

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

**GUESTS**

**Mr. Charles T. Rouse, Pres., HBR, Inc.  
Mr. Bill Thompson  
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise  
Mrs. Mildred Winn  
Mr. R. H. Park III, Public Works Supervisor  
Dr. Dave Eason**

**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 January 12, 2016. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to approve the minutes with Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.**

**Mayor Coleman III asked for a motion to pay the bills for February 2016. Vice Mayor Thomas G. Gill moved to pay the bills for February 2016. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

**Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of January. Chief Fox reported that he had one (1) attempted fraud case, three (3) vehicle stops, one (1) fire assist, one (1) burglar alarm, three (3) rescue squad assists and one (1) citation on Madison Street. 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 January was 874,000 gallons. Mr. Park III informed the council that during the snow storm the dump truck's clutch went out, which caused a problem in the snow removal process. He stated that VDOT assisted with the snow removal; however, the town employees had repaired not only the clutch on the truck, but also installed the universal joints for a cost of \$900.00 (parts only.) He also noted that in doing some checking around the Town Hall, a lot of water had been standing during heavy rains that seemed to have run underneath the doorway, which was causing damage to the floor. He felt that one way to solve the problem would be to install a sump-pump near the corner of the building at a cost of approximately \$500.00. The Mayor interjected that the floor on that corner of the building was showing damage causing the floor to begin to sag and he had already asked one person to come look at it, but he hasn't come by as yet. He suggested that the council look at the floor for damage and asked for their opinions as to what should be done. After some discussion ensued regarding this issue and other drainage areas that needed to be cleaned, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to purchase the sump-pump with Vice Mayor Gill seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.**

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Charles Rouse, President of Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc. addressed the council regarding an HBR, Inc. meeting that would be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 5:30 in the council chambers of Town Hall to discuss future vision, mission, and goals. He also added that a Rails-to-Trails meeting would take place on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. in South Hill, VA at the Southside Planning District Commission. He asked if anyone had any suggestions for him to discuss at that meeting and if anyone would like someone else to be the representative from the town on that committee. The Mayor expressed that he felt Mr. Rouse was doing a fine job and everyone was appreciative to him for his efforts. Mr. Rouse also inquired if the council members would be interested in adding another memorial bench in the town per request of a family member of Mrs. Hilda Jones. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, expounded on this issue saying that Mrs. Jones children had come in the office and inquired about the bench and suggested that the bench be placed near Rose's restaurant since Mrs. Jones spent a lot of time there. A diagram was mentioned by the Mayor and questioned as to its whereabouts and he felt that we should try to find the diagram and then contact the children again to tell them it would be approved. It was also noted that the owners of Rose's Pizza had no objection to placing the bench in front of their building as long as it doesn't block their windows. The council's consensus was to collect more information on the subject and add it to the agenda for next month's meeting.

Councilman Ronny Worley inquired about the status of the town park. Mayor Coleman advised that the park was still on schedule to be done, but the gentleman he was working with on this project had since moved to Chase City, but still wanted to make it happen. The Mayor said that there have been issues with the Rails-to-Trails that have come up and having to be dealt with as well. Mr. Rouse stated that he had encountered people walking on his property checking on the trail without his knowledge and he really didn't appreciate this happening. Mr. Rouse stated that he possibly had a better solution to the continuation of the trails that he would be willing to discuss in depth. The Mayor advised Mr. Rouse that he tried to find out who was on his property, with no success at all.

Councilman Worley also inquired as to what was the status of the trailers being put down on the Gregory Oil Company property. Mayor Coleman III stated that he was going to appoint someone from the council and another member to the Planning Commission tonight in order for them to fulfill the number of members on that committee in order for them to meet and discuss this issue. He continued to say that there had been a planning commission meeting; however, there weren't enough people in attendance to form a quorum.

Vice Mayor Gill questioned why the light pole at the back corner of the library has been marked off with cones for such a long time and did anyone know why. Mr. Park III advised that he was contacted by the County to mark the area off until Virginia Dominion Power could come and replace it. Chief Fox also informed the council that he had spoken to a person who told him that the replacement of the pole would be Saturday after next. And the reason for the Saturday replacement was due to the fact that no one would be at work on Saturday and it would be easier and safer to replace it at that time. Vice Mayor Gill reported that he was continuing to have problems at his house with the driveway drain pipes. Mr. Park III advised him that they would come down and look at it again. Dr. Eason, also, informed the council that there was an ongoing problem with the street drain near his and Ms. Gifford's property as well. Mr. Park III advised him that the pipe under his driveway was completely stopped up and the town could not unstop it. VDOT has been advised of this and assured Dr.

Eason that they would come and replace the pipe, but he could not give him a definite date as to when it would be replaced.

The Mayor advised that the meeting would be convened into a closed session to discuss a legal matter and would then reconvene into an open meeting.

Councilman Ronny C. Worley made the following motion. "I move that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (7), briefing with staff members pertaining to legal counsel about the negotiation of probable litigation where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body."

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	(Absent)	T. G. Gill	Aye		

No motions were made regarding the closed session. Mayor Coleman III made two recommendations to the council regarding appointments to the Planning Commission, which were: Bill Thompson and David Crowder from the town council as the council's liaison with the Planning Commission. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to accept the Mayor's recommendation for Bill Thompson and David Crowder to serve on Planning Commission. Vice Mayor Gill seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Dr. Eason questioned if these appointees had any experience for these positions. Mayor Coleman III advised that Mr. Thompson had served on other boards of this nature and Mr. Crowder was willing to serve as the liaison from the town council. He also stated that Mr. Park III had served on the Planning Commission for many years and he was a good "go to" person, as well as, Mrs. Bowen if there were any concerns regarding policy. The Mayor also noted that whoever served on this committee should first and foremost look out for the town and its citizens.

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III asked if there were any motions or further discussion to be made at this time. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to adjourn the meeting, which was documented at 8:55 P.M. Councilman Ronny Worley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

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

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Thomas C. Coleman III  
Mayor