

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on March 10, 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
W. H. Coleman
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer**

GUESTS

**Mr. Ben Duncan, President, Boydton Day Committee
Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP/Public Works
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise
Mrs. Mildred Winn
Mr. Will Ober
Mr. Charles Rouse, HBR, Inc., President
Dr. Dave Eason, President, Ruritans
Mr. Mike Farrow & Lee Farrow**

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

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion for approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2015. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the February minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

The Mayor requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of March 2015. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to pay the bills for March, with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Mike Denton of the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission (formerly Clarksville-Boydton Airport) to address the council regarding the upgrades, current status, and future plans for the Lake Country Regional Airport in Clarksville, VA. Mr. Denton thanked the council for allowing him to speak and he complimented Mr. Mike Farrow and Mrs. Jane Lipscomb for their efforts with the airport. He reported that there had been expansions in the last few years, had changed its name, given a new unconditional license, had acquired a new \$140,000.00 weather observation system that will give pilots the opportunity to call ahead for weather related status before arriving, have a new 24-hour automated fuel system that will enable pilots to land at possibly 3:00 A.M. and be able to purchase gas by swiping a credit card and be on their way, and also the facility will soon have a new and improved runway due to compliance issues with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rules and regulations, which would possibly lead to shortening and rebuilding the runway. "This is going to be a fairly large project," he said. He continued by explaining that funding for this project or others could be obtained through an 80/20 aviation project grant that the commission is trying to procure and with any luck we will meet that goal. Mr. Denton further stated that the airport offers a questionnaire review to those who visit there. The

airport is averaging around five (5) operations per day, which totals over 1,000 annual operations, he said. The airport now has a courtesy vehicle for pilots and travelers to use during a layover and noted that he had heard of no complaints, but only heard nice comments about our community. The Mayor & council thanked Mr. Denton for his update and expressed their appreciation for keeping the council informed. Mr. Denton graciously accepted the Mayor and council's thanks and said he would be willing to avail himself to them at any time.

Mayor Coleman informed the council that the new Boydton Day Committee had been formed with Mr. Ben Duncan as the new President. He stated that various officers and committees had been selected and they were well underway in the planning stages to hopefully make this 39th annual Boydton Day to be held on Saturday, October 31st another memorable event. The Mayor advised the council that it was upon the request of the Boydton Day Committee and the advice of the town's auditors, Creedle, Jones, and Alga, that the funds for Boydton Day be entered on the town's books as a separate fund account and that Mrs. Bowen, the treasurer (as well as the Clerk) would handle the revenues and expenses for Boydton Day; however, he noted that the council could not make any decisions, whatsoever, regarding this fund. As another fund of the town, it would be included in the town's annual audit. The Mayor inquired if there were any questions regarding this and if not, he'd like a motion to set up this Boydton Day Fund under the "umbrella" of the town. Doctor Dave Eason interjected by stating that the Ruritan's would release the Boydton Day funds of approximately \$9,000.00 to the Boydton Day Committee since the Ruritan's only had four members at this time. Mr. Ben Duncan briefed the council on how the Boydton Day Committee was in the planning stages with committees now active and excitement was heightening for this annual event. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved that the town set up a separate fund for this purpose with Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconding the motion. All council members voted unanimously.

Chief Danny Fox briefed the council with his police report of activity for the month of March, which included complaints regarding county employees and business owner's employees parking around the courthouse square with a letter being sent to Mr. Wayne Carter concerning this, as well as, Chief Fox notifying the business owners to speak to their employees, assisting the Town of Chase City in a criminal investigation, three (3) vehicle stops with verbal warnings given, and attendance to a South Central Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) meeting at the Town Hall. A brief discussion ensued regarding the parking problem as well as concerns from citizens regarding the numerous cats that stay in the County parking lot discouraging anyone from parking there. No actual resolve was found for this issue. Chief Fox advised that he would continue to investigate options regarding this situation.

Public Works Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report for water pumped for February 2015, was 975,000 gallons. He reported that Southern Corrosion would be coming this week to do their annual maintenance of the water tank on Jefferson Street. He noted that they would be pressure washing and

repainting the outside of the water tank. Also, he reported that the tires had been installed on the backhoe and came in as budgeted and he further stated that the chlorine meter had been purchased and came in under budget. Vice Mayor Gill advised Mr. Park III about the potholes that are in different areas of the highways in town and asked if he could contact VDOT regarding these areas. Mr. Park III reported that he would take a look at them to see if the town crew could repair some of them, since VDOT would possibly take longer to do the repairs; however, advised that he would contact VDOT as well.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Charles Rouse, President of HBR, Inc. reminded the council and the Mayor of the HBR, Inc. breakfast that would be served on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 7:30 A.M. at the Olde Town Club.

Mrs. Donna Ober shared a concern after the Boydton Day Committee meeting regarding the Boydton website and its accessibility and inquired if Brooks Lenhart who is chairman of the advertising committee, could have access to the site to download some information. The Mayor responded by saying that there were a lot of problems with the website and email accounts of his and Chief Fox's and that it isn't working at this time, which seems to be a major problem. The Mayor also explained that he would be making a call to see what he can do about this issue and he would report back to the council. Councilman Kirkland commented that this situation should be rectified as quickly as possible or let the town create a new website, which is what the Mayor responded is planned, if the problem can't be resolved.

Mrs. Rosa Evans questioned what should she do if she discovered a water leak on the weekend and can't reach anyone from the town to turn the water off. She advised that she had this problem earlier in the month and she would like a phone number to call in case this was to happen again. The council agreed and advised that the citizens should have a contact number to call and they would be given a telephone number to call in case of an emergency.

Mayor Coleman III advised that a budget meeting should be arranged as quickly as possible to discuss the new 2015-2016 budget. He also inquired if all the council wanted to meet again this year or if they just wanted the committee to meet. It was the consensus of the council that they all should be included. It was decided to have a preliminary budget meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the budget. Mr. W. H. Coleman inquired as to the status of the town's grant application. Mrs. Bowen advised that we would know by the end of April with the Mayor stating that the grant looked good as far as the town being the recipient.

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 to discuss and consider the hiring of a new employee as stated in the Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (1). 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	Aye	David M. Crowder	Aye
J. M. Kirkland	Aye	Donna C. Ober	Aye	T. G. Gill	Aye

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III asked if there were any motions to be made at this time.

Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to advertise to hire a public works employee.

Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously. It was the consensus of the council that the ad be published for two (2) weeks, which would begin on March 14th and run thru March 25th, with the deadline possibly being Monday, March 31st or until the position was filled.

There being no further discussion or business, Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to adjourn the meeting, which was documented at 9:00 P.M. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk of Council
March 10, 2015

Thomas C. Coleman III, Mayor