

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on June 9, 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 (Absent)
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer**

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP/Public Works
Mrs. Mildred Winn
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

The Mayor opened the meeting to conduct a public hearing regarding the approval of the proposed 2015-2016 budget that had been properly advertised once in the News-Progress. Mayor Coleman III opened the budget hearing for discussion. Since there were no public or council comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the proposed budget as presented with Councilman David C. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. The Mayor requested that a motion be made to schedule a called meeting for adoption of the 2015-2016 budget to be held seven (7) days after tonight's meeting. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to schedule the called meeting for Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 5:00 P.M. with Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconding the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Mayor Coleman III requested the approval of the minutes from the May 7th work session meeting and the May 12, 2015, regular council meeting. Councilwoman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from these two (2) meetings. Vice Mayor Gill seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The Mayor stated that the Motor Vehicle Code, Title 46.2 and Article 18.2-266-18.2-273 as amended was to be re-adopted each year with a motion by council. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to re-adopt the Motor Vehicle Code, Title 46.2 and Article 18.2-266-18.2-273 as required by law. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of June 2014. Vice-Mayor T. G. Gill moved to pay the bills for June, with Councilman David. M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on patrol activity for the month of May 2015. He stated that he gave three (3) warnings stops, issued two (2) speeding citations, and the speed box that was to be positioned on Jefferson Street was still in for repairs.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for May was 1,047,000 gallons. Mr. Park III reported that a chemical tank at the wastewater treatment plant would have to be removed due to the construction of the new building, which will be included with the new upgrade of the plant. He further stated that it had never been used, would not be used in the future, had been there for possibly 18 years, and it will cost the town if the contractor had to remove this tank. Mr. Park III proposed that the tank be sold on GovDeals now to avoid the additional cost of moving this tank by the contractor. Mr. Worley inquired as to the size of the tank and the original purpose of the tank. Mr. Park III responded by saying it was approximately a 1,000 gallon tank that was to originally be used for bulk deliveries of caustic soda. Mr. Park III continued by saying that he and the other operators have been and would be continuing to use 55 gallon drums, which was simpler, easier to use, and more efficient. Mr. Park III informed the council that the bush-hog that the town currently uses is too large, too heavy, and too dangerous to operate for the tractor. He requested that this be sold on GovDeals, as well as, the tank. He stated that he would like to purchase the proper size bush-hog with the proceeds from the sale of the large bush-hog and it would be safer for the town's employees and tractor. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to allow Mr. Park III to list the tank and the bush-hog on GovDeals with the proceeds to be used to purchase a new bush-hog that is compatible with the tractor. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Mr. Park III also reported that he was experiencing problems with the backhoe's front bucket, which is worn out and not functioning well. He further stated that Hinkle Welding had come on site to see if it could be repaired. They reported that it could be repaired & restored to almost the quality of a new one; however, the cost would be \$1200.00. Councilman J. M. Kirkland rescinded his prior motion. He then moved to allow Mr. Park III to list the tank and the bush-hog on GovDeals with the proceeds to be used to purchase a new bush-hog that is compatible with the tractor and to include allowing Mr. Park III to hire Hinkle Welding to repair the backhoe. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion with all members voting unanimously.

Vice Mayor Gill mentioned that there are many potholes in the town from the winter that have not been repaired as yet. Mr. Park III stated that VDOT had been in town to see what repairs needed to be done and assured him and the council that we were on VDOT's list and was sure they would take care of these areas as quickly as they could. The Mayor requested that Mr. Park III call VDOT to make sure this was going to be done, with Mr. Park III agreeing to make the call. Vice Mayor Gill also inquired about progress on repairs being made on the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Park III stated that he had telephoned four (4) painters and received two (2) responses back and had received a quote from one (1). The Mayor interjected and informed the council that he had contacted five (5) people to be on the Presbyterian Church committee. These would include: Mr. Charles Rouse, Mr. Charles Reamy, Mr. Walter Beales, Mr. Will Ober, and Mrs. Ruth Crowder.

This group would assess the problems that need to be addressed and move forward with making repairs after advising the council of the repairs and cost. Mr. Park III stated that he and Mr. Will Ober viewed the church during a rain storm and determined that the roof wasn't leaking. He also stated that Mr. Ober felt he could repair the windows. Councilman Worley suggested a painter for the roof to Mr. Park III. Vice Mayor Gill also reminded Mr. Park III of the driveway near his house that had not yet been repaired. Mr. Park III answered by stating that he had notified Mr. Saunders, but had not received a response as to the status. He continued by saying that he was waiting to be given free piping to make the repairs and felt that to receive this free piping, he would have to wait; however, if he and the council didn't want him to wait, he could purchase the pipe with the council's approval and install it as soon as possible, which could be as soon as next week. Councilman Worley inquired as to the size of pipe needed. Mr. Park III stated that it would take at least an 8" hard pipe (possibly PVC pipe.) Councilman Worley advised Mr. Park III to call Spaulding Equipment regarding prices & type of pipe that was needed, and the Mayor requested that Mr. Park III contact Mr. Jones, as well. Vice Mayor Gill reiterated that he didn't mind waiting a bit longer, but he would not like for it to be put off until the winter months. Mr. Park III assured the Vice Mayor that he felt it would definitely be done by the end of July. The Mayor reported that he, Randy Jones, and Mr. Park III had met at the site and they have a plan as to where it will be placed, but it may be done a bit differently than as originally planned. Councilman David M. Crowder inquired about the markings on Jones Street. Mr. Park III stated that the markings were there to mark fiber-optic lines being installed for the county.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Councilman Worley asked if anything had been done or answers received regarding the cement steps on Washington Street that had been discussed in a previous meeting. The Mayor advised that VDOT stated that the steps are not their responsibility. The town crew has looked at the steps and knows that it is a problem area; however, there is no good alternative on repairing these steps without it being extremely costly to someone to bring it up to code. The Mayor suggested that all of the council should go down to the site and assess the situation. In his opinion, he felt if the steps were removed, it could erode or wash away due to the fact that these steps seem to be serving as a retaining wall. Councilman Worley stated that about two months ago, it was recommended that Mr. Eddie Harris, the County building inspector, be requested to look at this area for his recommendations. The Mayor requested that Mr. Park III contact Mr. Harris for his opinion. Councilman Kirkland also requested of Mr. Park III to get an assessment of the condition of the sidewalk from Mr. Walter Beales house to the Boydton Baptist Church as it had been reported that some children had fallen due to the unevenness of the sidewalk in that area as well. It was the consensus of the council that if the town began to do any type of repairs to the steps (previously mentioned) that the town would be taking on the responsibility of liability and they didn't want to put the town in that

position. There were other suggestions made, but no further comments were made regarding this issue.

Mayor Coleman III informed the council that Mr. Wayne Carter, the County Administrator, had approached him regarding acquiring easements from the town to install fiber optic cables on town property. Councilman Kirkland brought up concerns of water/sewer lines breaking with fiber optic cables being so close to these lines and what would happen during an emergency situation. He wanted to protect the town by avoiding any future liability. Mr. Park III assured Councilman Kirkland that every precaution would be made to make sure that no lines would be damaged if an emergency water/sewer line breakage occurred. More discussion ensued; however, Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to grant the County permission to cross town property by allowing them to install fiber optic cables on the town's property where it was necessary. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

The Mayor advised the council that Dominion Virginia Power had sent an agreement for approval of the town council allowing the Mayor to sign documents agreeing to allow them to take down overhead lines and install underground lines up near the ballpark on three (3) parcels of land that the town owns. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to grant permission for Dominion Virginia Power to cross town property to install underground power lines on the three (3) parcels of land that the town owns near the ballpark. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Coleman III informed the councilmembers that the school board had phoned the office asking whether the town was going to get the playground equipment. The Mayor stated that he thought Mr. Will Ober had made a request to the County Board of Supervisors that the playground equipment be given to HBR, Inc., but he had just been informed that Mr. Ober made this request on behalf of the town; therefore, the playground equipment was given to the town...not HBR, Inc. The Mayor stated that he felt if the town were to acquire this equipment, that a good spot to locate it would be near the Plank Road area and the Rails-to-Trails section, but he would like to talk to HBR, Inc. members before discussing this issue more thoroughly with the council or actually making any decisions.

The Mayor reported that the town had been notified that the EDA Grant to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant had two issues that had to be resolved and they have been resolved; therefore, we should be receiving notification of funding within the next month.

Mayor Coleman III advised the council that he needed approval for Creedle, Jones, and Alga to conduct our annual audit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year that ends in June of this year. Questions arose as to the cost of the audit and the time given to be approved. It was decided to wait until the June 16th meeting to make a decision.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would now convene into a closed session. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (1), discussion and consideration of interviews of prospective candidates for employment and Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (7), to discuss a legal matter pertaining to probable cause for litigation. 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	Absent	David M. Crowder	Aye
J. M. Kirkland	Aye	Donna C. Ober	Absent	T. G. Gill	Aye

Upon reconvening, no motions were made.

Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, advised that she had been in touch with the new website designer this afternoon and would like the council and Mayor to review his two (2) new templates for the site and get back with him. It was the consensus of the council to discuss this issue on Tuesday night as well.

The Mayor also requested approval from the council to purchase flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers to be sent to the family of former Councilwoman Bettie S. Herbert. It was the consensus of the council to allow Mrs. Bowen to make this purchase or send a donation.

Council Ronny Worley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P. M.

Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk to the Council & Treasurer
June 9, 2015

Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor