

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

**GUESTS**

**Mr. Charles T. Rouse, Pres., HBR, Inc.  
Mrs. Mildred Winn  
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise  
Mrs. Ellen Walker**

**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.**

**The Mayor mentioned that Boydton Day was very successful with everyone involved doing a wonderful job and especially since it was extended to three (3) days. He also added that each one should really appreciate the efforts of the committee and HBR, Inc. and thank them for making it one of the best the town has ever had.**

**Mayor Coleman III requested approval of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, minutes. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to approve the minutes with Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.**

**The Mayor requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of November 2015. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to pay the bills for November and Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.**

**Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of October. Chief Fox informed the council that he had one (1) animal complaint, six (6) vehicle stops, one (1) report of property damage, and one (1) parking ticket. The Mayor asked if the council or audience had any questions for Chief Fox. Since there were none, the Mayor moved on to the next order of business.**

**Mr. R. H. Park III reported on the activity of the public works department for October. First, he reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for October was 985,000 gallons. Second, Mr. Park III addressed the council with an update regarding the water mixer for the water tank that was requested to be purchased at the October meeting. He informed the council that the warranty on the mixer was 5 years and the life expectancy was 25 years. The company doesn't recommend putting a timer on the mixer for two (2) reasons. The first reason was since it was an electric motor it would be stopping and starting and would cause more wear and tear. The second reason was that once the mixer is moving you want to keep it moving at all times. He asked Councilman Worley if he found out any information from Mr. Tim Newton; however, Councilman Worley said he never got a response from Mr. Newton. More questions ensued for Mr. Park**

III regarding the mixer, but there was no recommendation or motion giving Mr. Park III permission to purchase the mixer at this time. Third, Mr. Park III requested that a pipe locator be purchased at a cost of \$1,524.00. He stated that when companies such as Virginia Power, Verizon or fiber optic companies come into town, the town is asked to show them where our water and sewer lines are before digging. Mr. Park III stated that the town employees don't have that knowledge or any blueprints, since the pipes were installed as far back as the 1920's. After some questions, Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to allow Mr. Park III to purchase the pipe locator. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The fourth item Mr. Park III asked of the council was their recommendations regarding repairs to the 1999 Ford pickup truck. He stated that this truck had been giving them a lot of trouble and he asked at what point the council thought it would not be advantageous to keep repairing it, versus possibly purchasing a new truck. He asked if they would like for him to keep detailed records on the cost. Councilman J. M. Kirkland suggested that Mr. Park III begin to keep detailed records on the cost incurred on the truck until the first of the year in order to discuss this further at a later date or near budget time. The fifth item that Mr. Park III informed the council on was the meeting held here with Dewberry, Inc. regarding the sewer lines and upgrading of the wastewater treatment plant. He advised them that every problem he had found was addressed and corrected to his satisfaction and he didn't see any future problems regarding this. He informed the council that a Mr. Josh Powell had taken over the project due to Mr. Randy Jones leaving Dewberry and he was well pleased with his knowledge and recommendations as to what was to be done. Mr. Park III's sixth item was his inquiry as to who was responsible for the electrical wiring on the streets. He informed the council that there was a shortage near the corner of Washington and Madison Street over to the sidewalk and under it as well. The Mayor advised that the wiring was done with grant funds years ago and he felt the town was responsible for taking care of this problem. Councilman W. H. Coleman advised Mr. Park III to get some bids on this and report back to the council at a later date.

Mayor Coleman III advised the council that a telephone conference with Mr. Wayne Carter, County Administrator, the grant officers, Sangi Cooper of the Southside Planning District, along with he and Mrs. Bowen was scheduled for November the 18<sup>th</sup> to go over and finalize some of the particulars of this grant in order to proceed.

