

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on February 10, 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

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

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

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion for approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2015, as presented. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

The Mayor requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of February 2015. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober moved to pay the bills for February, with Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Coleman III introduced Mr. Charles Rouse, President of Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc., who presented the Mayor and town council with a gift of a newly designed and fabricated Boydton Town flag. Mr. Rouse stated that HBR, Inc., had approved a design for the flag which featured the Mecklenburg County courthouse. He stated that it was the first flag that Boydton has ever had. Mrs. Jenny Salzmann added that Boydton needed its own flag and should get the recognition of being the county seat. She continued by saying that anyone wishing to purchase a flag to hang outside for their businesses would be available for a special price and that an anonymous donor had made a donation of a flag to hang outside of Town Hall. Individuals can also purchase a flag and they would be available in different sizes and price ranges. The Mayor said, "On behalf of the town, we graciously appreciate this flag and all that HBR has done for us in the past and the flag is very nice." Vice Mayor Gill moved to create a Resolution for Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc. as a thank you for this kind gesture of appreciation for the flag. Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion with all attending members voting in favor.

Chief Danny Fox briefed the council with his police report of activity for the month, which included security checks, golf cart compliance checks, continuing to organize the police office, patrolling the town, and using stationary radar on Madison Street, Jefferson Street, Washington Street, and Business 58. Mayor Coleman III added that Chief Fox was doing exactly as he had been instructed to do by slowing people down while also noting that the town wasn't trying to pay salaries with tickets. Chief Fox commented that he was just trying to remind everyone to be safe.

Public Works Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report for water pumped for January 2015, was 830,000 gallons. He continued to say that they had successfully repaired the heating problem at the maintenance shop and working on replacing all the lights. He informed the council that they had replaced some sewer lines to the shop, and he had begun to check the Presbyterian Church for repairs. Mr. Park III requested that he would like approval to purchase a new chlorine meter for the Wastewater plant since the one in use now is outdated. This meter is used to check the chlorine levels. He stated that he could save \$200.00 now if approved and the total cost would be \$800.00. He also informed the council that he needed tires for the backhoe at a cost of approximately \$1,092.00, which was the lower of three quotes. A brief discussion ensued regarding these two purchases. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the purchase of a new meter and Councilwoman Ober seconded the motion. Before final approval, Councilman Kirkland amended his motion to include the purchase of the meter as well as backhoe tires. Councilwoman Ober seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. Councilman J. M. Kirkland inquired of Mr. Park III regarding the short-handedness of the maintenance department and WWTP. Mr. Park III responded that they were short-handed, but were working their best to handle things as they came up and by splitting their time between the two departments. He further stated that since there are only two (2) men in each department now, it was making things tough to get everything done that was needed.

The Mayor reported that Mrs. Bowen, the Clerk-Treasurer had submitted all the paper work to our VML insurance company regarding the tree that had fallen on the gravity fed sewer line on December 9th, and had received notification that the check was in the mail to the town. The Mayor commended each one who worked to repair the sewage line that afternoon and night who worked hard to get the repairs done immediately; thus, avoiding environmental issues that could have occurred. Mrs. Bowen interjected that VML made an exception to the payment of this claim due to the fact that it was an above ground sewage line, but noted that VML advised her that something should be done to avoid future mishaps of this nature. She advised VML that DEQ's requirement was to maintain these type of areas as well where a tree could be prone to fall on sewage lines. She advised VML that our town employees were in the process of clearing these areas. The Mayor stated that he would keep everyone advised on this issue.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Charles Rouse, the town's representative to Rails-to-Trails, gave a briefing on the Rails-to-Trails project. He stated that on January 26th the board met and he advised that there was an Army Corp of Engineers member, Mr. Michael Womack, who was on the board now, which would be an advantage to the board. He informed the council that he had inquired as to whether the Boydton section of the trail would be fully paved or not. He said that it was unclear and on hold as of now... at least until the end of March or first of April, if the entire section would be paved or not due to lack of funds. He continued by stating that Mr. Robbie McMillan had replaced Robyn Fowler of Southside Planning District Commission and he was planning a meeting within the next three (3) to four (4) weeks to develop future plans for the trail and that he was familiar with seeking grants for additional aid. Mr. Rouse stated that Mr. McMillan seemed very proactive and stepping up by trying to help the town to achieve its goals. He advised the council that he would report to them with further developments on the trail as they become available.

Mayor Coleman III reported that a couple of other committees had met, one of which was HBR, Inc. and he would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Ober who had done a lot in the past few years for his/their service to that committee. He, also, advised that a new Boydton Day Committee had been established, being organized, and they were well underway with sub-committees for planning Boydton Day this year. The Mayor stated that there was also a 250th Mecklenburg County Anniversary Celebration being arranged by the County for March 1st in the Town of Boydton and there were different programs being planned at other towns throughout the County, which would be centered around their annual town events. Boydton, however, would be the first town that would be featured and would be geared to more of the historic nature of the celebration. The Mayor added that it was coming up soon, so check your dates, and advised that there are plenty of things for people to volunteer for to make this a successful event for our town and the other towns. Mr. Rouse and Mrs. Salzman both expressed their thoughts on the Town of Boydton's event to be held on March 1st. They both seemed to think that there were a lot of expectations from the County for the town to do on very short notice. More discussion followed leaving more perplexed looks and thoughts on the subject.

The Mayor asked if there were any more comments to be made. There being none, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Gill seconded the motion with all members voting in favor; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

**Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
February 10, 2015**

**Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor**