

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on April 14, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

**Thomas Coleman III, Mayor
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor
Donna C. Ober
W. H. Coleman (Absent)
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer**

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP/Public Works
Mr. Will Ober
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise
Mr. Charles Rouse, HBR, Inc., President**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone for their attendance at tonight's meeting. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag along with a moment of silence.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion for approval of the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2015 and the called meeting minutes of March 30, 2015. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober moved to approve both sets of minutes as submitted with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve/adopt the 2014 annual audit as submitted from Creedle, Jones, and Alga, P.C. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober had questions concerning pages 28 and 32 of the audit regarding the figures and wording of "Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts," as well as, the wording under "General Fund" on page 32 which read, "Delinquent taxes not collected within 60 days." Mrs. Bowen tried to explain that each of these two statements were entered by the auditor from the books; however, she stated that she felt the auditor meant that the amount of \$11,538 for "doubtful accounts" meant that these were all uncollected receivables over an extended period of time and the "Delinquent taxes not collected in 60 days," referred to both personal and real estate taxes that were over 60 days past due. The council advised Mrs. Bowen to contact the auditor for clarification on these two (2) auditor statements and report back at the next council meeting. The Mayor advised that he would like to know exactly what these amounts represent and where the town stands as far as collections as soon as possible. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the audit as submitted with a follow up on their concerns. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the bills to be paid as submitted for the month of April 2015. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober moved to pay the bills for April and Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chief Fox reported that he investigated a hit and run during the month, he took a report on Washington Street of a fraud, stopped a few cars, and put up a speed box on Washington Street with a few positive comments. He also, said he would be moving the speed box to Jefferson Street to track the speeds of vehicles at that location.

Public Works Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report for water pumped for March 2015, was 824,000 gallons. He also informed the council that he had been checking on the Presbyterian Church more thoroughly and the roof needed to be painted, the windows need to be re-glazed, and they found a broken glass in one window and covered it with plexiglass. He continued to say that within a year, the church should be painted with the possibility of some foundation work that needed to be done. His recommendation was for the town to form a committee to be in charge of addressing these problems and see to it that the necessary repairs are made to the church. The Mayor interjected by saying that he had also inspected the church and he found a lot of things that needed to be done. He said that there is foundation work that needs to be looked at; lattice work around the fuel tank has come apart, as well as, the window that was mentioned, and he was in agreement with a committee being formed to address these issues and to come up with some way to perhaps raise money to assist in these continual costs of upkeep. The Mayor stated that since the church is one of the town's one hundred eighty-one (181) contributing historic structures that we had to find out what can and can't be done to comply with possible rules and regulations. Councilman Worley inquired if there were any grants available to assist with repairs. The Mayor responded by saying that we would check with Gail Moody of the Southside Planning District Commission to see if there were any available grants. Vice Mayor Gill stated that he felt that we should do something about the situation as soon as possible, since it seems to be an ongoing problem and the funds that we do have should be spent. The Mayor agreed and remarked that we would be moving forward with this issue. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, questioned how or who would establish this committee. The Mayor suggested that since this should be an important role as a committee member, it should be citizens or even council members who are truly concerned and are knowledgeable about the historical value of the church to be on this committee. He asked if there were any volunteers to be on the committee; however, there were none. Councilman Kirkland interposed by saying that the town took on the Presbyterian Church to keep it up; therefore, the committee should be formed with some citizens who have historic knowledge, such as Mrs. Ruth Crowder, who would have an interest in preserving the church, as well as, a few others.

Vice Mayor Gill inquired about the status of the pipe replacement down at the driveway in front of Mrs. Sally Nelson's house. Mr. Park III responded that the pipe is stopping up since it is a four (4) inch pipe and it needs to be larger. More discussion was held with it being

decided that Mr. Park III would investigate this matter further and report back at the next meeting.

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments. Mr. Rouse thanked Chief Fox for his assistance with an issue he had with identity theft.

Councilman Kirkland inquired about our website and email service. He voiced his opinion regarding this issue and he felt we were being held hostage and it is disrupting the operation of the office. The Mayor responded by saying that we have purchased boydtonva.org and we hope to keep boydton.org as well. Councilman Kirkland continued to reiterate his position in this matter and urged the Mayor to take the appropriate action to resolve this issue.

Mayor Coleman III stated that he would like to set a date for another budget meeting. It was decided that a meeting would be held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

The Mayor read an invitation to the council from PATHS, Inc. for an Open House at the PATHS, Inc. facility in Danville, VA to be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015, from 3-5 P.M. He requested that if any council members could attend that they let Mrs. Bowen know prior to the event.

The Mayor stated that the meeting would be convening into a closed session at this time.

Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss hiring a new employee as stated in the Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (1). Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

The executive session being closed, the council reconvened into open session. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved that the Boydton Town Council certify that, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene into a closed meeting and (2) lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. The motion was passed by a roll call vote as follows:

Ronald C. Worley	Aye	W. H. Coleman	Absent	David M. Crowder	Aye
J. M. Kirkland	Aye	Donna C. Ober	Aye	T. G. Gill	Aye

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III asked if there were any motions to be made at this time. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to hire candidate #1 as selected in the closed session based on negotiations with him. Vice Mayor Gill seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously.

Vice Mayor Gill inquired of Chief Fox regarding the cat situation in town. Chief Fox stated he had spoken to Doug Lambert and Mr. Carter and both informed him that they could not offer any assistance. Chief Fox noted, however, that his next course of action would be speak to the people who are feeding the cats and hopefully resolve the problem with a plan for relocation. He also asked if anyone knew of someone who had a barn that would be willing to take them to let him know.

There being no further discussion or business, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to adjourn the meeting, which was documented at 8:45 P.M. Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk of Council
April 14, 2015**

Thomas C. Coleman III, Mayor