Councilman David M. Crowder inquired about the fire hydrants that were supposed to be repaired or installed months ago and he also mentioned the pine trees that were to be cut down near Hull Street as to what had been done. Mr. Park III stated that Mr. Harman Saunders, who was the contractor with the Hull Street Rehab Project, was to have done the work to the fire hydrants while here, but unfortunately, the work was never done by Mr. Saunders after repeated attempts to contact him; therefore, he was trying to get other bids to do the work. As far as the trees are concerned, he was waiting until cold weather to arrive, so hopefully snakes would be gone into hibernation. Vice Mayor Gill asked about the timeliness of picking up leaves this year. Mr. Park III assured him that they were going to stay on top of getting the leaves up in a timelier manner this year. Councilman David M. Crowder also inquired about tree limbs hanging over in the streets and who was responsible for cutting them. Mr. Park III advised that he would ride around and look at the area of concern and make a decision as to whose responsibility it was. Councilman Ronny Worley wanted to know if the sidewalk steps issue on Washington Street had been resolved. He was

**advised that VDOT had confirmed that they own the sidewalks and highways in Boydton and they were planning on repairing the steps as soon as possible.**

**The Mayor reminded the council and audience that the Grand Illumination would be held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. There was a discussion that followed regarding the Christmas tree, but the Mayor assured the council and audience that the town would have a tree for the Grand Illumination by hopefully working with the County. He also noted that PATHS would be serving light refreshments afterwards. Mr. Charles Rouse suggested that plywood be laid down and the town rent a lift from Rent-Equip in South Hill, VA as he used to paint the Presbyterian Church. He said that by using this method, the tree currently there, could still be lit for the Grand Illumination. Mr. Park III interjected by saying that Mr. Wayne Carter, the County Administrator, had stated that he wanted *nothing* on the lawn that could possibly interfere or harm the underground irrigation system.**

**The Mayor also reminded the council of the annual Mayors/Managers Christmas Dinner to be held by the Town of Boydton this year. He advised that Mrs. Bowen had arranged the use of the Boydton Tavern for the dinner to be held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> with social hour beginning at 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. and he hoped each council member could arrange to attend. He asked that they RSVP their responses to Mrs. Bowen.**

**Mr. Rouse informed the council that Mrs. Rawl's of the Boyd Tavern had asked him if they could possibly have their Christmas Tea in conjunction with the Grand Illumination or the Fire Department's Pancake and Photo event with Santa; however, he stated that Mrs. Rawles hadn't returned his call before tonight's meeting as he had asked, so he assumed that would not be done.**

**Mayor Coleman III informed the council that he had spoken to Mr. Jacob Rout regarding the structural and dampness problem with the police office as discussed at the last meeting. However, Mrs. Bowen advised that Mr. Rout had not come by the office to check on it. Councilman W. H. Coleman advised that he would contact Mr. Rout before the next council meeting.**

**The Mayor informed the council that he had a formal request and an application for a Conditional Use Permit by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregory to allow temporary housing on his property at the old oil company. Questions arose from the council concerning this. The Mayor explained that the property was zoned "Industrial" and they were requesting a conditional use permit to allow temporary housing for campers that would house employees of Microsoft and subsidiaries. Councilman W. H. Coleman stated that first, the request would have to be turned over to the Planning/Zoning committee for their recommendation to the council, and upon approval of the council, and a public hearing would have to be held before their request could be granted. Councilman J. M. Kirkland made a motion that the Gregory's request was to be turned over to the planning commission for their research and they were to be advised that they have ninety (90) days to report back to the council. Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously.**

**Councilman W. H. Coleman asked when the council seat (left vacant by Mrs. Ober) would be filled. The Mayor stated that he had talked to most of the councilmen individually**

regarding potential candidates, but no one was suggested. He stated that he already had one applicant and he felt that the council should consider candidates who would be willing to serve and show interest in the needs of the town.

Mrs. Walker informed the council that the gentleman who was working as a tour guide at the Boyd Tavern (on a part-time basis for the past four (4) years) is losing his job and that no one would be giving tours at the tavern after the end of this week. She asked for any suggestions from the council as to what, if anything, could be done. After a brief discussion, no recommendations were offered from the council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

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**Shirley S. Bowen, CMC**  
**Clerk to the Council & Treasurer**  
**November 10, 2015**

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**Thomas C. Coleman III**  
**Mayor**