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**Minutes of the New Market
Town Council Meeting
June 21, 2010
7:30 pm**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, June 21, 2010 with the following members present: Larry Smith, Mayor, John Blosser, Vice Mayor, Harry Durrett, Eddie Litten, Gary Comer, and Troy Fadeley. Ripley Click was absent.

Town Attorney – Jason Ham
Interim Town Manager – Michael Ritchie
Town Clerk – Jeanne Rinker
Visitors and Press – See attached sheet.

Mayor Smith called the meeting into session and established a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Comer made a motion to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Fadeley and carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Smith presented the consent agenda which included the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Council Meeting and the Financial Statements for May. **Mr. Fadeley made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Comer seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

Citizen Comments and Petitions

Mayor Smith introduced Mr. Harry McMillen, Member Services Specialist from VML Insurance Programs who presented an award to the Mayor and Town Council. Mr. McMillen explained the award as follows: “I am here to recognize the achievement of the Town of New Market in the area of risk management. Each year VML Insurance Programs selects 7 members out of more than 465 to be recognized for their excellence in risk management. The Town of New Market is one of those award winners for 2010. The Town has been a frequent participant in training programs provided by VML Insurance Programs. They have taken advantage of numerous safety grants that have enabled them to purchase flammable liquid safety cabinets, work zone flagger panels, and an electric hoist.”

47 "Further the Town has been very proactive in the use of the panel of physicians and
48 having a light duty program for their injured employees. This program has reduced costs
49 and speeds the recovery of the injured worker."
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51 "This approach taken toward loss prevention and good claim management practices
52 has earned the Town this recognition. The support and the direction from your Town
53 Manager, Chris Boies, have helped to make the Town a safer place in which to work and
54 live."
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56 Next Mayor Smith called Stonewall Jackson High School principal, Mr. Mike Dorman
57 forward to receive an award. He then presented a certificate of appreciation for students
58 having planted flowers as a beautification project at the Town office.
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60 Mr. Dorman graciously accepted the award and offered their assistance in future
61 projects. The Town purchased the flowers from the horticulture class at Stonewall.
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63 Mrs. Brenda Zirkle representing New Market North Apartments was then called
64 forward to receive a certificate of appreciation for the planting of flowers at the public
65 parking lot and at the entrance to the Town Park, thus helping to beautify the town. Mrs.
66 Zirkle introduced her maintenance man, Chris Stickley and her porter, Harlan Rudolph
67 whom she credited with having the green thumbs.
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69 Mayor Smith expressed his thanks to Mike Ritchie for coordinating these projects.
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71 Mr. Robert Loy came to the podium and thanked Mayor Smith for working out the
72 details for the July 4th celebration. Mr. Loy stated that at a previous meeting he had come
73 down on the mayor pretty hard and just wanted to commend him for getting it all worked
74 out.
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76 **Committee Reports**

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78 **Finance & Personnel:** Mr. Fadeley presented the following report: "The Finance &
79 Personnel Committee met on June 7th with 2 members present. After some discussion the
80 Committee voted to recommend to full council the adoption of Resolution #202 which
81 concerns the Town's contribution to the VRS fund for all new employees hired after July
82 1, 2010.
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84 The second recommendation to council they passed was a budget amendment to
85 transfer \$25,000 from line item 760-006 to 771-000 for the purchase of filters at the water
86 plant."
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88 **Public Works:** Mr. Blosser presented the following report: "Public Works met on
89 June 7th with 2 members present. We heard an update on the force main project, the I&I
90 project, and the Shady Lane project given by Mr. Mike Ritchie. There was no other
91 business so the meeting was adjourned."
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93 **Public Safety:** Mr. Comer reported, “The Safety Committee met on June 7th with 2
94 members present. There were only 2 things on the agenda. The first item was discussion
95 and consideration of Ordinance #73, incorporation of newly adopted state traffic laws
96 into the Town of New Market Criminal Code. A copy of that ordinance is included in
97 tonight’s packet. This is basically a housekeeping matter. We do this every year and the
98 full Council will vote on it later this evening.”
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100 “For the next item on the agenda the Committee decided to make a \$400 donation
101 to the Shenandoah Valley Spay and Neuter Clinic.”
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103 “The third thing, which I added, was an update from the police department on the
104 ‘Click it or Ticket’ campaign. Sergeant Rinker is here tonight and he has all the numbers
105 for us. Before he gives us those numbers I would like to mention all of the officers who
106 were involved in it. All of our full time officers were involved which include Chief
107 Peery, Sgt. Rinker, Officer Marty Breeden, Officer George Smoot, and Officer Mike
108 Miller. The auxiliary officers were called in to help with this. They are John Collins,
109 Todd Biller, John Griggs, and Greg Foess. We want to extend our appreciation to them
110 for all of their efforts.”
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112 Sergeant Rinker then presented the following data: “The campaign ran from May
113 24th through June 6th. We do a pre-seatbelt survey conducted at a location in town and
114 our pre-numbers were 89%. That means that in 89 out of 100 vehicles, the occupants
115 were buckled up. After the campaign ended, we ended with 92% seatbelt usage. We
116 have the highest seatbelt usage rate in Shenandoah County out of all the jurisdictions.
117 We issued 170 citations between the 5 full time officers. Twelve of those were for safety
118 belt citations and 3 were for child seatbelt violations. There were 2 DUI arrests for
119 impaired driving. There were 336 regular work hours and 90 overtime hours paid by
120 DMV.”
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122 Mayor Smith commented, “Congratulations. It was a good campaign and the
123 percentage seems to increase every year. I think it’s important to build safety in our
124 town. Thank you, Chris and give our thanks to all of the officers involved.”
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126 **Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation:** Mr. Durrett
127 reported that the Committee did not meet in June. However he gave the following update
128 on the events of the upcoming July 4th Celebration:
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130 **Saturday, July 3, 2010** *Annual Firecracker 5 mile race beginning at 8:00 am at
131 the park.
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133 *8:00 am – 11:00 am – Faithwalkers Relay for Life Team
134 will hold a breakfast buffet at Manor Memorial
135 Methodist Church in the fellowship hall.
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137 **Sunday, July 4, 2010** *6:30 am – Breakfast trailer opens
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139 *7:00 am - Yard Sale at the tennis courts sponsored by the
140 Community Center

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142 *11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Auction sponsored by the Lion’s
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145 *10:00 am - Pitch, hit and run contest

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147 “There will also be pony rides, face painting, Moon Bounce, Bingo, and a cake
148 wheel. The community pool will be open from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm with free
149 admission to the public. Live entertainment will begin with the Walnut Ridge Boys from
150 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. at which time park activities will break for the parade down Congress
151 Street.”

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153 “Music will resume with the band, Suspect performing from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
154 followed by the band, Just For Fun, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.”

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156 “Sara Jane Liers will sing the National Anthem at 9:00 followed by the fireworks.
157 There will be great food all day long with the Fire Department selling barbecued chicken,
158 country ham, and ice cream, the Rescue Squad selling hot dogs, barbecue and drinks, the
159 Chamber of Commerce selling bottled water, Cedar Grove Church selling funnel cakes,
160 and Windhaven Church providing free watermelon. With the Fireman’s Carnival at the
161 south end of the park, a good time will be had by all.”

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163 “On behalf of the July 4th Committee I’d like to thank the Town staff for their
164 hard work and invite everyone to come and join us as we celebrate and honor the men
165 and women who served and are currently serving in our armed forces.”

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167 **Action Items**

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169 First on the agenda of action items was discussion and consideration of Ordinance
170 #73, the incorporation of newly adopted state traffic laws into the Town of New Market
171 Criminal Code. **Mr. Comer moved to approve Ordinance #73. The motion was**
172 **seconded by Mr. Durrett and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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174 The next action item was discussion and consideration of Resolution #202
175 concerning picking up the employee’s share of retirement benefits. **Mr. Fadeley made a**
176 **motion to approve Resolution #202. It was seconded by Mr. Litten and passed**
177 **unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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179 The final action item was discussion and consideration of a budget
180 amendment to transfer \$25,000 from line item 760-006 to 771-000 for the purchase
181 of filters at the water plant. **Mr. Litten made a motion to approve the stated budget**
182 **amendment. Mr. Fadeley seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll**
183 **call vote.**

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185 **Mayor's Comments**

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Mayor Smith commented as follows: "I was proud of the town for the turnout yesterday at the procession for the young man from Broadway who was killed in Afghanistan. It was tragic, and it was very heartwarming to see the turnout and the spirit of New Market. It's good to see that kind of thing."

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"I'd like to congratulate the 4th of July Committee. I think they've done a tremendous job. Sometimes change comes hard, but I think the change is good this year. I think it's going to be an exciting celebration. It may bring some new people into New Market who haven't tried our celebration before. I still think we have the best celebration in the valley and the best fireworks in the valley. It gets contested a little bit but I still believe that. I hope to see everybody there on the 4th of July."

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"Don't forget the Rebels are still playing. So far they're not having the best of seasons, but it's still great baseball. I think the next home game is Wednesday night against Haymarket. It should be a good time and they're still making those good fried onions at the concession stand, so come on out, enjoy the baseball, and have a hot dog or a hamburger."

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"I'd like to thank Mike Ritchie. He's moved in and done a terrific job as our interim town manager."

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"The I&I project is complete and if you haven't been up to skateboard down Cadet Road, it's really neat. I don't think we have any numbers on the decrease of water inflow into our sewer system yet, but over the next few months we'll be able to report that."

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Council Comments

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There were no comments from the Council.

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Staff Comments

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There were no staff comments.

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Closed Session

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Next on the agenda was a closed session as authorized by the Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711(A)(7) to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by our attorney. **The Council went into closed session at 7:50 pm following a motion by Mr. Fadeley which was seconded by Mr. Litten and carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

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The Council reconvened at 8:19 pm. Mr. Ritchie read the Certification Resolution as follows: "With respect to the just-concluded closed session, and to the best

231 of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from
232 open meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only
233 such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed
234 meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town
235 Council." **Mr. Litten made a motion to accept the certification resolution as read.**
236 **Mr. Comer seconded and the motion passed on the following roll call vote: Mr.**
237 **Blosser, aye; Mr. Comer, aye; Mr. Durrett, aye; Mr. Litten, aye; Mr. Fadeley, aye;**
238 **and Mayor Smith, aye.**

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240 **Adjournment**

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242 With no further business to consider, Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:21
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