

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on October 13, 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 (Absent)
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. Jane Lipscomb
Mr. Will Ober
Mrs. Ellen Walker**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III welcomed everyone for their attendance at tonight's meeting and upon doing so, opened the regular meeting. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

Mayor Coleman III requested approval of the September 8th, minutes. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober moved to approve the minutes with Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.

The Mayor requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of October 2015. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober moved to pay the bills for October with Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconding the motion. All remaining members voted unanimously.

Mrs. Jane Lipscomb addressed the council on the change of membership on the airport commission. Mrs. Lipscomb advised the council that for the first time, a commissioner, Mr. Mike Farrow, and a member from Boydton, had decided to retire. The board felt that the appointment of Mr. Doug Davis, a resident of Boydton, was a "good fit" for the airport commission and he was very excited to be asked to serve as a commissioner. Mrs. Lipscomb stated that she would like a motion of approval from the council for Mr. Davis to serve in this capacity. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to accept Mr. Doug Davis to serve as our representative on the airport commission. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of the council. Mrs. Lipscomb thanked the council and Mayor for their vote of approval of Mr. Davis. The council and Mayor thanked her for the work she and Mr. Farrow had done as commissioners during the past few years. Mrs. Lipscomb reported that the airport commission was making progress with implementing a new card reader on the fuel pump for pilots to use to fill up their planes with fuel; thus, alleviating the need for someone having to go to the airport to provide this service.

Mayor Coleman III introduced Mr. Charles Rouse to update the council on the continuing work being done at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rouse reported that the rain had delayed work on the church, but the painting had begun. He further commented that due to these circumstances, the church repairs may not be completed by Boydton Day; however, the work would be continued. He spoke about the accounting work sheet that had been given to the council pertaining to the expenses that have accumulated. He advised that the actual cost was

all under budget to the town and Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc. Councilman W. H. Coleman praised the volunteers for the fantastic job that was done. Mayor T. C. Coleman III interjected by saying that an exceptional committee was formed to get the job done and to bid out the work, but the volunteers did most of the work; thus, saving the town thousands of dollars. He continued by saying that they did a wonderful job and it was really appreciated by the town. Mr. Rouse stated that sometimes they didn't have a choice if they were to get the job done, except to do it themselves especially when the deterioration of the foundation was detected. He stipulated that if they hadn't gotten that done, the church would have possibly collapsed in a few years. Mr. Rouse stated Mrs. Bowen had written a lot of the checks he needed. He also pointed out that on the last page of his report of account balances that they balanced with the budget figures on the first page. Mr. Rouse informed the council that he received an email from Heather Susee of Rails-to-Trails relative to her resignation and he would keep the council abreast of any new developments with the trail and their next meeting.

Police Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on police activity during the month of September. He informed the council that he had four (4) vehicle stops, two (2) calls to unlock vehicles, and one (1) felony shoplifting charge at Dollar General, which would be heard in court on October 26th. He stated he also had warned several people who were parking incorrectly in town and spoke with Mr. Woody Gregory of IBEW to warn his workers to use correct parking procedures. No comments or questions were asked by the council.

The Mayor requested that Mr. R. H. Park III report on the public works department. Mr. Park III stated that he had five (5) items/issues to discuss. First, he reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for September was 1,408,000 gallons. Secondly, he requested the approval to sell surplus equipment in the public works department consisting of a used John Deere lawnmower, toolbox, sewer rodding motor, and a sidewalk edger. After a brief discussion regarding these items, Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to allow the sale of these items. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Thirdly, Mr. Park III advised the council that a proposal for a water mixer to keep the water in the water tank fresher was presented to them from Southern Corrosion for the price of \$12,104.00. Mr. Park III stated that even though this is not a mandated item, it was his recommendation to purchase this to keep the water fresher by keeping the stale water at the top mixed; thus, keeping the water fresh at all times. He continued by saying that it would not keep the town from having to flush the lines, but it should make flushing more efficient. After some other options were discussed, Councilman Ronny C. Worley stated he would research this more; therefore, no action was taken on purchasing the mixer. The fourth issue that was presented by Mr. Park III was regarding the purchase of the new lawnmower. He informed the council that the Hustler Fast Track was the lawnmower that was purchased for the WWTP and it working well and holding the hills just fine. The fifth and final issue to be discussed was to set up a work session with the town council to review the improvements that are to be made at the WWTP regarding the new EDA grant. The Mayor reported that there had been a change in personnel at Dewberry and that person was our main contact concerning the entire engineering process. He stated that he and Mr. Park III had requested a meeting with Mr. Scott Ehrhardt and the new replacement person to discuss any changes that would be made and questions of concerns before the work proceeded. The Mayor requested that he would like to invite the council to be in on this meeting so everyone would know what would be happening and where the town stands in this process. Mr. Park III advised that he would appreciate it if the council could attend the proposed meeting, since the

Mayor would probably be required to sign off on any changes that may be made and he wanted the council aware of anything that could happen. A tentative meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 5:15 P.M.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mrs. Ellen Walker inquired about the town park. Mayor Coleman III stated that it was still on our list to be done, but due to the Rails-to-Trails issue of their 1 year warranty and the weather, it probably wouldn't be done in time for Boydton Day. The Mayor asked Mr. Rouse his thoughts on this and his suggestion would be to allow the Microsoft construction workers to continue with their efforts regarding the park without the connection to the Rails-to-Trails and to do that portion later. On another issue, Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, added that Mrs. Kay Crane of PATHS informed her today that they would not be able to have the Grand Opening or ribbon cutting for the pharmacy or new sandwich shop on Boydton Day due to circumstances beyond their control, but assured us that it would be forthcoming a few weeks later in November. Mr. Ober confirmed that the sandwich shop is definitely coming since he has been working with them. He also gave Mr. Rouse a great deal of credit for his work and efforts concerning repairs on the Presbyterian Church by making it all come together.

Mayor Coleman III commented on the following:

- a. He advised the council on needful repairs to the floors in the police department and requested the council's suggestions. It was felt that water is settling underneath the building and causing it to rot. It was suggested that Jacob Rout be contacted, since he had done similar work.**
- b. The Mayor informed the council that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) should be re-established since the member's terms had expired and with new endeavors beginning, there may be a need for this board to be active once again. There were two (2) council members, two (2) planning commission members, and one (1) citizen on the board. The Mayor stated he would work on this and report back to the council regarding re-establishing this board.**
- c. Mayor Coleman III read a thank-you note written to the Mayor, council, and staff from Tom Herbert and family, children of the town's former Councilwoman, Bettie Herbert, who recently passed away. It was to thank the town for its donation to the Boyd Tavern in memory of their mother.**
- d. The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Councilwoman, Donna C. Ober, effective Tuesday, October 13, 2015. All councilmen and the Mayor reluctantly accepted her resignation and commended her for her service to the town and town council.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

**Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk to the Council & Treasurer
October 13, 2015**

**Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor**