

1 **New Market Town Council Meeting Minutes**
2 **Monday, April 21, 2008**
3 **7:30 pm**
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5 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.
6 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building with the following members present: John Blosser, Vice
7 Mayor, Ripley Click, Troy Fadeley, Gary Comer, and Mary Alice Burch. Eddie Litten
8 and Mayor Tom Constable were absent.
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10 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
11 Town Manager – Evan Vass
12 Town Clerk – Jeanne Rinker
13 Visitors and Press – See attached sheet
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15 **I. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum**
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17 Vice Mayor Blosser called the April 2008 Meeting of the New Market Town
18 Council into session and established that a quorum was present.
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20 **II. Pledge of Allegiance**
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22 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
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24 **III. Recognition of Visitors**
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26 Mr. Blosser welcomed all visitors.
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28 **IV. Amendments to Agenda**
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30 There were no amendments to the agenda.
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32 **V. Consent Agenda**
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34 Vice Mayor Blosser presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes
35 from the Council meeting held on March 17, 2008 and the Financial Statements for
36 March 2008. Mr. Fadeley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
37 Mr. Comer seconded. The motion passed on the following vote: ayes (5) nays (0).
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39 **VI. Public Hearings**
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43 **VII. Citizens' Comments and Petitions**
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VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IX. Town Manager’s Report

Mr. Vass reported that there were 2 items eligible for Council action on the agenda. The first was the discussion and consideration of adopting new pool admission rates for the 2008 summer season. The Public Works Committee met on March 24th and recommended a 57% increase which amounts to one dollar per day. The suggested increase for season passes was \$10.00, both for child and adult passes. It was also agreed to charge a flat rate for pool parties. A memo stating the actual rates, both previous and new was included in the packet. Mr. Comer moved to adopt the new pool admission rates for the 2008 season as recommended. It was seconded by Mr. Fadeley and passed on the following roll call vote: ayes (5) nays (0).

The second item eligible for Council action was the consideration and discussion of waiving the \$500 itinerant merchant’s fee for the week-end of the Battle of New Market Reenactment. Ms. Burch made a motion to waive the fee and Mr. Comer seconded. The motion passed on the following roll call vote: ayes (5) nays (0).

Mr. Vass also gave updates on the following noteworthy items:

- TEA-21 Grant Administration
- Regionalization of Wastewater Treatment
- 211 East repair of the broken and cracked gutter pan which was scheduled to take place April 20 -21. Due to rainy weather conditions the project was postponed until Wednesday evening, April 23, 2008.
- Boundary Line/Set Back Issues with the Community Center

Regarding the proposed FY 2008 – 2009 Budget, which was the subject of the public hearing held earlier this evening, State law requires a waiting period of at least 7 days following the public hearing before any action can be taken. Mr. Vass recommended including consideration of its adoption on the agenda for the May 2008 Council meeting.

X. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel: Mr. Fadeley reported that the committee met on March 26, 2008 and discussed draft #1 of the fiscal year 2008-2009 proposed budget. After some discussion the Town staff was instructed to make some changes to the proposal.

A special meeting was held on April 7th, 2008 at 6:00 pm to review draft #2 of the budget. Mr. Vass provided a list of alterations made in the budget since the previous

92 meeting. It was agreed to hold a public hearing on the budget at 7:00 pm on April 21,
93 2008 just prior to the regular council meeting.

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95 The committee reconvened at 6:30 pm, April 7th for their regular scheduled
96 meeting. At this time the committee voted to recommend to full council that the itinerant
97 merchant's fee be waived for the weekend of the Battle of New Market reenactment.

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99 Mr. Fadeley thanked Mr. Vass and staff for the excellent job done on the budget.
100 With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

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102 **Public Works:** Chairman Blosser reported that the committee met on April 7,
103 2008 with all members present. They discussed the proposed improvements to Rebel
104 Park and asked Mr. Vass to request from the Community Center the acquisition of 0.08
105 acres to alleviate existing violations to the established property setbacks between the
106 Town and the Community Center. The committee also discussed the former Smith
107 Creek filtration plant as to potential proposals but took no action. Mr. Vass gave an
108 update on the Broadway Regional Wastewater Facility.

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110 A special meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on April 17, 2008
111 with all members present. The group toured the SIL Plant in Timberville along with the
112 Town's engineer, William Johnson, and Attorney Jason Ham.

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114 **Public Safety:** Mr. Comer reported that the Committee met on April 7, 2008
115 with all members present. There was no new business on the agenda, but Chief Peery
116 gave an update on the new police cruiser. He stated that the graphics have changed and
117 the colors will be red and black as a tribute to Stonewall Jackson High School and the
118 New Market Rebels. The meeting was then adjourned.

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120 **Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation Committee:**
121 Mary Alice Burch reported that the committee met on April 7, 2008. A quorum was
122 present. They discussed the new Town Street Map and its distribution and decided not to
123 charge a fee for the maps. It was agreed to allot each advertiser 25 copies.

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125 Also on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of a letter of thanks to
126 Mr. Irvin Magin who played a large part in creating the map. Mr. Vass stated that he
127 would have a resolution or a letter prepared by the time of the next committee meeting.

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129 With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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131 **Planning Commission:** Mr. Blosser reported that the Planning Commission met
132 on Monday, April 7, 2008 with all members present. Mr. Neese, Town Planner,
133 presented the zoning administrator's report. Discussion followed regarding the excessive
134 occupancy ordinance. Mr. Neese stated that he would further investigate the items
135 discussed and report back to the committee. The meeting was then adjourned.

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XI. Council's Comments:

There were no comments from Council members.

XII. Mayor's Comments:

The mayor was absent; the vice mayor had no comments.

XIII. Closed Meetings

There were no closed meetings.

XIV. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

John Blosser, Vice Mayor

Jeanne K. Rinker, Town Clerk