

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on August 9, 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
Ronny Worley
W. H. Coleman
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
William R. Thompson
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk of Council
Krystle Stembridge, Deputy Clerk**

GUESTS

**Mrs. Ellen Walker
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise
Mr. David Goodwin
Mr. J. E. Harrell
Mr. Glanzy Spain
Mrs. Mildred Winn
Mr. & Mrs. Will Ober
Mr. R. H. Park III, Supervisor-Public Works
Chief Danny R. Fox**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag along with a moment of silence.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of July 12, 2016. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approve the July minutes as submitted with Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of July 2016. Prior to the motion to pay the bills, Councilman Ronny C. Worley questioned the purchase of a scanner as to the type. Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, "Oh, that is just a surfactant." Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to pay the bills for July, with Councilman W. H. Coleman seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on patrol activity for the month of July 2016. He stated that he had (4) Vehicle Stops, (1) Welfare Check, (1) Library Assist with a juvenile arrest, and (1) Rescue Assist. He stated he was still investigating the PATHS incident.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for July was 1,081,000 gallons of water used. Mr. Park III stated, "Y'all should have the two quotations on putting the door in the back of what we call the old shop or metal shop right back here beside the water tank. I had a third person to come by and look at it, but it was a little more than what he wanted to do, so I didn't get a bid from him. We actually had three people to come and look at it. If y'all want to go ahead with this and if y'all tell me which one y'all would like to take, I can go ahead and call them to come up here and start to work on it." Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, "Renny, is this an extremely heavy door?" Mr. Park III said, "No not really, it's just a normal 12' by 12' rollup door, but the metal work, see it's nothing...there's no framing there, if you'll

look on the quote where you'll see where they are going to have to"...Councilman W. H. Coleman interjected by saying, "That's right, they are going to have to cut the hole and all, don't they?" Mr. Park III, said, "Yeah, they're going to have to put the metal jams in and have to put a metal header in and take the tin down. They're going to have to actually cut a crossbeam that comes across there to hold the back up enough to where you can get out." The Mayor said, "And it's going to be very secure." Mr. Park III said, "Yes, it will be a secure rollup metal door." Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "On this back page Renny, where he's got \$4400 LHR, what does that mean?" Mr. Park III responded, "That's a number...I think that's the door." Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "Oh, that's not dollars?" Mr. R. H. Park III stated, "No, that's a number forty-four double zero, I think the LHR stands for the high lift door." Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "Oh, okay." Mr. Park III said, "Cause it has to have two runners, because the ceiling is so low they have to run it that way since there are two runners on the top side and that's how they had to do the front door, too." Councilman J. M. Kirkland voiced his opinion by stating, "I'm just thinking out loud, we just approved the new budget and the new budget just went into effect last month, and of course it's been there ever since the building has been back there without a back door and I just hate to see us put some money in there and something else happens and we are going to have to "dip in the till" I would like to maybe, "personally," maybe wait on a little later...now will it get any cheaper...it won't. But you know, that's just my two cents worth. If we had some money earmarked for it, that's one thing, but I just hate to and if we have an extreme emergency and of course, we are just getting back on our feet a little bit now, I just hate to... you know...that's just my opinion." Mr. R. H. Park III responded, "Well, the only reason we brought this up last time, when the door broke, we couldn't get it up or down and we considered getting the garbage truck out...an emergency." Councilman Kirkland said jokingly, "You worked through an emergency and that garbage truck don't go through that little side door, does it?" Mr. Park III said, "No." Vice Mayor Gill asked, "Well, what about the front door, has that been fixed?" The Mayor and Mr. Park III both said, "Yes." Vice Mayor Gill said, "I agree with Johnny...I think that money could be spent better elsewhere." Mr. Park III, said, "Okay." Mayor Coleman asked, "Is there any more discussion on that one?" There were no more comments.

Councilman W. H. Coleman asked Mr. Park III, "Renny, I wasn't at the last meeting, but where do we stand on the fire hydrants, just where we've been...the ones up here on Washington Street?" Mr. Park III stated, "We discussed it in the budget meeting and it supposedly went into the budget." Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "I know we did that." Mr. Park III continued on by saying, "I don't know, but y'all will probably have to rebid that out again, if you want to." Mayor Coleman III said, "It's actually three." Mr. Park III said, "In my opinion the one in the middle doesn't need to be replaced, it just needs to be taken out. I mean you've got three fire hydrants... (Councilman Coleman interjected saying, "With about a 200 yard space").... probably no longer than the length of this building right here apart from one another." Mayor Coleman III said, "One is at the

Herbert building, one at the intersection of Farm Bureau, and one is down in the bottom, down where the old railroad track used to be.” Mr. Park III said, “You see we’ve got a fire hydrant right across the street from the Farm Bureau. I thoroughly think it was probably supposed to be taken out when they re-did the water system and it was just something that was never done. I know the one at the intersection there...probably should have been taken out.” Councilman W. H. Coleman said, “Well, we should at least fix the one up here at the corner, though.” Mayor Coleman III and Mr. Park III agreed. The Mayor said, “The one that is at the Farm Bureau is right on the side of the road...it’s real close, so it’s apt to be hit, but it hasn’t been hit in all these years.” He continued by saying, “It’s in a real bad location. But now, we have purchased the fire hydrants.” Mr. R. H. Park III said, “It’s just a matter of getting the bids and getting somebody in here, if you want to cap that one off then it would have to change and if you want me to call back in to see about getting some more bids, I can.” Councilman W. H. Coleman said, “I think we should.” Mr. R. H. Park III said, “Okay.” Mayor Coleman stated, “The problem is the waterline. It’s that the waterline runs in the road so you have to tear the road up or whoever takes the bid has to tear the road up, right?” Mr. Park III responded, “Right.” Mayor Coleman III then said, “That means it’s going to cost more because of that location of where it actually hooks on to the waterlines.” Mr. R. H. Park III stated, “I’ll make some phone calls and see if I can get some more information on it.” Mr. J. E. Harrell asked, “Renny, did we mark the ones that are inoperable or cover ‘em up?” Mr. Park III stated, “Yes, they are...they are covered.” Mr. Park III said, “The next item we have is the oxidation ditch. I’ve gotten all the bids in and I’ve gotten all the recommendations in with a few minor changes that we need to make. It is going to come in at \$11,500.00 to fix it total...parts and labor. Now we can take the money out of the sinking fund to take care of this project.” Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, “Could we save any money if we got the contractor who gets the next bid to do the work?” Mr. R. H. Park III responded with, “I doubt it seriously.” Councilman W. H. Coleman replied, “Okay.” Mr. Park III went on to say, “I would like to go ahead and get this fixed and it probably needs to be fixed separately, because it’s gonna have to be done in stages.” Mayor Coleman III said, “Three different stages...right?” Mr. Park III replied, “Well, we probably can get it down to two. But you know, once we get ditch one in operation, then we’ll have to take ditch two out of public service so we can utilize ditch one. I got to get ditch one where I can get to utilize it. So you know, we got to get this...we really need to get ditch one back to where we can use it and I’m afraid to use it the way it is now. So if y’all want me to, I’ll start getting that going and I’ll give y’all a progress report.” The Mayor asked the council, “What’s y’all’s thought on that one?” Councilman W. H. Coleman said, “Well, if it’s got to be done...it’s got to be done.” Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to give Mr. Park III the “go ahead” to proceed with fixing the oxidation ditches. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Mr. Park III said, “Alright, that’s all I have. I thank y’all.”

Vice Mayor T. G. Gill said, "Renny, while we've got you, it's been brought to my attention, we all know...well, most everybody knows that the little young fellows are practicing football up here at the ballpark and shouldn't we include that in the grass cutting?" Mayor Coleman III, said, "Yes, I think we should." Mr. Park III responded, "We cut the grass up there." Councilman Ronny Worley said, "They cut the grass up there." The Mayor said, "They do?" The response from Councilman Worley was, "Yes, they do." Vice Mayor T. G. Gill then said, "They cut it themselves this time!" The response was, "Who?" Vice Mayor Gill said, "The guys that are coaching." Mr. Park III stated, "Now, we've had lawnmowers breaking down and..." Vice Mayor Gill said, "I know...I've heard it all. They're fixed, then the lawnmowers are breaking down, and all that, but my only thing is, can you put it on the agenda to check on it or cut it as needed?" Mr. Park III responded, "Yes, we try to cut it when we get to it." Vice Mayor Gill reiterated, "I know for a fact that they cut it up there that Sunday."

Mr. Park III inquired of the Mayor, "Tommy, did you ever bring it up about the Meherrin River Regional Jail?" The Mayor instructed Mr. Park III, "You go ahead if you want to." Mr. Park III informed the council, "I was contacted by the Meherrin River Jail that they have an inmate workforce and they have talked to the Rails-to-Trails and they are going to start maintaining the Rails-to-Trails and one section is going to be the one here in Boydton. They will be doing some other sections somewhere else, so we won't have to worry about that. But we are going to need, I think, Tommy you said we are going to need a letter from y'all." Mayor Coleman III stated, "Well, the reason I wanted to bring this before the council is there's a point that they are actually in town, working inmates inside the town. The town has an ordinance that allows them to work in town, if notified properly and signage is used and that kind of thing, but you need to be aware." Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, "Will they put a sign up saying closed while they are working?" The Mayor said, "That's right, that's what I'm talking about and then everybody is aware of it when we see that it's closed, that's the purpose. They are going to actually want to drive vehicles on it." Mr. Park III advised, "It is my understanding that they will have to get permits to do that and they are still working on it. I'm not sure when it's going to start, but we'll just have to see how it plays out." Chief Fox interjected, "I'd like to bring up something on the same area of safety, and I've noticed that several people pull off at the lower end down here next to Gregory Oil Company and go in that way and avoid parking up here from time to time. I know it would be extra for them, and a little bit of inconvenience, but could they put signage here, as well as, down there at Gregory Oil Company, that it'll be closed? I know they won't have to do it at the other end of the trail, down at Prison Road. I hate to inconvenience them, but I've seen several people, especially with small children, pull off in that little pull off right there because they don't have to cross the road and they have the kids contained on that side of the road." Mayor Coleman III said, "The signage, to me, includes from Hwy. 92 all the way to the prison bridge, which would include Hwy. 58 business, but that's what I would recommend that they start at

Hwy. 92 and they go all the way and take care of the parking lot and that section of the Rails-to-Trails as well, and I think they are willing to do that.” Chief Fox remarked, “I expect they would, too.” The Mayor stated, “This is not the only one that they’re doing, there’s some others that they are interested in doing too. I think it’s a good idea...it’s a good place for them to work.” Mayor Coleman III asked, “Does anybody have any issues with that or questions?” He again stated that he didn’t know when this would take place, but he wanted to make everyone aware of this being done and wanted to know if anyone had a problem with it. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to allow the workforce to maintain the Rails-to-Trails. Councilman David. M. Crowder seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously.

Councilman J. M. Kirkland inquired if VDOT had been contacted about cutting and maintaining the areas down near Finch Lane, Carter Street, around Madison Street Extension, and down to the oil company. Mr. Park III responded by saying, “They have already been twice this year.” Councilman Kirkland stated that he had driven down there last week and it looked as if it needed cutting. Mr. Park III said, “The grass has been growing mighty fast this year.” Councilman J. M. Kirkland said, “Very well I know.” Councilman W. H. Coleman stated that the street looked very nice where the sidewalk and steps are located.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mr. J. E. Harrell asked, “Do we have an overall plan for our sewage treatment system plant, someone who’s gone through and come up with a two year, five year, or ten year plan? What we need to do in two years, five years, and the next ten years to help with the budget process? Has anyone looked at that?” Mr. Park III responded, “Well, they look at all that when they looked at this last upgrade.” Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, “They’re getting ready to do a 3.5 million dollar upgrade to the plant.” Mr. Harrell asked, “Did they look at the higher priority equipment done first, the second priority done next, and that sort of thing?” Councilman W. H. Coleman said, “This is almost a complete overhaul, isn’t it Renny?” Mr. Park III responded, “No, not really. They took the equipment that wasn’t replaced last time as being replaced this time and some of the equipment that was replaced last time will be replaced this time, but they prioritized it. The most important equipment is going to be replaced this time, too.” Mr. Harrell said, “That should be a major factor in our budget process, so if anyone comes forward with something that wasn’t in the budget, now is the time to start thinking about it in the budget process.” Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, “Well, we have a fund (sinking fund) in place for repairs for the wastewater treatment plant.” The Mayor stated, “There is a sinking fund in place that is on the water bill and something that was mentioned earlier in the meeting and it is “earmarked” for the wastewater plant.” Mr. Harrell then said, “I am going to ask a specific question, do we have budget items in next year’s budget to replace equipment that needs to be replaced?” Councilman Ronny Worley and the Mayor answered, “No.” Mr. Harrell said, “Well,

that's something that needs to be taken care of." Councilman J. M. Kirkland stated, "I think the answer to that is, we're waiting for this huge upgrade to be done, since the way I understand it, is while they are there, so we don't want to put the cart before the mule here. We've got this 3.5 million dollar process going on, y'all correct me if I'm wrong..." Mr. Harrell interrupted by asking, "Do we know the full scope of this process, Johnny?" Councilman Kirkland along with the Mayor and Councilman W. H. Coleman responded with a, "Yes, absolutely." Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "We have a set of plans here about this thick." He also asked, "Aren't they bidding that out at the end of this month?" Mayor Coleman III said, "Or it's going to happen in the next month." Mr. Park III stated, "Also, there are ten options on that, too, depending on how the bids come in. It's ten optional things, if the bids come in low enough, we'll get all ten. If the bids don't come in low enough then the town will have to decide if y'all want to do those ten options or not." The Mayor asked, "Are they the plans we got in yesterday?" Mr. Park III stated, "Yes, they were the plans we got yesterday and we got spec books down at the plant and we got them on discs, too." The Mayor stated, "If anyone would like to look at those plans they are welcome to look at them, it's not a problem at all." Mr. Harrell stated, "This was my background of work for years and years and I was only offering my help to the councilmen. Oh, and I did go down and look at the bulk head replacement and he felt Renny is doing it soundly."

