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**Minutes of the New Market
Special Called Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021
6:30 pm**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, November 8, 2021 with the following members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Bob King, Peter Hughes, and Janice Hannah. Council Members Scott Wymer and Daryl Watkins were absent.

Town Attorney – Jason Ham
Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
Town Treasurer- Teresa Green

Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with four members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani welcomed all visitors and guests.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Hughes made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which passed on a 4-0 unanimous voice vote.

Action Items:

The first action item was the discussion and consideration of allocating funds towards the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development (AFID) – Infrastructure Grant. Mr. Walters explained that Ms. Jenna French had come to the October regular Council Meeting and presented information on the grant. The grant application is due November 15, 2021. This grant is for \$50,000 and is a one for one match grant. In order to get \$50,000, the owner or a locality would have to give \$25,000. The county will take care of the application process. The question is since the business is in the Town of New Market and the County will contribute a portion of the match, does the Town want to give money towards the match as well? Mr. Jon Henry advised that his business is also willing to contribute to the match.

At Council's request, Jon Henry explained what his plans are for an expansion of his business. The grant funding would go towards the purchase of coolers, a flash freezer and the renovation of a metal shed on his newly purchased property. This building would be used to flash freeze and store fruits and vegetables which can be stored for up to a year and sold from Mr. Henry's business. Local farmers could utilize the service that Mr. Henry will be providing.

Council members were in agreement that funds should be given to this grant to help Mr. Henry's business expansion.

Mrs. Hannah made a motion that the Town will contribute \$12,500 towards the grant. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following unanimous 4-0 roll call vote:

Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. King	Aye

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Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, at 6:55 p.m. Mrs. Harkness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 4-0 voice vote.



Larry Bompiani, Mayor



J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk