

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, June 17, 2019**
4 **6:30 pm**
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6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, June 17, 2019 with the following members
8 present: Mayor Douglas Bradley, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Daryl Watkins, Scott
9 Wymer, Peter Hughes, Tim Palmer, and Larry Bompiani.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
13 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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15 Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all
16 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bradley
17 welcomed all visitors and guests.
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19 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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21 **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the**
22 **addition of Action Item #3, which was the discussion and consideration of making**
23 **Friday, July 5th, 2019 a holiday for Town of New Market employees, as recently**
24 **decreed by the Governor for state employees.** Mrs. Harkness remarked that she would
25 like to add this holiday this year for employees since it falls on a Friday. **Dr. Bompiani**
26 **seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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28 **Consent Agenda:**
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30 **Mr. Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda which included the**
31 **minutes from the May 20, 2019 Meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
32 **Statements for May 2019. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion which carried on a**
33 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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35 **Public Hearing:**
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37 No public hearings scheduled.
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39 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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41 There were no citizen comments nor petitions.
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43 **Committee Reports:**
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45 There were no Committee Reports.
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47 **Staff Reports:**

48 **1. Planning & Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd**
49 **Walters**

50 Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on
51 planning and zoning items to include several nuisance violations and the issuance of a
52 zoning permit. Mr. Walters also noted that he had started the application process for
53 VDOT sidewalk funding. Mr. Walters also gave a summary of projects that the
54 Maintenance and Water Departments worked on during the month. Mr. Walters
55 mentioned several water line projects, pool maintenance, mowing operations at the Town
56 Park, and painting of the parking spaces on Congress Street. A copy of Mr. Walter's
57 presentation is on file with the minutes.

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59 **2. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker**

60 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation which included statistics for
61 the department for the month of May as well as events and trainings attended by New
62 Market Officers. A copy of the information presented by Chief Rinker is on file with the
63 minutes.

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65 **3. Events & Marketing Annual Report – Mrs. Amber Smoot**

66 Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation which included a summary of events
67 held during the past month as well as upcoming events. Mrs. Smoot also noted that the
68 business spotlight for the month was for New Market Tire and Service. A copy of Mrs.
69 Smoot's monthly report is on file with the minutes.

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71 **Action Items:**

72 The first action item was the discussion and consideration of Resolution #231: A
73 resolution providing for the issuance and sale of a general obligation refunding bond.
74 Mr. Walters explained that this is the re-issuance of a bond acquired by the Town in
75 2009. The original amount was for \$2.14 million. The bond can be reissued and based
76 upon the current interest rates, the Town may see a savings of approximately \$150,000
77 over ten years. For the Town of New Market, \$15,000 a year in savings is a pretty big
78 deal. That amount can fluctuate and the Town will not know until August what the actual
79 rate and savings will be. Mr. Ham mentioned that this resolution is extremely similar to
80 what Council has passed previously. Mr. Ham reiterated that this is a projected savings
81 and while there is no guarantee that there will be a savings, it is expected that there will
82 be. **Mr. Watkins made a motion to pass Resolution #231. Mr. Hughes seconded the**
83 **motion which passed on the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
Mr. Wymer	Aye	Dr. Bompiani	Aye
Mr. Palmer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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89 The next action item was the discussion and consideration of Ordinance #106:
90 Section 58-1, Adoption of State Law. Mr. Walters remarked that this is the annual
91 adoption of various traffic laws that may have changed as a result of action by the
92 Virginia General Assembly during the 2019 session. Once this Ordinance is approved it
93 will become effective on July 1, 2019. This is something that is done annually so that the
94 Town is following the new laws that were passed. Mr. Hughes asked when the Town
95 will find out what the new laws are that were passed. Mr. Ham stated that it is hard to
96 determine what those will be ahead of time. Mr. Palmer asked Chief Rinker if he was
97 aware of any items or laws that had been changed. Chief Rinker stated that they had not
98 been informed of any as yet. **Mr. Palmer made a motion to approve Ordinance #106**

99 as stated in the packet. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the
100 following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:

102	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Palmer	Aye
103	Dr. Bompiani	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
104	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye

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107 The third action item was the discussion and consideration of making Friday, July
108 5, 2019 a holiday for Town of New Market employees, as decreed by the Governor for
109 State employees. Mrs. Harkness made a motion that in light of the fact that the
110 Governor has made Friday, July 5th, 2019 a holiday for State employees, that the
111 Town of New Market follow suit and make it a holiday for Town employees. Mr.
112 Wymer seconded the motion. Mr. Palmer asked if this means if there will still be a
113 holiday on Thursday, July 4, 2019 as well as Friday, July 5, 2019. Mrs. Harkness
114 remarked that the holiday for Thursday July 4, 2019 will remain. The holiday on Friday,
115 July 5, 2019 is in addition to it. The motion passed on the following unanimous 6-0
116 roll call vote:

118	Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
119	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Dr. Bompiani	Aye
120	Mr. Palmer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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122 **Mayor's Comments:**

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124 Mayor Bradley mentioned the following items:

- 125 • The walking tour for Town businesses was a great idea and was very well
126 organized.
- 127 • He attended the Town & County Dinner at the Café in Woodstock. A lot of
128 improvements had been made to the Café.
- 129 • He threw out the first pitch at the New Market Rebels first game.
- 130 • The Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the bank was great.
- 131 • Cross Roads Fest was well attended. This is a great program for the Town of
132 New Market.
- 133 • He helped with the Bingo fundraising event for the July 3rd Celebration.

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135 **Council Comments:**

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137 Mr. Hughes commented that the Bingo fundraising event was successful in raising
138 funds for the July 3rd Celebration. He stated that he is appreciative of the Fire
139 Department, Mrs. Smoot, the Chamber of Commerce, the New Market Rotary, and
140 Mayor Bradley who all helped out with this event.

141 Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Mongold for his comments regarding the property on
142 Shady Lane. This property has been in this condition for too long. It is a County issue
143 but it reflects poorly on the Town of New Market.

144 Mrs. Harkness reminded everyone that the Summer Reading Program at the
145 Library is in full force. The New Market Police Department will be at the Library this
146 Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to help out with the program for children.

147 Mr. Palmer mentioned that he had recently met a gentleman from Germany who
148 was visiting New Market. The gentleman stated that he really likes the New Market area
149 and he and his wife decided to settle in New Market.

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151 **Staff Comments:**

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153 Mr. Walters commented that there have been some issues with vandalism in the
154 New Market Park recently. Mr. Walters encouraged Council and residents to tell their
155 friends that if they are in the park and see something suspicious to please let the New
156 Market Police Department know as soon as possible.

157 Chief Rinker remarked that citizens should call the Police Department when they
158 see anything that looks suspicious in the park. Chief Rinker also stated that
159 approximately 75% of the New Market Park is under camera surveillance. It is time
160 consuming for the police department to review footage when vandalism events happen at
161 the park. They have been successful in tracking down vandals in the past.

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163 **Closed Meeting:**

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165 At 7:07 p.m., Mr. Palmer made a motion to go into Closed Session as
166 authorized by the Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(8) to consult with legal
167 counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by
168 our attorney, to consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members or
169 consultants about actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing
170 in open meeting would adversely affect the local government's negotiating or
171 litigating posture, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the state code. The
172 subject matter and purpose of the meeting is property acquisition for water tower
173 and claims related to it.

174 Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on a 6-0 unanimous voice
175 vote.

176 At 8:50 p.m., Dr. Bompiani made a motion to accept the following
177 Certification Resolution which states "With respect to the just-concluded closed
178 session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business
179 matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under The Virginia
180 Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were
181 identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard,
182 discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Hughes seconded
183 the motion which passed on the following 6-0 unanimous roll call vote:

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185	Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
186	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Dr. Bompiani	Aye
187	Mr. Palmer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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191 **Adjournment:**

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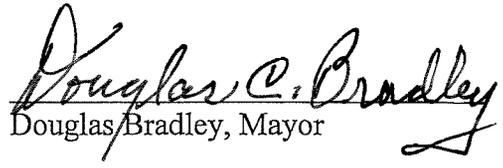
193 At 8:51 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs.
194 Harkness seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.

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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Douglas Bradley, Mayor