The Mayor asked, "Are there any more questions from the audience?" Mr. Harrell asked, "Do we have a committee that is going to look at this proposal and give him direction on what to do?" The Mayor, council, and Mrs. Bowen, asked what proposal he was speaking about now. Mr. Harrell said, "The one for the 4.0 million dollar proposal." The council responded, "That's already been done." Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "Dewberry and Davis our engineering firm had that already drawn up." Mr. Harrell said, "Oh, that's already been done...well, okay, then."

Mrs. Ober took the floor to give an update on the Big, Bad, Barbeque Battle and stated, "As of this afternoon, they had 26 teams participating." She also said, "Their limit is 30 and with 26 teams already, we are going to be loaded with the professional ones coming in with their big long rigs that will take up a lot of space and it will be difficult getting them all in here." The Mayor asked, "Mrs. Ober how many teams were there last year?" She responded by saying, "It was eleven last year." Mayor Coleman III said, "It just goes to show you how much work they've done to make it a workable day that's fun for everyone to attend." Mrs. Ober informed the council that the trophies on display here, have been upgraded from last year. Councilman Worley advised Mr. Park III, "Make sure that the bollards are in working order." Mr. Park III reported, "All of them were working except one and that we are going to try to fix that one Thursday." The Mayor stated, "We are working hard to get everything done for that day." Mrs. Ober said, "Since we have had problems with the electrical, we have told them that they can use generators. On Boydton

Day they have always said, “No generators,” but for this and with them bringing in their big motor houses, and to avoid plugging them into the bollards and possibly blowing them all up, we’ve agreed for them to use the generators.” Mr. Park III informed the council and audience, “Yes, we only have 110 current and we can’t plug in those big mobile homes. And also, during Boydton Day we had some people that were using the lamp poles so we are going to get some extension cords to plug into them and let them hang down and tie them off so that will give us some extra plugs right there. I think we will have sixteen of them.” The Mayor stated, “In the past we’d been using chairs and everything under the sun to get up higher, and someone is going to eventually get hurt.”

Councilman W. H. Coleman advised Mr. Park III that there was a flag in front of the medical center that’s hung on top of the lamp post and asked if he could get that down. After further discussion, it was decided that it had already been removed.

Mrs. Ellen Walker asked, “Is it possible for us to get on the rotation for National Night Out?” Councilman W. H. Coleman said, “We’ve had it here once or twice.” Mrs. Walker responded, “Yes, we have, but we’re not on the rotation now.” She continued to say that it goes from Clarksville, to Chase City, and to South Hill. Her thoughts were that it was nice to have this in the town because they give out school supplies and informative information. Chief Fox said he will talk to someone about this.

Mrs. Bowen reported that there was a Boydton Day meeting last night and it turned out very well. She stated that there were seven vendors so far and about five or six sponsorships and participation is great. Mrs. Carolyn Hite advised that we could use the Boyd Tavern for displaying quilts, since this year Mrs. Sandra Wilbourne and Collette Boring are having a quilt show. She continued by saying that there would be other artisans displaying their goods and there will be a petting zoo by the FFA at the “old library” in town as well as a tractor show and antique cars possibly here, as well. Unfortunately, she stated that the Navy Band will not be able to participate this year. She asked Mr. Ober, if he could contact the Army band, since that would be a plus. Mr. Ober responded, “I can, since I have a contact with them.” There will be other musicians participating in one location in the middle of Bank Street near the Methodist Church Prayer Garden.

Mrs. Ellen Walker asked, “What is going on with the playground equipment?” The Mayor said he is still in contact with Mr. Butler and he’s telling him that it is still going to happen, but the longer we go...the less I have faith in that and when he moved to Chase City it really created an issue for us. The Mayor said he was still trying to not let that one go, but there was also an issue with the Rails-to-Trails with their one year warranty period, before anything could be done to connect the trail to the park. Others stated that they thought this one year period had already passed since it had been a year since the Grand Opening of the trail.

Mrs. Bowen also informed the council that she had ordered the bench for the family of Hilda Jones in memory of their mother and it would be placed near Rose's Pizza. The family will reimburse the town entirely for the cost of the bench.

Krystle Stembridge, Deputy Clerk, asked, "I've had a gentleman contact me who wants to participate in Boydton Day and he asked if he could use a generator for his space this year if they are allowing him to use it for the Big, Bad, Barbeque Battle?" She asked the council, "What do I tell him?" Councilman W. H. Coleman said, "You need to put him in touch with whoever is in charge of Boydton Day and let them work that out, because we aren't going to override their approvals, and if he contacts them, it's a good chance they will work with him." Ms. Stembridge said she would give him that information.

There being no more comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P. M.

**Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk to the Council & Treasurer
August 9, 2016**

**Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor**