

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, March 21, 2016**
4 **7:30 pm**
5

6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, March 21, 2016 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Douglas Bradley, Vice-Mayor John Blosser, Peggy Harkness,
9 Scott Wymer, Gary Comer, Tim Palmer and Eddie Litten.

10
11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager – Mike Ritchie
13 Town Treasurer – Teresa Green
14 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
15

16 Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order and established a quorum. The Pledge
17 of Allegiance was recited in unison.

18 Mayor Bradley welcomed all visitors and guests.
19

20 **Approval of the Agenda:**

21
22 **Mr. Comer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Wymer**
23 **seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a voice vote.**
24

25 **Consent Agenda:**

26
27 **Mr. Comer moved to approve the consent agenda which included the**
28 **minutes from the February 16, 2016 Meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
29 **Statements for February 2016. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which carried**
30 **on a unanimous voice vote.**
31

32 **Public Hearing:**

33
34 No public hearings scheduled.
35

36 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

37
38 There were no citizen comments nor petitions.
39

40 **Committee Reports:**

41
42 **Finance & Personnel:** Mr. Litten stated that the Finance and Personnel
43 Committee met on Monday, March 7th, 2016 with all members present. There was no
44 new business on the agenda. Under other business, Mr. Ritchie reminded committee and
45 council members of the budget work session scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016.
46 With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.
47

48 **Public Works:** Mr. Blosser stated that the Public Works Committee met on
49 Monday, March 7th, 2016 with all members present. The first item on the agenda was the

50 presentation of the Public Works Department Annual Report, given by Ms. Donna Lohr.
51 The next agenda item was a proposal from the Town of Broadway for modifications to
52 the Wastewater Treatment Agreement. Mr. Kyle O'Brien, Town Manager of Broadway,
53 made a brief presentation offering explanation for the proposed modifications. No action
54 was taken by the Committee at this time. The third item on the agenda was a Closed
55 Session. After the conclusion of the closed session, no action was taken. With no other
56 business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

57
58 **Public Safety:** Mr. Comer stated that the Public Safety Committee met on
59 Monday, March 7th, 2016 with all members present. The first item on the agenda was an
60 update on the New Market Fire and Rescue Department provided by Chief Yew. Mr.
61 Comer asked Mr. Yew if he was satisfied with the way things are going at the Fire and
62 Rescue Department and Mr. Yew stated that he was. Mr. Comer advised that if Mr. Yew
63 is satisfied, then Mr. Comer is satisfied. Mr. Comer stated that he believes that the Town
64 did a very positive thing by appointing Mr. Yew as Chief of the New Market Fire and
65 Rescue Department. Mr. Yew seems to have a very close working relationship with
66 Assistant Chief Jamie Bowman. With no other business to discuss the meeting was
67 adjourned.

68
69 **Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation:** Mr. Palmer
70 stated that the Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation Committee
71 met on Monday, March 7th, 2016 with all members present. There was no new business
72 to discuss. Committee members received a website statistics report. With no other
73 business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

74
75 **Action Items:**

76
77 The first action item was the discussion and consideration of modifications to the
78 Wastewater Treatment Agreement between Broadway and New Market. Mr. Ritchie
79 advised that at the Public Works Committee Meeting, Mr. Kyle O'Brien gave a
80 presentation of the change in the Wastewater Treatment Agreement that has come about
81 as a result of the Broadway Regional Plant doing some upgrades to their plant
82 infrastructure and there will be some changes in their treatment process which will help
83 them achieve and stay in compliance. The first set of modifications that were in the
84 packet changed the day after the packet went out so Council members were emailed an
85 updated version. That version is basically the agreement that Mr. O'Brien presented
86 except for a couple of changes. Mr. Ham (Town Attorney) explained that rather than the
87 35 years in the original contract, Broadway has agreed to give the Town 40 years from
88 August 2008. They have also agreed to delete the inflationary increase on the \$1.25
89 excess fee. They did not agree to reduce the price any more. This will cost the Town
90 approximately \$20,000 a year over what we have now, however Broadway is funding this
91 eight million dollar improvements project. It is not really just improvements, it is
92 necessary infrastructure changes. Mr. Litten advised that there are lots of parties
93 involved in this. The biggest is Pilgrim's Pride and they have signed on to the proposed
94 changes. Cargill has also agreed to them. The Town of Timberville has not yet agreed,
95 but it is expected that they will. It is staff recommendation that New Market Town
96 Council pass this action item. This is still dramatically cheaper and a much better deal
97 than the Town could have done by themselves. The Town could have fought Broadway
98 on this and the outcome of arbitration could have gone either way, but that would have

99 been long term damage to a really good relationship that has saved the Town millions of
100 dollars and will continue to save the Town money. Mr. Ham firmly believes that that
101 additional five years at the end of this will be worth more than \$20,000 a year and the
102 Town will have a plan for the long haul. A brief discussion ensued regarding the rates
103 and changes in the contract. **Mr. Blosser made a motion that the Town accept the**
104 **modifications to the Wastewater Treatment Agreement. Mrs. Harkness seconded**
105 **the motion which passed on the following roll call vote:**

106				
107	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Blosser	Aye
108	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Palmer	Aye
109	Mr. Comer	Aye	Mr. Litten	Aye
110				

111 **Mayor's Comments:**

112
113 Mayor Bradley made the following comments:

- 114 • The Chamber Banquet was very impressive and well-run. There were 82
115 people in attendance.
- 116 • The Rebel Fireworks Association has sent the first payment of \$4,000 to
117 the fireworks company. Mr. Bradley had talked to the Fireworks
118 Company and they will be in Town within the next few weeks to view the
119 site for the fireworks.
- 120 • Mayor Bradley thanked everyone who has put their efforts into the
121 fireworks event. The fund raising has been phenomenal.
- 122 • There is a cash party scheduled for May 21st which is a fundraiser for the
123 fireworks event. Tickets are \$35 and are on sale now. Participants have a
124 chance to earn \$1700.
- 125 • The Mayor hopes the Town will be full of people for the fireworks event.

126
127
128 **Council Comments:**

129
130 Mr. Palmer remarked that a year ago, Town Council gave \$1,000 donation to the
131 American Legion which at that time was very much needed to keep things going. Mr.
132 Palmer stated that because of that donation and some significant donations from private
133 individuals he is now able to report that the American Legion is on their way to
134 recovering financially. Mr. Palmer stated that he had a check for \$300 to give to the
135 Town to support the Cross Roads Fest Music Series. Mr. Palmer thanked the Town for
136 supporting the American Legion and stated that the American Legion will do what they
137 can in the future to support the Town of New Market.

138
139 **Staff Comments:**

140
141 Mr. Ritchie reminded everyone that spring street cleaning will begin at 6:00 a.m.
142 on March 22nd and will continue through March 23rd, 2016.

143
144 **Closed Meeting:**

145
146 No Closed Meetings scheduled.

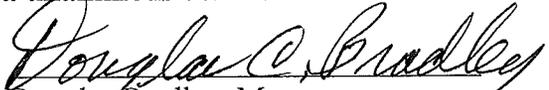
147
148
149
150
151
152
153
154
155
156
157

Adjournment:

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Litten made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.



Mike Ritchie, Town Clerk


Douglas Bradley, Mayor