

**The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on December 13, 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  
Ronny Worley  
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor  
W. H. Coleman  
J. M. Kirkland (Absent)  
David M. Crowder  
Ronny Worley  
Bill Thompson  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer  
Krystle S. Magann, Deputy Clerk**

**GUESTS**

**Mr. R. H. Park III, Public Works Supervisor  
Mrs. Ellen Walker  
Mr. Mike Denton  
Mr. David Goodwin  
Mr. J. E. Harrell  
Mr. Mike Farrow  
Mr. Glanzy Spain  
Mr. & Mrs. Will (Donna) Ober  
Ms. Mildred Winn  
Mrs. Jane Lipscomb**

**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.**

**Mayor Coleman III requested approval of the minutes from November 8, 2016. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the minutes with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.**

**Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of December 2016. The Mayor informed the council that a new checking account was created for \$1, 939,257.00, which was received from the County for the new EDA Grant. Councilman W. H. Coleman inquired why the money wasn't deposited into a checking/savings account. Mrs. Bowen reported that when she made the deposit she was told that it was, but she would follow up on this and advise the council at the next meeting. Mayor Coleman III interjected by saying that any interest accrued on the account would revert back to the County, as agreed upon. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to pay the bills for December as presented, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of November. Chief Fox reported that he had (5) vehicle stops, (1) speeding citation, and the speed box had been set on Jefferson Street, hopefully, to warn people to slow down. He also stated that he would move it to Washington Street, if no one else had requested it.**

**Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for November was 1,265,000 gallons. Mr. Park III informed the council with an update on the sewer line. He stated that the construction had started on the new sewer line and the contractor for renovation of the WWTP had moved in, as well, but construction hadn't started yet. Second, Mr. Park III informed the council that new tires for**

the backhoe needed to be purchased. Mr. Park III received 3 bids, but Ingram Tire in South Hill, VA had the best price at \$1,124.00. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to buy the tires from Ingram Tire with Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. Finally, Mr. Park III informed the council that the pumping station at the end of Washington Street near Route 707, has a pump that is going bad. Mr. Park III reported that he is currently receiving quotes to see what it will cost to replace the pump with a rail system installed. Mr. Park III stated that the new pump would be more costly, since they are installing it with a rail system to avoid crawling into the pit. Mayor Coleman III asked Mr. Park III if the contractor regarding this showed up. Mr. Park III stated that he'd had two people to come by, but he'd report back at next month's council meeting. Upon inquiring about the pump station's age by Mayor Coleman III, Mr. Park III advised that it was put in approximately 20 years ago. Mr. Park III stated in 1968, the original pump station was put in and stationary submersible pumps were installed, but the new rail system would allow the workers to tie a rope to the pump and pull it up and out, and then put it back into place.

Mr. Mike Denton, with the Lake Country Airport Commission, revisited the issue with the council regarding the line of credit for the airport. The purpose of his attendance tonight was to answer any questions or concerns the council might have concerning this matter. Mr. Denton stated that if he could get the approval tonight to move forward, since he had the County's and the Town of Clarksville's approval, he would like to have Boydton's approval, as well. Then at the next meeting, he would present the Memorandum of Understanding for the moral obligation of getting the line of credit. Once the Memorandum is presented to the Town & County, then a formal resolution would be made stating, "Be it resolved that we approve that the airport commission get the line of credit." Mr. Denton reminded the council that it is essentially the same thing that was done a few years ago. Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, "What's the dollar amount for the line of credit?" Mr. Denton stated, "A total of \$150,000, starting amount where it will be used is for the runaway restoration rehabilitation." It is an 80/20 % grant we would share with the Department of Aviation and their part is 80% with 20% already being in the budget, if it is needed. He continued by saying, "Virtually everything is reimbursable by the Department of Aviation." Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, "What amount of this money would be the Town's obligation, if for some odd reason you defaulted on the loan?" Mr. Denton stated if it was a whole line of credit, it would be based on representation, and I will check into it, but worst case scenario on the project would only be 10%, if it was the one-third, one-third, one third as Mr. Wayne Carter had said to him, but he felt he was "jesting." Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, "So you could not get a line of credit based on the equity of the airport itself?" Mr. Denton stated, "We could, but since Benchmark Community Bank knows us as a political subdivision, there was no need to." Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, "I realize that, but you have the asset there that you could have gotten a line of credit." Mr. Denton remarked, "That's a good point and when the time comes, we are looking to build that asset even more, but frankly, you are the only one who has asked about that & worried about that." Councilman W. H. Coleman responded, "I'm not worried about that...I just asked the question." He then asked, "Mr. Spain, what are your thoughts on the County's obligations of the percentage?" Mr. Spain stated, "The County will carry the biggest burden of that." Mayor Coleman III reminded Mr. Spain of the town's financial situation and we couldn't subject the town for a large amount of funding. Mr. Spain said he understood and stated that the County would be more liable than the Town of Boydton and he felt that the exact percentage should be known, if something were to happen, but he didn't foresee that. Mr. Denton stated, "The main reason I am coming over

here for the next few council meetings, is to have all questions answered and to make sure that everyone understands where we are going and all moving in the same direction.” Mr. Denton reiterated that he would like to have an up or down vote of approval tonight. The Memorandum of Understanding/Resolution would be presented and written in the January minutes showing the town’s support in order for the airport commission to move forward in acquiring the line of credit. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve that the airport commission move forward in pursuing the Memorandum of Understanding/Resolution and would be expecting to have it be presented for final approval at the January council meeting. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. Mrs. Donna Ober, town resident, stated that this year’s Christmas tree looked wonderful and asked the council, if they have a plan on planting a permanent Christmas tree? Mayor Coleman III stated, that he would have to ask Mr. Spain or the County, but from previous conversations with them, the answer is, “Yes, we are.” He continued to say that he would like to speak to the County or Wayne Carter, County Administrator, before he assures Mrs. Ober of what would be done concerning a permanent tree. Mrs. Ober stated, that in the upcoming HBR meeting this Thursday night, there will be a vote on HBR taking care of the expense of the permanent Christmas tree. Mayor Coleman III said he would “try” to get an answer before their meeting, if possible.

Mrs. Ellen Walker inquired about the permanent location of the “LOVE” sign. A discussion ensued regarding this with Mrs. Ober stating that it “was” to be relocated down at the Trail Head, but the Boyd Tavern people and many of the town residents like it on the lawn at the Boyd Tavern; therefore, it will probably remain at its current location. Chief Fox also stated that he felt it would be the best location to keep it in tact.

Vice Mayor T. G. Gill read a thank you note for the flowers sent from the Town due to the passing of Mayor Coleman III’s mother, Erna R. Coleman. Mayor Coleman III expressed his appreciation for the acts of kindness shown to him and his family during that time.

Mayor Coleman III advised the council that the Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at noon for the town’s employees and he invited the council members, as well.

Lastly, Mayor Coleman III stated that all the interviews for the Maintenance/WWTP opening would begin this Friday, December 16, 2016, and we would like to fill this position, as soon as possible.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

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Krsyle S. Magann  
Deputy Clerk

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Thomas C. Coleman III  
Mayor

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Shirley S. Bowen, MMC  
Clerk-Treasurer  
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