

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on January 10, 2017, 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 (Absent)
W. H. Coleman
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Bill Thompson
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer
Krystle S. Magann, Deputy Clerk (Absent)**

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, Public Works Supervisor
Ms. Mildred Winn
Mr. Mike Denton
Mr. David Goodwin
Mr. J.E. Harrell**

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 13, 2016. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve the December minutes with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of January 2017. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to pay the bills for January 2017, as presented, with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. R. H. Park III informed the council that he needed the authority from the council to order the pump at the Pump Station on Highway 707 (which he gave an update on at the last council meeting) that the pump was making noises and it's now out of service. He needed the council's approval in order to have the part ordered for the pump because it will take 2 to 3 weeks to get it here. There is a contractor coming tomorrow for the entire job, to give a quote, but we need to get some of the parts ordered now. The pump cost is \$7,353.00, plus freight. Councilman Ronny Worley asked, "Is this an exact replacement?" Mr. Parks III stated, "Yes." Councilman Ronny Worley asked, "So you're not going to go with the rails?" Mr. Parks III stated, "I'm still getting pricing to get the rates put in, but we need to get the pump here because if the other pump goes out, then they will have to put this pump in the same way the current pumps were put in. Mr. Parks III stated, that he'd prefer to get the rails in, to keep from having to go into the pit to change out the pump. Councilman W. H. Coleman, made a motion to buy the pump. Councilman J. M. Kirkland asked, "The contractor doesn't do this...it's not included in their contractor's price?" Mr. Parks III stated, we can do that, but we would have to wait & we haven't found a contractor yet that

can do the job at hand. It may be 3 months from now before we get a contractor to do the work. In the event another one goes out, we can get it up & running. Councilman Ronny Worley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of December. Chief Fox reported that he had (3) vehicle stops, (1) alarm activation at PATHS, and the radar trailer that was on Jefferson Street had been removed and Lt. Alexander, advised Chief Fox that it will be set up on Washington Street next.

Mr. Mike Denton, with the Lake Country Airport Commission stated that in the council packets was the Resolution that they could read, which lays everything out as to where the project is headed. Tonight, he would need the approval and signing of the Resolution in order to move forward. Councilman W. H. Coleman made the motion to adopt the Resolution. Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously. Mr. Denton stated that he would get the Town of Boydton's copy of the Resolution in addition to the signed copies of the Resolution by the Town of Clarksville, Mecklenburg County, and the Airport Commission to us for our records.

Mr. David Goodwin asked, if there were any plans for the yellow house on Jefferson Street, since he may be interested in buying it, if the price is fair. Secondly, Mr. Goodwin asked if there were any plans for the disposition of the county owned school building or would the town have any interest in it and possibly turn it into small shops for businesses? Councilman W. H. Coleman stated that twenty-five years ago the town could have gotten the school building, then ten years ago the county asked us again. He continued by saying the town just can't afford to own the building because it has a million dollars' worth of work that needs to be done to it. The town looked into grants and could never get the funding to perhaps make a vocational school or classes provided there. Councilman W. H. Coleman advised Mr. Goodwin that if he went to the County, he may could buy it, himself. Mr. Goodwin stated that this would make a great site for a community garden if it were torn down. Councilman W. H. Coleman informed Mr. Goodwin, that the council hadn't ever really discussed what to do with the yellow house on Jefferson Street or even if it could be sold. Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, that the council needed to discuss as to whether it could be sold or not. Mr. Goodwin, added that, he was only asking, since if he could purchase it, he would have access to his property from the back of his property.

Due to the unforeseen absence of Mr. Will Ober, to update the council on the Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc., Councilman Bill Thompson commented on the last meeting of HBR, Inc. He stated that HBR's President, Walter Beales, agreed to continue as President until June 1, 2017, when Mr. Will Ober will take over the presidency. They also discussed the upcoming Big, Bad, Barbeque Battle, which they are looking forward to. HBR's members would like to have it moved to a week later or prior, if something can be worked out with the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Councilman Bill Thompson further noted that HBR, Inc., had decided to purchase the Christmas tree for December 2017, but they were currently discussing options of two places to plant the tree. It will either be on the side lawn of the Boyd Tavern, as it's been for the past two years, or placed back at its original location, which was in front of the courthouse.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. Mr. J. E. Harrell stated that the council left Mr. Goodwin hanging on an answer for the yellow house on Jefferson Street. Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, that they left him hanging because the council would have to meet to discuss the property. Mr. Harrell asked, are you all going to discuss how his question will get answered? Councilman W. H. Coleman stated, we need to give it some thought and then set up a meeting to discuss it. Councilman J. M. Kirkland also responded by saying, "We didn't want to lie to Mr. Goodwin, when we don't know ourselves what we are going to do about the house." Mr. Harrell thanked the council for clearing the question up.

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

Councilman Ronny Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (1), for discussion of perspective candidates for employment and Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (3) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property.

The executive session being closed, the council reconvened into open session. Councilman Ronny Worley moved that the Boydton Town Council certify that, in the closed meeting just concluded, that nothing was discussed except the matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in 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)	Bill Thompson	Aye

Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to give the Personnel Committee the authority to proceed with the position discussed within the closed session. Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion with all members voting unanimously.

Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting with Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconding the motion. All members voted in favor at the recorded time of 8:50 P.M.

Krsyle S. Magann
Deputy Clerk

Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor

Shirley S. Bowen
Clerk-Treasurer
January 10, 2017