

Joint Public Hearings were held between the Boydton Planning Commission and the Boydton Town Council at 7:00 P.M. and 7:15 P.M. with the regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council held on November 14, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Vice Mayor Thomas G. Gill presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

**Thomas Coleman III, Mayor (Absent)
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor
W. H. Coleman (Absent)
Bill Thompson
J. M. Kirkland (Absent)
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer
Krystle S. Magann, Deputy Clerk
Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
Mr. Ray Smith, Maintenance Supervisor**

GUESTS

**Mr. & Mrs. Donna Ober
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Getz & children
Ms. Hannah Cox, South Hill Enterprise
Mr. Dave Eason
Mr. Ray Cherry
Ms. Mildred Winn
Mr. David Goodwin
Mrs. Suzanne Inge, Attorney-at-Law
Ms. Ami Chalmers
Mrs. Tessie Bacon, Town Attorney**

Vice Mayor T. G. Gill opened the joint public hearing between the Boydton Planning Commission and the Town Council by welcoming everyone for their attendance at the hearings and regular meeting. He then began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

The Vice Mayor read the notice that was publicized in the local newspaper, as required by law, for the first joint public hearing of the night regarding re-adopting the town's current Comprehensive Plan. Vice Mayor Gill then turned the meeting over to the Planning Commission for their recommendation to the council on re-adopting the Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Eason, the Planning Commission Chairman, stated that the Planning Commission had discussed the Comprehensive Plan and would like to recommend that the plan be re-adopted as is and to proceed with plan revisions to be forthcoming in the months to follow. The Vice Mayor opened the floor for public comment. There being no comments, Vice Mayor Gill declared the public hearing closed. The meeting was reconvened with Councilman Bill Thompson moving to re-adopt the current Comprehensive Plan as is and to proceed with its revisions. Councilman Ronny Worley seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

Vice Mayor Gill read the 2nd notice that was publicized in the local newspaper, as required by law, pertaining to the second public hearing to discuss applications submitted by Suzanne P. Inge, Attorney-at-Law, to change the Zoning Map of the Town of Boydton from Article IV, Division 2, Residential District, R-1, to Article IV, Division 3, Residential District, R-2 and an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an attorney's office, under Section 28-312. Permitted Uses, (10) Offices, professional (with a conditional use permit.) Property currently owned by Travis Colt Wilson at 288 Madison Street, Boydton, VA 23917. Tax Map #110A06-(A)-014. The Vice Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Councilman Bill Thompson

stated that he lived and had his business across from the said property and he had no problem with it being rezoned for an attorney's office. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, informed the Vice Mayor and the council that Councilman W. H. Coleman had spoken with her today and he had no opposition to this, either. After a brief recess for discussion of the Planning Commission's recommendation, Vice Mayor Gill reconvened the meeting by asking Dr. David Eason, Chairman of the Planning Commission, for their recommendation regarding the rezoning of the property at 288 Madison Street from an R-1 Residential District to an R-2 Residential District with the use of a conditional use permit for an attorney's office. Dr. Eason stated that the Planning Commission recommended allowing the property at 288 Madison Street to be rezoned from an R-1 Residential District to an R-2 Residential District for Mrs. Suzanne Inge, Attorney-at-Law, to be used for an attorney's office, with the use of a conditional use permit. Councilman Ronny Worley moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the zoning to allow this property to be rezoned as an R-2 District with a conditional use permit, which would allow an attorney's office at this location. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously.

Vice Mayor Gill requested approval of the minutes from October 10, 2017. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to approve the October minutes as submitted, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.

Vice Mayor Gill requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of November 2017. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to pay the November 2017 bills, as presented. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor.

Police Chief Danny R. Fox, greeted everyone and briefed the council on his police activity during the month of October. Chief Fox reported that he had (4) traffic stops, (2) speeding citations, and (1) vehicle unlock for the month. He further stated that the speed box was placed on Jefferson Street; however, it seemed the solar panel had some trouble that would be repaired soon and then it would be placed on Washington Street. Councilman Thompson requested that Chief Fox give more attention to Madison Street, especially on weekends. Chief Fox remarked that he would check on this and stated that the second ticket given was actually on Madison Street.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for October 2017, was 1,202,000 gallons. He stated, that the waste water treatment plant expansion is progressing with a few "bumps" in the road that are currently being taken care of. He stated that it will hopefully be finalized prior to Christmas.

