

**Minutes of the New Market
Town Council Work Session
Tuesday, April 30th, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr., Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, with the following members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Peggy Harkness, Daryl Watkins, Peter Hughes, and Bob King. Mr. Hughes arrived at 6:02 p.m. and council member Scott Wymer was absent.

The only item on the Work Session Agenda was a discussion of the budget for FY 24-25. Mr. Garrison gave a brief overview of the proposed draft and discussed a few changes to the budget at the last meeting. Some of the changes were in technology for a new server, funds to the New Market Fire Department for the new fire truck, some cost savings in the Virginia Retirement System. There was discussion about the proposed art mural in the CIP and working on getting that completed. Mrs. Harkness commented that she would like the property owners to update the signage of the proposed mural location. Mr. Hughes inquired about the responsibility of the upkeep, and Mr. Garrison explained that it would be the Town's responsibility, and the easement would be done by the Town Attorney. Mr. Garrison explained the increase of fees for water service deposit, and the fee for turn off if water service is turned off due to nonpayment. In the packet there was an Assistant Town Manager job profile that was discussed by Mr. Garrison and the Council.

Mr. Garrison stated that there would be a public hearing at the next Town Council meeting on May 20th, 2024, for the Budget FY24-25 and an increase in fees. This will be advertised.

(A copy of the first draft of the budget and a summary of the budget is on file with the packet).

At 6:24 p.m., Mr. Hughes made a motion to adjourn the work session. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.