

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, October 18, 2021**
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, October 18, 2021 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer,
9 Bob King, Peter Hughes, Daryl Watkins and Janice Hannah.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
13 Town Treasurer- Teresa Green
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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 the following**
22 **amendments: that Action Item #1 be removed and replaced with: Discussion and**
23 **consideration of the approval to purchase lot 77A on Miller Lane, New Market,**
24 **Virginia and that the Closed Meeting be amended to also allow consultation with**
25 **legal counsel regarding the Town’s zoning ordinance with respect to hedges. Mr.**
26 **Hughes seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote of all five**
27 **members. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which passed on the following 6-0**
28 **unanimous roll call vote:**
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30	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye
31	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
32	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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35 **Consent Agenda:**
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37 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
38 **minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Town Council and the**
39 **Financial Statements for September 2021. Mr. King seconded the motion which**
40 **carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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42 **Public Hearing:**
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44 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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46 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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48 Mr. Travis Ryan, Century Village, spoke to Council regarding a safety issue in
49 relation to garbage pick-up in the Century Village subdivision. Mr. Ryan stated that

50 when Waste Management began picking up garbage in Town, the residents of Century
51 Village were asked to place their trash cans in a centralized location for Waste
52 Management to pick up the garbage. This was more convenient for the trash company
53 and less convenient for the residents of Century Village. In the process, the parking lot
54 was damaged in one area by the weight of the trash truck. Mr. Ryan advised that he had
55 contacted the Town Manager on August 5, 2021 and as of today, had not received a
56 response regarding whether or not the residents of century village should discontinue
57 putting their trash bins in the location of the parking lot that had been damaged. Mr.
58 Ryan advised that Mr. Walters was waiting on a response from the representative from
59 Waste Management to determine what the Century Village residents should do. Mr.
60 Ryan advised that he has pictures of the damage to the parking lot for Council's review.
61 The pictures were taken on September 3, 2021 and the trash truck continues to drive to
62 the same location to pick up the garbage every week which is making the damage worse.
63 Mayor Bompiani advised that contacts within the trash company have changed over the
64 course of the past months, but either he or Mr. Walters will get back to Mr. Ryan with
65 what can be done.

66 Ms. Jenna French, Shenandoah County Director of Tourism & Economic
67 Development, was the next person to speak. She gave a brief power point presentation
68 highlighting information on a possible grant opportunity for a local business. The grant
69 is called the AFID Infrastructure Grant. It is a matching grant of up to \$25,000 and is for
70 community infrastructure development projects that support local food production and
71 sustainable agriculture. The grant is intended for capital projects and not on-going costs.
72 The grant is due November 15, 2021. This grant is a 2:1 matching grant, meaning that
73 \$12,500 could be put in at the local level, but could still apply for the total grant amount
74 of \$37,500. This grant is intended for Mr. Jon Henry to install additional cooler space
75 and a flash freezer at his business location and to serve as an aggregator for local
76 producers. Currently, there is nowhere else in Virginia that does this process and can
77 help these producers extend the shelf life of their produce. Ms. French advised that there
78 are local producers who are willing to support the grant with a letter of support, but
79 funding from one or two localities would help boost the grant application as well. She
80 advised that even a few thousand dollars would go a long way. She also mentioned that
81 ARPA funds can be used for this as well. Ms. French advised that she would need to
82 know prior to November 15, 2021 if the Town wishes to contribute to the funding. She
83 further advised that even if Council chooses not to contribute financially, if they wish to
84 offer a letter of support, it would help boost the application. A copy of Ms. French's
85 presentation is included with the minutes.

86 Ms. French then gave another power point presentation which was an update on
87 tourism and economic development in the County. The update included a recap of 2020,
88 a video showing the new tourism campaign, and some ideas for the future. A copy of
89 Ms. French's presentation is included with the minutes.

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91 **Committee Reports:**

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93 There were no committee reports.

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95 **Staff Reports:**

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97 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. D. Fadley**

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Mayor Bompiani remarked that he appreciated Jon Henry making an effort to grow his business and generate energy for the Town. The Mayor remarked that Council will continue to try and get more rooftops in Town to help grow the businesses.

Council Comments:

Mr. Watkins remarked that Amber did a great job with the Fairway 5K. He thought it was well organized and the event will continue to grow. The course is a good one and the use of professional timing is a bonus.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Walters remarked that the Town has two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals and if any council members know anyone who might be interested in volunteering for that Board, please let Mr. Walters know.

Mr. Walters reminded Council Members of the Work Session scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Mr. Walters mentioned that the existing water tank is scheduled to be inspected this week and that will help determine if it needs to be rehabbed or replaced.

Closed Meeting:

At 7:32 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to recess into Closed Session to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by our attorney, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state code. The subject matter of the meeting is legal matters related to property acquisition and the Town’s zoning ordinance with respect to hedges. And to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the state code. The subject matter is the possible acquisition of real property for community and recreational activities. Mr. King seconded the motion which passed on the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:

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

At 9:12 p.m., Mr. Watkins made a motion to return from Closed Session by reading aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just concluded closed session, and to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:


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

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Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, at 9:13 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.


Larry Bompiani, Mayor


J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk