

1 **Minutes of the New Market**  
2 **Town Council Meeting**  
3 **Monday, August 19, 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, August 19, 2019 with the following  
8 members present: Mayor Douglas Bradley, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Daryl Watkins,  
9 Scott Wymer, Tim Palmer, and Larry Bompiani. Council member Peter Hughes was  
10 absent.

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12 Town Attorney – Jason Ham  
13 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters  
14 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr  
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16 Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all  
17 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bradley  
18 welcomed all visitors and guests.  
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20 **Approval of the Agenda:**  
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22 **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to**  
23 **the Closed Session section as follows: Closed Meeting as authorized by Virginia**  
24 **Code section 2.2-3711(A)(3) to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public**  
25 **purpose, and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters**  
26 **requiring the provision of legal advice by our attorney, as authorized by Virginia**  
27 **Code section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The subject matters are the possible acquisition of real**  
28 **property for Town beautification purposes, and legal remedies with respect to**  
29 **nuisance properties. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion which passed on the**  
30 **unanimous 5-0 roll call vote:**

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32 **Mr. Wymer                   Aye                                   Dr. Bompiani           Aye**  
33 **Mr. Palmer                   Aye                                   Mrs. Harkness        Aye**  
34 **Mr. Watkins                 Aye**  
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36 **Consent Agenda:**  
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38 **Mr. Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda which included the**  
39 **minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting of the Town Council and the August 5, 2019**  
40 **Special Called meeting of the Town Council, as well as the Financial Statements for**  
41 **July 2019. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 5-0**  
42 **voice vote.**  
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44 **Public Hearing:**  
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46 No public hearings scheduled.  
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48 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**  
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50 Mr. Sonny Mongold, of Pleasant View Subdivision, addressed council members  
51 regarding the need for a sound barrier along I-81 from the south end of the Pleasant View  
52 subdivision north to McDonald's. Mr. Mongold remarked that the sounds from I-81 are  
53 so loud, they are causing property values to drop. Mr. Mongold also commented that  
54 VDOT had dug a ditch years ago from I-81 to the end of Shady Lane. VDOT did not  
55 pour concrete in the ditch and the ditch is now grown over with weeds and grass and  
56 water is not following the ditchline during rain events. Mr. Mongold advised that this  
57 could be fixed by VDOT.

58 Ms. Tracy Conard, Artistic Director for Rouss Center for the Arts, presented  
59 information regarding upcoming shows to be performed at the Rouss Center for the Arts.  
60 Future shows include "Savannah Sipping Society" and the radio show version of "It's a  
61 Wonderful Life". Ms. Conard invited everyone to attend these performances.

62 Mr. Neil Palmer, president of the Property Association of Fairway Manor, asked  
63 if anyone had looked into the possibility of a streetlight on Bogey and Par Drive.

64 Mr. Walters responded that he had contacted Dominion Energy regarding the  
65 street light on that corner and Mr. Walters has received a quote on that light. Due to the  
66 fact that there are metal poles in that subdivision, rather than wooden poles, the light  
67 would cost about \$1,000 more. Mr. Walters is reviewing the budget to determine if funds  
68 can be found to purchase that street light. Mr. Walters also commented that the trailer in  
69 that subdivision should be moved within the next few days.

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#### 71 **Committee Reports:**

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73 There were no Committee Reports.

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#### 75 **Staff Reports:**

##### 76 **1. Planning & Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd** 77 **Walters**

78 Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on  
79 planning and zoning items as well as a summary of projects that the public works  
80 department had worked on over the past month. Mr. Walters mentioned that the VDOT  
81 funding-pre-application had been screened. The final application will be submitted by  
82 October 1<sup>st</sup>. The new format of this funding will require a resolution from Council which  
83 will be done at next month's Council meeting. Mr. Walters also mentioned that he had  
84 worked on the short term rental ordinance, and multiple zoning and sign permits. Mr.  
85 Walters commented that he had only received one application to date for the façade  
86 enhancement grant. The public works department repaired water leaks at Kennametal,  
87 and at locations on Congress Street, and West Old Cross Road. Mr. Walters mentioned  
88 that data had been collected from the flow meter for the I-81 rest area. There appears to  
89 be some issues with the data so the Town is going to have the flow meter calibrated. In  
90 addition the Town hopes to have another flow meter installed at the I-81 rest area to  
91 determine what is leaving the rest area and what is coming into the flow meter in the  
92 Pleasant View Subdivision. A copy of Mr. Walter's presentation is on file with the  
93 minutes.

