

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on July 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
Ronny Worley
W. H. Coleman (Absent)
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder (Absent)
William R. Thompson
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk of Council
Krystle Stenbridge, Deputy Clerk**

GUESTS

**Mrs. Ellen Walker
Mr. Charles Rouse, HBR, Inc., President
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise
Mr. J. E. Harrell
Mrs. Jane Lipscomb
Mrs. Mildred Winn
Mr. & Mrs. Will Ober
Mr. & Mrs. David Goodwin**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III called the meeting to order and noted that Councilman W. H. Coleman and Councilman David M. Crowder would not be in attendance for tonight's meeting. He, also, welcomed the town's newly elected Councilman, Bill Thompson, who will serve a four year term ending in June of 2020, as well as, the two incumbents who were re-elected and himself as the Mayor. The Mayor then welcomed the citizens for their attendance by showing interest in the town's business. He first began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag along with a moment of silence.

Mayor Coleman III advised that it was one of the Mayor's duties after an election, to appoint a Vice Mayor. He stated that he would like for the current Vice Mayor, T. G. Gill to continue as the town's Vice Mayor with the council's approval. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Thomas G. Gill as the Vice Mayor for another two year term. Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor. Vice Mayor Gill stated that he would try to do his best to fulfill this seat for the next two years.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of June 14, 2016, and the called meeting minutes of June 21, 2016, to adopt the FY 2016-2017 budget, and to further discuss the possibility of adopting a Resolution from the Virginia Retirement System regarding the town's share of its employee's VRS rate for the FY 2016-2018. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Coleman III asked for a motion to approve the payment of this month's bills. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the bills for July 2016. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor.

Mrs. Jane Lipscomb was introduced by the Mayor to reappoint her as the town's representative on the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission. He stated that the airport commission had made a lot of progress with the airport. He further stated that he and the council wanted to support their efforts and the western side of the County. Councilman J. M.

Kirkland moved to reappoint Mrs. Lipscomb as the town's representative to the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission. Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. Mrs. Lipscomb expressed her appreciation for her tenure on the airport commission and also, thanked the Mayor and council for reinstating the Friday trash pickup that had recently gone back into effect the last week in June. The Mayor stated that it was his and the council's goal to "try" and implement everything that was done prior to the closing of the Mecklenburg Correctional Facility, if at all possible. He proceeded to say that there were a few little problems at first, but they had been worked out now. He asked that if anyone had any suggestions or complaints, he'd like to hear those as well.

Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of June. Chief Fox reported he issued two (2) speeding tickets (42mph in a 25 mph), five (5) vehicle stops, one (1) ECO-Emergency custody order, one (1) warrant served, and one (1) breaking and entering. He continued by stating that he was still working on some unresolved cases, and trying to keep the speeders in town slowed down. The Mayor noted that he was quite busy in having a part-time job and making sure that our citizens are getting the same service that others are. Chief Fox expressed his appreciation for those kind comments.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for June was 1,270,000 gallons and stated that it was for a five (5) week period and more flushing was done in response to the Mayor, as to why it was higher. Mr. Park III stated that the steps on Washington Street were to be worked on by the Virginia Department of Transportation at the end of this week or the first of next week. The Mayor stated that the reason it was delayed was due to the State's FY 2015-2016 budget ending in June, which did not include this expense, but it had been included in the new FY 2016-2017 budget that began in July 2016. He also stated that it was never off their agenda to have this work done as some had suggested. Mr. Park III stated that an old roll up door on the old shop (storage building) around back indicated that someone had backed into it, and needed to be fixed, so he contacted Amelia Door Company to come and repair it at the cost of \$1,007.57. He proceeded to tell the council that they stopped another job to come that day to repair it. Mr. Park III informed the council that the building only has one door to enter and exist. He inquired if the council would allow him to install another door in order for them to more easily move the equipment in and out of the building, by having drive-thru accessibility. Amelia Door gave him a price of \$3,198.00 for the new door. Some discussion ensued, with the council suggesting that Mr. Park III get an additional quote from another company. Councilman Bill Thompson advised Mr. Park III to see him about another company in Lacrosse that did some work for him. Councilman J. M. Kirkland suggested that the issue be tabled for now until Mr. Park III researched the issue a bit more and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Park III provided the council with some pictures of the bulkheads that were damaged and previously discussed at the last council meeting. He explained the damage done to the bulkheads and what

needed to be done to resolve the problem. He stated that Hinkle Welding came to inspect the damage and advised him of what should be done. Mr. Park III also stated that he had no figures/quotes for tonight's meeting, but would have them at the next council meeting. He stated that this is "specialized" work and there isn't anyone else that he knows that can do this type of work, and it will possibly take three (3) months or more to repair these bulkheads. He also made it clear that it had nothing to do with the work that will be done with the \$4 M grant funds. Councilman Worley had some qualms about how the work would be done, but he and Mr. Park III arranged for Mr. Worley to come down to the WWTP to view the damage. Mr. J. E. Harrell, citizen, also stated that he would come down and give him an unbiased opinion, since he did this type of work in his career, and he also commented that he felt there were a lot of people in town who had expertise with some of the work being done in town and would probably like to help. The Mayor and council agreed and expressed their appreciation to Mr. Harrell for these suggestions.

Mayor Coleman III opened the floor for public comments. Since there were none, Mayor Coleman III moved on to the Mayor's comments. The Mayor advised that he was the town's representative to the Roanoke River Service Authority and he, Mrs. Bowen, and Ms. Stenbridge attended a meeting last Thursday at the VDOT office in South Hill, VA regarding the Boydton Project for expansion of the Rails-to-Trails west of Boydton towards Clarksville. The purpose of the meeting was to hopefully unify Clarksville and Boydton in continuing this project, which would help both towns to grow. The Mayor continued by saying that this has been on the town's Comprehensive Plan for the last 10 years or more. He also stated that the town had engineering plans since that time and now it is hopefully becoming a more likely possibility that this can be done and taken advantage of. He felt that we should, as a Mayor, council, and citizens to be as open and progressive to this endeavor by taking advantage of things that may come up that will allow our town to grow. He further mentioned that it has caught the eye of many people that are not just from Boydton, and who are interested in this plan as well. He reiterated that he just wanted to keep the council and public informed of these plans that may come to fruition.

Mrs. Ober took the floor and wanted to promote the fifth annual Big, Bad, Barbeque Battle that will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016, and is being sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. She informed the council and audience that there will be a rib eating contest between the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's office and the Brunswick County Sheriff's office. She continued to advise that Talbert's Building Supply in Clarksville called and offered to donate two (2) grills to be raffled off that day. Mrs. Ober noted that as of today, she already had eleven (11) teams that would be participating with only two (2) selling their food and hopefully more would be participating as the time nears. Mrs. Ober added that the KCS provides their own judges, and there would be six (6) judges, per six (6) teams, which the judging would be located in the town hall. She also informed the council that she has food

and craft vendors who will participate, as well, as the band, “One More Time” that will be on hand providing music for this event. Ms. Stenbridge asked if Mrs. Ober had any additional information that she would like to be placed on the town’s website and Facebook page. Mrs. Ober responded that she did have something to add, and she would also like to appeal to the community for sponsors and volunteers to help with this event. The sponsorship deadline is August 1st, the vendor deadline is August 12th, and the participant deadline is August 14, 2016. She

There being no further comments, questions, or concerns, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to adjourn the meeting, which was recorded by the Clerk at 8:10 P.M. Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council
July 12, 2016**

Thomas C. Coleman III, Mayor