

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, September 21, 2020**
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, September 21, 2020 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Daryl Watkins,
9 Scott Wymer, Bob King, Doug Bradley, and Janice Hannah.

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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 Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all
16 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani
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 with one amendment**
22 **which was to move Action Item #2, the discussion and consideration of Planning**
23 **Commission Applications, to the final item after the Closed Session. Mr. Wymer**
24 **seconded the motion which passed on the following roll call vote:**
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26	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
27	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. Bradley	Aye
28	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mr. King	Aye

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30 **Consent Agenda:**
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32 **Mr. Watkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
33 **minutes from the August 17, 2020 meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
34 **Statements for August 2020. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion which carried on a**
35 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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37 **Public Hearing:**
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39 There were no public hearings.
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41 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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43 There were no citizen comments nor petitions.
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45 **Committee Reports:**
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47 There were no Committee Reports.
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50 **Staff Reports:**

51 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd Walters**

52 Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on
53 planning and zoning items and a summary of projects that the Maintenance and Water
54 Departments worked on during the month. A copy of Mr. Walter’s presentation is on file
55 with the minutes.

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

58 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation which included statistics for
59 the department for the month of August. A copy of the information presented by Chief
60 Rinker is on file with the minutes.

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

63 Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation which included a brief update on
64 upcoming events such as the Puppy Pool Party, Movie Night in the Park, National Night
65 Out, and the Fairway 5K Walk/Run. Mrs. Smoot gave a brief timeline of work
66 accomplished with the company that handled the new branding/logo for the Town. Mrs.
67 Smoot then presented the new Town logo. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s report is on file with
68 the minutes.

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70 **Action Items:**

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72 The first Action Item was the discussion and consideration of Façade
73 Enhancement Grant Applications. Mr. Walters explained that Council had reviewed the
74 applications at the work session held on the previous Monday. He advised that there was
75 one application that he had been waiting for more information regarding what they were
76 asking for and the property owner for that application had finally advised Mr. Walters
77 that they would not have the information back from their contractor in time for the
78 meeting. Council will be considering three applications at this evening’s meeting. Mr.
79 Walters mentioned the amounts that is being request on each application and he
80 explained each project. **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the funding in the**
81 **following manner:**

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- \$5,000 to Mr. Steve Custer
- \$2,500 to Mr. Phil Wachter
- \$2,500 to Mr. & Mrs. Kokkonen

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85 **Mr. Wymer seconded the motion.** There was some discussion among Council
86 members regarding whether the project for the renovations to the alleyway next to the
87 Home Store are worthwhile. **The motion passed on the following 6-0 roll call vote:**

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89	Mr. King	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
90	Mr. Bradley	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
91	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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93 **Mayor’s Comments:**

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95 Mayor Bompiani thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting. He also thanked
96 the applicants for the Planning Commission for applying. He mentioned that Town Staff
97 and Council had attended a Work Session on the previous Saturday and he wanted to let

98 the public know that the Staff and the Council are committed to moving New Market
99 forward. Mayor Bompiani then presented a check to the Rouss Center for the Performing
100 Arts for grant funding in the amount of \$2,000. These funds are matching funds from the
101 Town of New Market and the Virginia Commission for the Arts Creative Communities
102 Partnership Grant. Mayor Bompiani thanked the Rouss Center for everything they do for
103 the community. Representatives from the Rouss Center thanked the Town Council for
104 the check and gave a brief update on what the Rouss Center is currently doing and some
105 of the struggles they are experiencing due to a lack of involvement from the community.
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107 **Council Comments:**

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109 There were no comments from Council Members.
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111 **Staff Comments:**

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113 There were no comments from Staff members.
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115 **Closed Session:**

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117 At 7:12 p.m. Mrs. Harkness made a motion to enter into Closed Session as
118 authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the state code to discuss the hiring or
119 appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or employees. The subject
120 matter is the appointment of a specific public official. Mr. Wymer seconded the
121 motion which passed on the following 6-0 roll call vote:
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123	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
124	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. Bradley	Aye
125	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mr. King	Aye

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127 At 8:24 p.m. Mr. Watkins made a motion to accept the following

128 **Certification Resolution:**

129 With respect to the just-concluded closed session, and to the best of each
130 member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open
131 meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only
132 such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed
133 meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the
134 Town Council. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0
135 unanimous roll call vote:
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137	Mr. King	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
138	Mr. Bradley	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
139	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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141 Following the Closed Session, Mr. Bradley made a motion to appoint Mr. Larry
142 Hale and Mr. Harry Wine to the Planning Commission. Mr. Wymer seconded the
143 motion which passed on the following roll call vote:
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145	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
146	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. Bradley	Aye

147 **Mr. Watkins** **Aye** **Mr. King** **Aye**

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149 Mayor Bradley thanked all the applicants for applying.

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151 **Adjournment:**

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153 **At 8:26 p.m. Mr. King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wymer**
154 **seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**

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Larry Bompiani, Mayor

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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk