Minutes of the New Market Town Council Meeting Monday, April 21st, 2025 6:30 pm

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, March 17th, 2025, with the following members present: Mayor Peter Hughes, Bob King, Daryl Watkins, Janice Hannah, and Scott Wymer. Council member Larry Bompiani was absent.

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and established a quorum with 6 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Hughes welcomed all visitors and guests.

Approval of the Agenda:-

Mr. King moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was carried out with a manimous 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
	•	Mr. Wymer	Aye

Consent Agenda:

Mrs. Harkness moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes from March 17th, 2025, meeting of the New Market Town Council, and minutes from April 15th, 2025, Work Session of the New Market Town Council with an amendment to correct the adjournment time of the work session minutes to reflect 5:40 p.m. and the financial statements for February 2025.

Mr. King seconded the motion, with no further discussion, the motion was carried out with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
	•	Mr. Wymer	Aye

Public Hearing: none

Citizen Comments and Petitions:

Mr. Keven Walker, resident of N. Congress St., wanted to publicly thank Janice Hannah and Peter Hughes, and staff that attended the meeting with citizens to hear concerns and answer questions about the proposed potential development on the south end of the town.

She stated that there were zoning permits for four new houses at 110, 112, 113, and 115 Courtyard Terrace, and a home occupation permit at 9293 Travellers Ct. A copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.

3. Public Safety Monthly Report - Chief Chris Rinker

Chief Rinker gave a Power Point presentation. He reported there were 388 calls for the month, and a total of 952 calls for the year, 193 extra patrols, and 3-foot patrols. He noted that Officer Hess attended and completed the DCJS General Instructor Couse at the Regional Police Academy. A copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.

4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report - Ms. Savannah Frazier

Ms. Savannah Frazier presented a power point presentation. She talked about the marketing material that was distributed. She attended the Quarterly Young Professionals Network that was hosted at Jackson's Coner Café, joined in on Fresh Brewed Focus Friday with John Fogle, and was present for the pinwheels for prevention with Response at Manor Memorial. She noted that the Easter Egg Hunt was successful and thanked the New Market Rotary and the Stonewall Interact Club for all their help. She gave an update on things to come which included RevUp ShenCo. on May 5th, the Travel the Towns Passport a tri-town partnership initiative and Jammin' Foods Fest and movie night. A copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.

Action Items:

The only action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of the proposed pool rates starting in 2025. Mr. Garrison explained that the proposed rates are to help cover costs due to an increase in the minimum wage.

Mrs. Hannah made a motion to approve the proposed pool rates for 2025, and Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion was passed with the following 5-0 roll call vote.

Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
	*	Mr. Wymer	Aye

Mayor's Comments:

The Mayor read a proclamation establishing April 2025 as National Autism Awareness Month. A representative was not in attendance, so a copy of the signed proclamation will be sent to the representative.

He then read a proclamation establishing National Police Week 2025 from May 11th-May 17th, 2025. The Mayor and the council thanked the police department for all that they do.

The Mayor explained that he and Mr. Garrison were working with a group of health providers interested in bringing together a cooperative program that provides health

With no further business to discuss, at 8:49 p.m. Mrs. Harkness made a
motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion, with no further
discussion the motion passed on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.

Peter Hughes, Mayor

N. Garrison, Town Clerk