Action Items:**

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120 The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of a
121 rezoning request. Mr. Walters gave a brief presentation of the rezoning request. The
122 property owner is requesting to change the zoning from R-2 to R-3. The request is being
123 made to allow for the structure to be made into a single-family dwelling. The setbacks
124 for R-2 is 25 feet in the rear, and for R-3 it is 20 feet in the rear. The structure is
125 currently 20 feet from the rear. The property owner has already been approved for a
126 variance for the lack of road frontage. A public hearing was held to hear comments on
127 the rezoning request. No members of the public attended the meeting and no comments
128 were received via email. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this
129 rezoning request with the conditions that the property can only be used for single-family
130 residential or one two-family dwelling. If a second home were to ever be built on the
131 property, the garage structure must be converted back into an accessory structure from a
132 dwelling. **Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the rezoning request with the**
133 **mentioned conditions. Mrs. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the**
134 **following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**
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136	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye
137	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
138	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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140 The second action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of
141 Resolution #244: A Resolution regarding Meeting Times. Mr. Walters mentioned that
142 each year Council needs to adopt a resolution establishing the times of Council Meetings
143 as well as what happens in the case of inclement weather on meeting days. It is required
144 By Virginia Code that every year Council pass such a resolution. **Mr. King made a**
145 **motion to approve Resolution #244: A Resolution regarding Meeting Times. Mr.**
146 **Hughes seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call**
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Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Bompiani thanked Town Staff for their work.

Council Comments:

There were no comments from Council members.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Walters advised that Jason has sent a revised amendment to Mr. Walters and to the County. Mr. Walters advised that he was in the process of reviewing that document.

Closed Meeting:

No Closed meetings were scheduled.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.


Larry Bompiani, Mayor


J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk