

**The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on April 12, 2016, 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  
W. H. Coleman  
J. M. Kirkland  
David M. Crowder  
Ronny Worley  
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer**

**GUESTS**

**Mr. R. H. Park III, Public Works Supervisor  
Mr. Bill Thompson  
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise  
Mrs. Ellen Walker  
Mr. Jonathan Hite  
Dr. Dave Eason  
Mr. Charles T. Rouse, Pres., HBR, Inc.  
Mr. Kyle Rosch  
Mr. Michael Cochran**

**Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III welcomed everyone for their attendance at tonight's meeting and opened the regular meeting. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.**

**Since the February minutes were incomplete and could not be approved at last month's meeting, (due to continued computer problems) the Mayor asked for approval of the February 2016 minutes that had been completed. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the February 9, 2016, minutes. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. The March 8<sup>th</sup> joint public hearing/regular meeting minutes (that were quite lengthy) were not included in this month's packet due to the computers not being installed until March 30, 2016, and the Clerk-Treasurer's inability to complete those for tonight's meeting. She stated that they would be presented for approval at the May meeting.**

**The Mayor requested approval of the March 2016 bills to be paid. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to pay the bills for March 2016. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor.**

**Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of March. Chief Fox reported that he had five (5) vehicle stops, two (2) vehicle unlocks, and four (4) rescue squad assists. Since there were no other questions for Chief Fox, the Mayor moved on to the next order of business.**

**Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for March was 1,119,000 gallons. Mr. Park III informed the council that the town had a need for four dumpsters and he was asking for their approval to purchase them at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. He advised that he could possibly repair two and purchase another two, but his request was for four new ones in case the other two couldn't be repaired. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve the funds for four new dumpsters with Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.**

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Michael Cochran, town resident, voiced his concern regarding the deteriorating sidewalk near the stairs on Washington Street, which had been brought before the council numerous times before. He continued to say that he had seen a couple of people almost fall at that location and felt it was a hazard and public safety issue. Council members advised Mr. Cochran that they were very much aware of this and that measures had been taken to remedy this situation. Mr. Park III, when questioned about this problem, reported that the repairs and replacement of the stairs was reported to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and they had informed him that it was on their docket of repairs to be made, since it was determined that the streets and sidewalks belong to VDOT. Councilman W. H. Coleman asked that Mr. Park III revisit this issue with them and if they weren't going to take action, since it had been over 2-3 months ago that they agreed to repair this section of sidewalk and stairs, that the town would have to do something. Mr. Park III responded saying that he would check on this and until that time he could "cone off" the stairs until a resolution could be reached. It was the consensus of the council to take this action until the stairs could be repaired.

Mr. Charles Rouse, President of Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc. took the floor to brief the council on some HBR updates. He stated that their Board of Directors had met and there would be a quarterly meeting on April 21, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. where the topics of discussion would be: Boydton's BBQ Battle, Boydton Day, the town's flower beds, and a five year plan, among other topics. He invited anyone, who would be interested, to attend. He further stated that the Presbyterian Church repairs were near completion and he would present a detailed report once all repairs were complete.

Mrs. Ellen Walker inquired if there were any updates regarding the town park located near her house and the entrance to Rails-to-Trails. The Mayor responded by stating that the park was still set to be done as far as he knew and had discussed with Preston Butler, the gentleman who wanted to move the playground equipment to the new location; however, Mr. Butler had moved to Chase City, VA and he hadn't spoken to him recently.

The Mayor commented that interviews for a new person to be hired for the front office would be held on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded everyone that town elections would be held on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Town Hall and urged people to vote. He advised, upon being questioned, that there were three council seats to be filled with five people vying for those and the Mayor's seat, where there was no opposition.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P. M.

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Shirley S. Bowen, CMC  
Clerk to the Council & Treasurer  
April 12, 2016

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Thomas C. Coleman III  
Mayor