

**A Called Meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on June 21, 2016, at 5:00 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 (Absent)  
David M. Crowder  
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk of Council  
Krystle Stembridge, Deputy Clerk**

**GUESTS**

**Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III called the special meeting to order by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. The meeting was also called to consider adopting a proposed alternate rate contribution for the employees of 3.93% from the Virginia Retirement System, rather than the VRS's Board of Trustees newly adopted contribution rate of 0.00% for FY 2016-2017 through FY 2017-2018.**

**First, Mayor Coleman III asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the approved budget as had been properly advertised and presented at the public hearing held on June 14, 2016; and if not, could he have a motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017 budget. Since there were no questions or concerns, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to adopt the FY 2016-2017 budget as approved on June 14, 2016, at the public hearing. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, and it was adopted by unanimous vote.**

**Second, Mayor Coleman III advised the council that Ms. Stembridge, Deputy Clerk, had spoken to Ms. ZaeAnne Allen, Employer Coverage Coordinator, with the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) as requested by council at the regular meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stembridge stated that she was advised by Ms. Allen, that it was actually the town's decision to choose, which of the two rates they felt were best; however, if they decided to select the alternate rate of 3.93%, as the employer's share of the employee's retirement benefit, they would have to adopt the resolution provided. Ms. Stembridge provided an actuarial valuation sheet to the council from VRS showing how the town's assets were much higher than its liabilities and explained how VRS's Board determined the town's 0% rate. Ms. Allen, informed Ms. Stembridge that a number of town's had questioned their rates, as well, and she apologized for misleading information provided to the town earlier and in speaking with Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Bowen, stated that she had spoken to Ms. Allen (after Ms. Stembridge had talked to her) and told her that she felt she had been totally misled by her conversations with her and when speaking with Mr. Barry Faison, CEO, on numerous occasions, previously. She also told her that she now (with this new information) felt like an "idiot" with the information seemingly changing since the last meeting when she**

**had tried to explain it to the Mayor and council. Ms. Allen apologized again and said it was never their intention to mislead anyone. The Mayor and council assured Mrs. Bowen that they didn't take it that way. After further discussion, Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to adopt the alternate rate of 3.93% with a resolution as the town's percentage rate for its employees. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Mayor Coleman III stated that this would be the town's rate until 2018, and then they would have this choice again based on what the Virginia Retirement System's Board sends at that time.**

**Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, stated that she would return the resolution to VRS before July 1, 2016.**

**There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.**

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**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC  
Clerk of Council  
June 21, 2016**

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**Thomas C. Coleman III  
Mayor**