

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on March 13, 2018, 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
Bill Thompson
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer
Krystle S. Magann, Deputy Clerk (Absent)**

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
Mrs. Tessie Bacon – Town Attorney
Mr. Ray Smith, Maintenance Supervisor
Ms. Hannah Cox, South Hill Enterprise
Mrs. Mildred Winn
Mr. J. E. Harrell**

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was opened by Vice Mayor T. G. Gill. He welcomed everyone for their attendance at tonight's meeting and led the council and guests with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

The Vice Mayor requested approval of the February 13, 2018, regular minutes as submitted. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the minutes for February as presented, with Councilman J. M. Kirkland seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously.

Vice Mayor Gill requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of March 2018. Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to pay the bills, as submitted for March 2018. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor.

Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, reported that his police activity report for the month of February only included three (3) vehicle traffic stops and two (2) calls for service. Vice Mayor Gill stated he'd seen where some of the parking spaces near the bump outs had been painted as requested from the last meeting. Mr. Ray Smith interjected by stating that the areas weren't complete due to the weather, and they tried to use the paint they had, but what he had wasn't any good and he had to order more; however, Chief Fox stated that the handicap spaces that were the main concern, had been done and they would be finishing up as soon as they get the yellow paint to complete the job.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for February 2018, was 1,393,000 gallons. Mr. Park III informed the council that he also included in the packets copies of the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) that is sent in to the Department of Environmental Quality and he was having no problems

with this, but decided the council should be aware of these reports being done and everything was okay, with no problems. Mr. Park III advised that if wasn't understandable he'd be happy to give the council a brief synopsis of this report, but Councilman Coleman stated, "As long as you say it's okay, then it's okay with me." Mr. Park III stated that he'd be sure to let them all know if any problems were to arise. He also informed the council that the final walk-through would be done tomorrow (Wednesday) for the completion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He stated there were a few more items on the "punch list" to be worked out, but it was essentially completed. The Vice Mayor inquired if there were any other questions for Mr. Park III and with there being none, he thanked him for his report.

Mr. Ray Smith followed with his maintenance report, which included further information concerning painting of the street parking spaces. He reiterated that there was a delay in painting the areas due to the old paint no longer being good, and he had to get more; however, that job should be finished soon. He asked if the council or Vice Mayor had any questions for him. Vice Mayor Gill stated that Mr. Smith had come to him a couple of weeks ago regarding the old town lawnmower that wasn't being used and advised him of an individual who had made an offer of \$500.00 to purchase it. The Vice Mayor stated that he hadn't been around to the shop to look at it and didn't even know if it would run. Mr. Smith then stated that it did run, but most of the time they had to work on it before it was used. After a brief discussion, Councilman Coleman suggested that a \$500.00 reserve be placed on it with GOV Deals, and if it doesn't bring that amount, then offer it first to the person who made the offer. It was the consensus of the council to do this. Mr. Smith, also, informed the council that he contacted Mr. Sandifer about repairing the backhoe front grill and he didn't want the job. Councilman Worley asked Mr. Smith, if they didn't have something laying around the shop to do it themselves. Mr. Smith advised that they didn't and if they were to purchase an entire piece of heavy metal suitable enough, it would be costly. Councilman Kirkland remarked that he felt Hinkle does good work and if everyone was satisfied with his price that we should go ahead and get him to do the repairs and fix it like it's supposed to be fixed. Councilman Thompson remarked that he agreed. Councilman Coleman then moved that Hinkle Welding be contacted to make the repairs to the backhoe, with Councilman Kirkland seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. Councilman Kirkland asked the town attorney to check on the correct way to do this type of thing (selling something) in the future; such as, getting bids to sell simple things that the town may have and wanted to sell. She advised that she would and report back to them.

Vice Mayor Gill asked for approval of the Annual 2016 audit. Councilman Coleman moved to adopt the Annual 2016 Audit as submitted by our auditors, Creedle, Jones, and Alga. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

The Vice Mayor introduced the town attorney, Tessie Bacon, for further explanation on the VML Resolution that was addressed at the February council meeting. She stated that the resolution was to oppose two (2) House Bills relating to cell phone towers that have been passed in the House and the Senate, but has to be approved by Governor Northam, as well. VML sent this to local governments to oppose these bills, since it would restrict local government's power, especially when it comes to smaller cell phone towers that are in public right-of-ways; thus, limiting the powers of local government regarding zoning and charges that could be made. She stated that this bill would be in favor of the cell phone companies and not in favor of local government or citizen's rights. Her recommendation to the Vice Mayor and council was to go ahead and sign the wireless resolution and to also write a letter to the Governor asking that he veto these two (2) bills, as VML initially recommended. Councilman Kirkland moved to sign and send the wireless resolution and send the letter to Governor Northam. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously.

Vice Mayor Gill opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Harrell asked, just to clarify the concern of signing of the wireless resolution, that the town would be signing this in opposition of these two (2) bills. Mrs. Bacon responded, "Yes." He then asked Mr. Park III, if he was satisfied that everything had been done properly at the WWTP. Mr. Park III said he was pleased with what had been done; however, two more things had to be done and the project would be complete.

Vice Mayor Gill was reminded by Councilman Worley to mention the purchase of an old fire truck from the fire department to possibly help the town water the plants, pull the sewer jetta machine, wash the streets down when needed, and to use for other purposes. He further stated that it is a full size, four wheel drive truck and would be much easier to handle than the current truck the town is currently using. He further stated that he brought it up for the town to consider and then they'd come back with a price, if they thought it would advantageous. Councilman Kirkland stated that he would like to know if the town could utilize it where it would be beneficial. Councilman Coleman stated that it would be up to Councilman Crowder and Councilman Thompson to make the decision, since they were the only two councilmen who could vote, and weren't on the fire department. Councilman Crowder stated that he would like to know the asking price before he could decide and Councilman Thompson agreed, but added that he felt it would be beneficial to the town. Vice Mayor Gill responded by saying that they would inform the council of the asking price at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Gill advised that the town council would be going into a closed session at this time upon the motion being read. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (1) discussion of personnel matters regarding employees.

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, that nothing was discussed except the matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in 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	Bill Thompson	Aye		

Councilman R. C. Worley moved to accept Eric Tollerson's resignation effective, March 23, 2018. Councilman David Crowder seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Council W. H. Coleman moved to advertise for a Maintenance Foreman with Councilman R. C. Worley seconding the motion. All members voted unanimously. Councilman Kirkland suggested that he would like to see us have a cake and some drinks for Eric prior to his leaving, since he was a dedicated and dependable employee. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, stated she would arrange this and let everyone know.

There being no further comments or questions, Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting, which was recorded at 8:52 P.M., with Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
March 13, 2018

Vice Mayor T. G. Gill