

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on January 13, 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 (Absent)
W. H. Coleman
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer**

GUESTS

**Mr. Glanzy Spain, Mecklenburg Co. Board of Supervisors
Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP/Public Works
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise
Ms. Susan Kyte, The Mecklenburg Sun
Mrs. Mildred Winn**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III opened the meeting by welcoming everyone for their 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 December 9, 2014, and the called meeting of December 30, 2014, as presented. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of January 2015. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to pay the bills for January, with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Coleman III welcomed the newly hired town Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, who gave a briefing on his police report from December 16, 2014 through January 12, 2015.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings report for water pumped for December 2014, was 942,000 gallons. Mr. Park III reported for informational purposes, that the sewer line that had been taken down by a tree was reported to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and he was required by DEQ to take action as to what would be done to avoid this type situation from happening in the future. He notified them that he would be looking for trees on the right-of-way and inspecting the elevated lines to see if any were in on the right-of-way to be removed. He continued by saying that he had done this and the right-of-way would have to be cleared in the areas of elevated lines. He also said that it would take larger equipment than what the town has and he would be putting out bids for this service and report back to the council. He further stated that the landowners would have to be notified as to what would be happening. Mr. Park III stated that this activity would be a year to eighteen (18) month project. The Mayor commented that some trees were taken down at the site on the right side of the Mecklenburg Correctional facility where the incident occurred, but they could not access the left side. Councilman W. H. Coleman inquired as to the width of the right-of-way and the number of elevated lines that belong to the town. Mr. Park III said that there are approximately twenty (20) feet in width and there are approximately six (6) elevated lines. He advised that the area also has some County owned land involved and also told the council of their

locations. Mr. Park III reiterated that the reason he was informing the council was so they would be prepared to explain to any landowner the reason for the clearing of the right-of-way. Mayor Coleman recommended that the town contact the various landowners prior to the clearing due to issues we were dealing with to prevent any future incidents. Mr. Park III agreed that letters of notification should be sent out prior to entering any landowner's property to see if there is any feedback from anyone and then let them know just prior to coming on their property. More discussion ensued regarding this issue with the Mayor requesting that Mr. Park III keep him and the council informed.

Mr. Park III requested that he be allowed to purchase a DVD player to conduct safety training courses for the employees. Mayor Coleman III responded by advising Mr. Park III to see him regarding this issue.

Mr. Park III informed the council that the maintenance shop was in dire need of repairs. He noted that while they are doing some major cleaning & painting there, the entrance door and some lights need to be replaced. He further stated that the heating system was not heating properly and he was not sure if the unit needed to be repaired or replaced. It was his hope that it could be repaired, but while looking into the problem, he would like to have the approval of the council to replace the lights and the entrance door. Councilman W. H. Coleman told Mr. Park III to go by his shop to look at an oil furnace he had that was no more than a year old and if it would work at the shop, the town could have it. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve Mr. Park III's request to purchase a door and the lights needed for the shop. Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. He welcomed Mr. Glanzy Spain, Representative of the County Board of Supervisors, for his attendance and expressed the town's gratitude for his interest in the town.

The Mayor stated that since there were no other public comments, he had a few comments to make. He read two (2) thank-you notes on behalf of the Christine Park Family from the Boydton Life Station and the Boydton Volunteer Fire Department on contributions the town made in Mrs. Parks memory. Mayor Coleman III advised that the town had received an invoice from Precision Pipes, Inc. for the emergency sewer line repairs that occurred on December 9th near the Meherrin River Jail. He stated that it was less than expected and it had been turned in to VML (the town's insurance company) who would let us know if it was a covered incident. The Mayor advised that the "dormant fees" charged by Citizens Community Bank had been waived for the months the town was charged and Mrs. Bowen, concurred. Councilman W. H. Coleman requested that Mr. Park III look down at the end of Washington Street, where the sidewalk ends and the steps begin, since he had been informed by a citizen that those steps are unsafe and for Mr. Parks III to see if anything that can be done to correct this problem. Mr. Parks III stated that he would look and report back to the council of his findings. Councilman J. M. Kirkland asked that the family of Dennis Edmunds, a longtime resident of the town, be remembered in prayer due to Mr. Edmunds untimely death. It was noted that visitation would be Thursday night, January 15th and the Memorial Service would be held at Crowder-Hite Funeral Home in South Hill, VA at 2:00 P.M.

The Mayor stated that the meeting would be convening into a closed session for a brief period.

Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues regarding salaries as permitted by the Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (1).

Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

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	Aye	David M. Crowder	Aye
J. M. Kirkland	Aye	Donna C. Ober	Absent	T. G. Gill	Aye

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III asked if there were any motions to be made at this time.

Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to enact personnel Case #004 as presented and recommended by Mr. R. H. Parks III. Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously.

Councilman Ronny C. Worley inquired if anything had been done towards repairs or a checklist being done for the Presbyterian Church. Mr. R. H. Park III stated that he would take check into it as quickly as possible. The driveway issue at Mrs. Sally Nelson's was discussed and referred to Mr. Park III as well. He would report on this at the next council meeting in February. Councilman J. M. Kirkland inquired about the leave pickup deadline of January 31st be extended for another month. Vice Mayor Gill commented that it may take longer than a month so he requested that it be extended until they are all picked up.

There being no further discussion or business, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to adjourn the meeting, which was documented at 8:30 P.M. and Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The adjournment was made at 8:30 P.M.

Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk of Council
January 13, 2015

Thomas C. Coleman III, Mayor