

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on January 12, 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 (Absent)
W. H. Coleman
J. M. Kirkland
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. Ellen Walker
Mr. R. H. Park III, Public Works Supervisor**

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 December 8, 2015. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the minutes with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.

Mayor Coleman III asked for a motion to pay the bills for January 2016. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to pay the bills for January 2016. Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of November. Chief Fox informed the council that he had one (1) dog complaint in the Craddock Court area, eight (8) vehicle stops, one (1) assist for a Rescue Squad call, two (2) traffic citations, and one (1) call for property damage in the old parking lot behind the medical center; however, it was on private property. Councilman Coleman stated that the dogs are coming off of Lambert Road running deer. Chief Fox noted that he had ridden in that area, but never saw anything. He reported that he and animal control suspected this as well and would be more alert to these dogs. 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 December was 1,124,000 gallons. Mr. Park III reported that during the rain storms that his department had encountered some problems in two places with the sewer system behind the Hudgins Court facility and the other was at the pumping station on Highway 707. He continued to say that they addressed the problems and things were working properly for now, but this issue should be addressed more in depth by preferably seeking an engineer to advise us on how to handle these concerns/problems. After some discussion and questions from the Mayor and council, Mr. Park III stated that two eight inch sewer lines come together behind the old Hudgins Court building and a manhole and one sewer line is sitting at an angle and prevents the proper flow. He further stated with all the

rain it filled all of the manholes. He felt that if the sewer line was repositioned by putting it down to the next manhole that it would probably solve some of the problems. He reiterated that he was just advising the council of his concerns and giving them his recommendation. Councilman J. M. Kirkland inquired if this was included in a prior grant that the town was granted and then lost when Mecklenburg Correctional closed. Mr. Park III stated that it had been in the plans for a long period of time, but it had never come to fruition. It was then suggested that we look into including this in the contract with the new construction for the EDA grant. Council J. M. Kirkland suggested that possibly this section of pipe could be incorporated with the installation of the sewage line to Microsoft. Mr. Park III stated that this was one reason he had presented this to the council, since he felt this could be done as well once the contractor is on site and we could then possibly negotiate with him. Councilman W. H. Coleman asked where we stood on the contract or if bids had come in. Mr. Park III replied that bids had not come in since the EDA hadn't released the money, as yet, for the new project, but it should be February when this is done. The Mayor interjected that everything had been done to make sure the grant was going smoothly, on time, and as planned.

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 at Shadow Lawn in Chase City, VA on the 21st of February at 5:00 P.M. to discuss an overview of HBR's financial posture, results of the insurance review, and to solidify its future vision, mission, goals, and objectives. He stated the dinner would be free and hoped he could recruit some new members. He further stated that if he doesn't get more participation, HBR, Inc. would probably cease to exist in the next 2-3 years. He also noted that an HBR, Inc. meeting would be held in the council chambers on Thursday, January 28, 2015, at 5:00 P.M. The Mayor mentioned that there may be a bit of a conflict with the meeting on the 21st due to the Planning Commission meeting was to be held that night in the council chambers as well. Mr. Rouse stated that he wasn't notified via email; therefore, he had planned this meeting. Mrs. Bowen stated that since she didn't have email addresses for the majority of the Planning Commission, she did as she had done in the past, which was to send out a notice via the post office. It was suggested by the Mayor that notification be sent by email, as well as, the post office to ensure that everyone would be notified.

Councilman W. H. Coleman asked if the request from the Gregory's for a conditional use permit had been addressed. The Mayor informed him that the Planning Commission would be meeting on the 21st to discuss it. Councilman Ronny Worley inquired if the other situation with Mr. Bill Thompson's property had been addressed, as well. The Mayor stated that we were contacting our town attorney to seek resolve to this situation. Mr. Thompson stated that he would be willing to pay any legal expense that would be incurred regarding a "Quit Claim" deed and would be willing to come to the alley and give that to the town in the "Quit Claim" deed. This would hopefully be resolved by the town's attorney for the next council meeting in February.

The Mayor stated that the meeting would be convening into a closed session at this time to discuss a personnel issue.

Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss a personnel issue regarding an employee as stated in the Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (1). Councilman David M. Crowder 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	T. G. Gill	Absent		

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III asked if there were any motions or further discussion to be made at this time. Councilman W. H. Coleman 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.

Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk to the Council & Treasurer
January 12, 2016

Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor