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**Minutes of the New Market  
Town Council Meeting  
Monday, October 19, 2015  
7:30 pm**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, October 19, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor Douglas Bradley, Vice-Mayor John Blosser, Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer, Gary Comer, Tim Palmer and Eddie Litten.

Town Attorney – Jason Ham  
Town Manager – Mike Ritchie  
Town Treasurer – Teresa Green

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

Mayor Bradley welcomed all visitors and guests.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

**Mr. Comer moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the September 21, 2015 Meeting of the Town Council and the Financial Statements for September 2015. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Public Hearing:**

No public hearings scheduled.

**Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

Mrs. Yolanda Janocka, of Pleasant View drive, respectfully requested that Council consider changing the plantings and median between sidewalk and curb in front of Manor Memorial Methodist Church and Smith Creek Baptist Church on Congress Street. She advised that most people of both churches park there and they have to step out in mud and grass.

Ms. Lou McGinnis, of 9138 N. Congress Street, LutherCrest apartments advised that she had fallen after friends had stowed her walker in a car. She had tripped over the curb where the plantings are in front of the churches. She asked Council to consider placing brick pavers in the area where the grass and mud are between the sidewalk and the curb.

Mr. Kip Brannon, of 167 Clicks Lane, spoke on behalf of the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce and the New Market Rotary Club. Mr. Brannon thanked the Town of New Market for supporting the Heritage Days Event. The event was a success

50 even with the inclement weather. Mr. Brannon stated that many businesses had increased  
51 sales due to the Heritage Days event. The food and craft vendors had good sales during  
52 the Heritage Days event as well. Mr. Brannon advised that the Town and the Chamber  
53 worked very well together for this event and he looks forward to good communication  
54 and cooperation between the Town and the Chamber for future events.

55 Discussion ensued regarding possibly bringing together the Heritage Days Event  
56 with the Craft Shows at the Community Center and the American Legion. It was agreed  
57 that the organization of events and communication among the organizations and  
58 businesses is key to promoting the Town of New Market.

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60 **Committee Reports:**

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62 **Finance & Personnel:** Mr. Litten advised that there was no meeting of the  
63 Finance & Personnel Committee during the month of October.

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65 **Public Works:** Mr. Blosser advised that there was no meeting of the Public  
66 Works Committee during the month of October.

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68 **Public Safety:** Mr. Comer advised that there was no meeting of the Public Safety  
69 Committee during the month of October.

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71 **Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation:** Mr. Palmer  
72 stated that there was no meeting of the Tourism, Economic Development and Historic  
73 Preservation Committee during the month of October.

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75 **Action Items:**

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77 There were no action items.

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80 **Mayor's Comments:**

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82 Mayor Bradley made the following comments:

- 83     o Thanked Mr. Branner, Ms. Janocka, and Ms. McGinnis for presenting  
84     their comments and requests.  
85     o Thanked the Town staff for keeping the Town streets clean.  
86     o Advised everyone to "think local, shop local".  
87     o Advised everyone to set their clocks back for Daylight Savings on  
88     November 1, 2015.  
89     o Advised everyone to check the batteries in their smoke alarms at this time  
90     o Attended the Edinburg Town and County dinner on October 14, 2015. A  
91     slideshow presentation was made called "The new Virginia hometown".

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94 **Council Comments:**

95 Mr. Litten advised that Halloween in New Market is this Saturday, October 31,  
96 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

97 Mr. Palmer commented that the Community Center and the American Legion are  
98 having their craft shows and yard sale this weekend. The American Legion is also selling

99 Apple Butter this weekend. The American Legion is also having a trunk-or-treat event  
100 on Halloween. The Library is also having a Halloween event.

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102 **Staff Comments:**

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104 Mr. Ritchie stated that a local man is working on an Eagle Scout project which  
105 will be done at the entrance way to Rebel Park. This will be the addition of a sign, some  
106 rehab work on the existing monument marker and a few other additions. He will be  
107 ready to make a presentation at the November Committee meetings.

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109 **Closed Meeting:**

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111 There were no closed meetings held.

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113 **Adjournment:**

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115 At 7:59 p.m. Mr. Comer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Litten  
116 seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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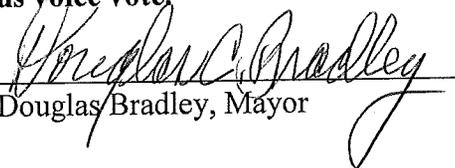
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Mike Ritchie, Town Clerk

  
Douglas Bradley, Mayor