Mr. Ray Smith, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the flags were taken down in order to decorate for the Christmas holidays and the Christmas tree will be put up, as well, prior to the Thanksgiving holidays. He further stated that on Sunday, there was a 6" water main line coming into town that broke. He continued by saying that everyone worked together as a team

to repair this line in less than three (3) hours and also, that the leaf machine was now back in operation. Vice Mayor Gill asked if the tires had been purchased and if they had been installed. Mr. Smith responded that they had been purchased and installed on the truck. The Vice Mayor asked when the tree would be purchased and set up. He responded that they would begin tomorrow, because of the Thanksgiving holidays, there would be time limitations next week due to trash & brush pick up on Monday and Wednesday, along with meter readings being done, as well. The Vice Mayor inquired about the town clock as to whether it was working. Mr. Smith responded that he “thought” Clay had fixed it. Chief Fox stepped outside and returned stating that it had the correct time. Vice Mayor Gill commended the town crew on the nice job they did in making the town look good for Boydton Day.

The Vice Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mrs. Donna Ober thanked Chief Fox for the manner in which Halloween was handled in making it a nice night for the children who were “trick or treating.” Chief Fox also gave credit to Ray Smith and Gary Alexander for helping him out with placing the trucks, with their yellow lights on, in a couple of places that helped to slow traffic.

Mr. Will Ober stated that the “Yellow House” is now gone and Vice Mayor Gill responded by saying, “Yes, it is now a closed chapter.”

Dr. Eason inquired about the new industry being located at the old Mecklenburg Correctional site and if the town had water and sewer connected there. Mr. R. H. Park III advised that the town does have sewage lines already there, but the Town of South Hill serves them with water.

Vice Mayor Gill informed the council that Mrs. Nadene Reese, who lives on Phillis Road, had requested, if the council would allow her garbage to be picked up by the town, if she paid the normal out-of-town rate. The out-of-town rate is \$15.00 per month. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ronny Worley moved to allow Mrs. Reese’s trash to be picked up. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor.

The Vice Mayor announced that the Grand Illumination, lighting of the Christmas tree that is always held on the first Monday in December, would be held on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. Mrs. Bowen, advised that refreshments would possibly be served at PATHS, as in the past, but she would check on this to make sure and notify the public.

Vice Mayor Gill also reminded the council that there would be an annual Christmas Dinner for Mayors, Managers, and Town Clerks to be held on December 7, 2017, and this year it would be hosted by the Town of Chase City, VA. He advised the council members to let Mrs. Bowen know by November 29, 2017, in order for her to RSVP the Town of Chase City as to the number who would attend.

The Vice Mayor read information that the Clerk of Council, Shirley Bowen, had discovered regarding the Boyd Tavern and the responsibility or obligations the town had with them and

whether the town had an agreement with them to have the Tavern opened for a tourist center and the part the town played in those efforts. Mrs. Bowen advised that according to Gail Moody, the grant may have stipulated that the purpose of the grant could have stated that; however, her records go back to the 1990's and have been stored away. She did say that we should speak to Sandra Tanner, since all this had to do with tourism, and she is the tourism coordinator. Councilman Thompson interjected by saying that he felt Virgil Goode would have knowledge regarding this. Vice Mayor Gill then asked Mr. Thompson to contact Virgil Goode to see if he remembers anything regarding this issue. Mrs. Bowen asked if the Vice Mayor and the town council would like for her to continue to contact Sandra Tanner by phone or email relevant to this issue. The Vice Mayor and council gave her a unanimous approval to do so.

Vice Mayor Gill read an invitation from the Boyd Tavern inviting everyone to a Christmas Open House to be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, from 2-4 P.M., to enjoy Christmas carols, cookies, cider, goody-bags, and a photo with Santa.

Chief Fox also reported on another topic from the last meeting, which was regarding the inmates cleaning up our section of the Rails-to-Trails. He advised that he had contacted Shelley Slaughter of the Meherrin Regional Jail, and she informed him that the next meeting would be in February 2018, where it could be requested for the inmates to do this type of thing. However, due to the high volume of requests with the trail already being nineteen (19) miles long, it would probably be limited to a case by case basis, since their other work had to be done first and our equipment would also have to be used. Chief Fox stated that Mrs. Slaughter would be the contact person who would let our contact person here, Mrs. Bowen, know about the inmates helping work on the trail.

There being no further comments, questions or concerns, Councilman Bill Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, which was recorded by the Clerk at 7:50 P.M. Councilman Ronny Worley seconded the motion, with all the members voting in favor.

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer

T.G. Gill
Vice Mayor