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##### 95 **2. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker**

96 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation which included statistics for  
97 the department for the month of July. A copy of the information presented by Chief  
98 Rinker is on file with the minutes.

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

Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation which included a summary of events held during the past month such as two movie nights in the park and National Night Out. Mrs. Smoot also mentioned upcoming events such as the Fairway 5K, and the Summer’s End Puppy Pool Party. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s monthly report is on file with the minutes.

**Action Items:**

None

**Mayor’s Comments:**

Mayor Bradley made the following presentation to a representative from The Rouss Center for the Arts:

“It is with great pleasure that the Town Council and Town Administration present you an award for all of your hard work and determination to better our New Market Community. The Town of New Market recognizes your consistent updates on performances and the activities you provide for our community. The Town also recognizes that you are a dedicated, talented organization that brings happiness and vitality to our town. Your organization represents the hard work and determination that every community needs in their revitalization efforts.

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$2,000 made payable to the Rouss Center for the Arts. These funds are a matching combination of grant funding through the Town of New Market and the Virginia Commission for the Arts’ Creative Communities Partnership Grant. It is our intent that the funds be used to increase opportunities for the citizens of New Market and New Market’s visitors to benefit from performances by the Rouss Center for the Arts and spark even more interest in your Performing Arts School.

Your organization’s efforts to improve New Market’s quality of life are greatly appreciated and the Town feels the Rouss Center for the Arts is the perfect recipient for this grant funding. We want to thank you all for all of your hard work and help in making our Town special.”

Mayor Bradley presented the check to Cathy Rec, a representative for the Rouss Center for the Arts.

Ms. Rec thanked Town Council for their generous donation to The Rouss Center for the Arts.

Mayor Bradley thanked Mr. Walters and the Town staff for the excellent job they are doing for the Town.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Palmer commented that he was sorry that he missed National Night Out this year but that he had heard that it was a great event this year.

Mr. Watkins stated that he was looking forward to seeing The Rouss Center for the Arts performance of “It’s a Wonderful Life”.

**Staff Comments:**

147 Mr. Walters commented that the trash company has advised that they have found  
148 a company to take over as a subcontractor for the Towns of New Market and Mount  
149 Jackson. The Town will still pay American Disposal through June of next year, but a  
150 different company will actually be picking up trash. Trash pick-up day will be switching  
151 to Fridays instead of Wednesday, beginning Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. American  
152 Disposal will post a message board on both ends of Town notifying residents of this  
153 change. The new trash contractor will also distribute fliers to all trash customers. Mr.  
154 Walters advised that the Town will also put an insert in the September water bill to notify  
155 customers of the change.

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157 **Closed Meeting:**  
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159 **At 7:13 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to go into Closed Session as**  
160 **authorized by Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(3) to discuss the acquisition of real**  
161 **property for a public purpose, and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific**  
162 **legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by our attorney, as authorized**  
163 **by Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(7). The subject matters are the possible**  
164 **acquisition of real property for Town beautification purposes, and legal remedies**  
165 **with respect to nuisance properties. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion which passed**  
166 **on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:**  
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168	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Palmer	Aye
169	Dr. Bompiani	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
170	Mr. Watkins	Aye		

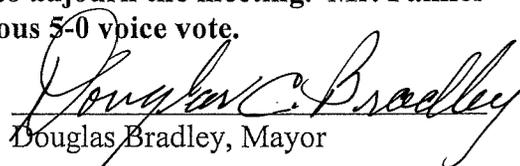
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172 **At 7:48 p.m., Dr. Bompiani made a motion to accept the following**  
173 **Certification Resolution which he read aloud: With respect to the just-concluded**  
174 **closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business**  
175 **matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia**  
176 **Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were**  
177 **identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard,**  
178 **discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Wymer seconded**  
179 **the motion which carried on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:**  
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181	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Dr. Bompiani	Aye
182	Mr. Palmer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
183	Mr. Watkins	Aye		

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186 **Adjournment:**  
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188 **At 7:49 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Palmer**  
189 **seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**  
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194 J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk

  
Douglas Bradley, Mayor