

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on July 10, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with the newly elected Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

John M. Kirkland, Mayor
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor
W. H. Coleman
Bill Thompson
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Paul “Ray” Cherry (Absent)
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer
Angela S. Amos, Deputy Clerk
Chief Danny R. Fox

GUESTS

Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
Mr. Johnny Roberts, Jr., Maint. Supervisor
Mrs. Jane Lipscomb
Mr. Will Ober
Ms. Hannah Cox, South Hill Enterprise

Mayor J. M. Kirkland opened the regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council by welcoming everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting. He then led the council and guests with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

The Mayor requested approval of the June 12, 2018, regular minutes, the June 19th and 26th called meeting minutes, as submitted. Councilman Ronny Worley stated that he was not in attendance at the June 19th called meeting, as recorded. Councilman Ronny Worley then moved to approve the minutes for each set of minutes as presented, with the one correction being noted. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of July 2018, as submitted. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to pay the bills as submitted for July 2018, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, reported on his police activity for June. He reported he had two (2) Rescue Squad Assists, (1) Alarm Call, and (1) Speeding citation of a 40 mph in a 25 mph zone on Jefferson Street. There were no questions or concerns addressed to Chief Fox.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for June 2018, was 1,690,000 gallons and there were no problems with the DMR Report for the month. Mr. Park III also updated the council on pricing of the oxidation ditch pump that was approved in this year’s budget. He further stated that he sent the old pump to Electric Motor shop to be rebuilt. The rebuilt price came in at \$8,075.00, compared to a new pump of \$14,585.00 and further stated that the warranties on both were the same. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to grant permission to purchase the rebuilt pump with Vice-Mayor Gill seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Park III informed the council that they found a major source of rain water coming into the sewer system down on Jefferson Street and with the help of the maintenance department, it had been repaired. He continued by saying, this made a very substantial difference and we have also located two (2) other laterals that we think have the same problems; therefore, we are going to start working on them, as soon as possible. Vice Mayor Gill asked Mr. Park III about the problem of water standing on his property, and that of Dr. Eason's. The Mayor responded by advising that he had telephoned VDOT (Mr. John Legg), but unfortunately had to leave a message. He advised that Mr. Legg had returned his call and left a message, as well, stating that he would arrange a time to come to Boynton to look at the area and problem. Vice Mayor Gill interjected by saying he came through about a foot of rain water across the road where he almost lost control of his vehicle due to heavy rains that evening and he felt this should be looked at, as well. Councilman Bill Thompson advised that he felt the reason for this was a flag at the corner of Piedmont Court Services had come down and stopped up the grate where the water was flowing; thus, causing the water to back up across the street. Mayor Kirkland stated that maybe a larger grate could be installed there, but he would have VDOT to look at that area when they come to view the other location.

Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the maintenance department's activity for the month of June 2018. Mr. Roberts stated that he didn't have much more to report since Mr. Park III had advised them of some situations that the maintenance crew had been involved with. He advised that the water leak at the old Melody Manor was to be looked into tomorrow (July 11th) to try and determine where the leak was and could hopefully report at the next meeting where the leak originated.

Mayor Kirkland introduced Mrs. Jane Lipscomb with the Lake Country Regional Airport to request that Mr. Doug Davis be re-appointed for another 3-year term with the Airport Commission. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to re-appoint Mr. Davis to the Airport Commission for another 3-year term, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. Mrs. Lipscomb reported that they would be moving forward with rehab of the runway after the August conference where funding would be awarded. She further stated that in the past, funding had been awarded to the larger airports, but they are funding the smaller airports, which would now be included. As far as "down time" for the rehab, it would only be for short lengths of time and the public and airmen would be notified.

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments. Mr. Will Ober thanked the Mayor for the playground equipment being moved down to the Plank Road Replica area. The Mayor expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. Ober, as well, saying that with HBR's partnership, it helped immensely. He also stated that in the near future, and upon completion, that we would be having a little "opening" for the park.

Since there were no other public comments, the Mayor introduced and welcomed Angela Amos as the town's new Deputy Clerk. He continued to say that he felt she was going to be a

huge asset to the town. Upon asking if she would like to say anything, Ms. Amos responded by saying that she was super excited to be here to work with each of the councilmen and with the town's people, as well. He also welcomed Mr. Ray Cherry as a newly elected town councilman and although, he wasn't here for tonight's meeting due to a previous commitment, he was sure he would be a valuable asset to the town, as well.

Mayor Kirkland asked Mr. Ober if he had any new information to report regarding HBR or the upstairs project. He responded by saying that at this time he did not have anything to report, except he was waiting on the contractor's to contact him or the town office.

The Mayor advised that since March of 2017, our Mayor Tommy Coleman, had not been able to perform his duties as Mayor, due to health reasons, and as a "true champ" that the Vice Mayor "Tinker" Gill had always been...he had stepped up as interim Mayor, and since that time, he had done a fine job. He then invited everyone in attendance to join with the council and employees after the meeting for the serving of cake and ice cream to show the town's appreciation to Vice Mayor Gill. Vice Mayor Gill thanked the Mayor and everyone by saying, "I was glad to do it."

Mayor Kirkland informed the council that upon a new Mayor taking office, a Vice Mayor had to be selected and voted on. He asked if anyone would like to make a motion for the position. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve Tinker Gill as the Vice Mayor. Councilman Ronny Worley seconded the motion, with all members voting unanimously.

Councilman Ronny Worley personally thanked Vice Mayor Gill for his willingness and acceptance of those duties by stepping in as interim Mayor, as well as, thanking Mayor Kirkland, for his willingness to take on the responsibilities and duties of a new Mayor. He also, wanted to let both of them know his appreciation for their efforts. Vice Mayor Gill and Mayor Kirkland both thanked him with Mayor Kirkland stating that he would do the best he could for the town, and he would keep everyone apprised on everything that goes on, while hoping things would run smoothly. He also stated, "We have a good group of people here and in the short time I've been the Mayor, I've found out that there's a lot of things that go on "behind the scenes" day to day, that no one realizes and I want to personally thank those people on behalf of myself and the town."

Mayor Kirkland stated that if there were no further comments or concerns, he would declare the meeting adjourned and invited everyone to stay for cake and ice cream.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer

John M. Kirkland
Mayor

July 10, 2018

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Mayor Kirkland introduced and welcomed Angela D. Amos as the town's new Deputy Clerk to the council and to the audience.

The Mayor stated that he had the authority to appoint his Vice Mayor and he asked that Vice Mayor Gill continue in that role. Vice Mayor Gill accepted his request. Upon his acceptance Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve this request by Mayor Kirkland with Councilman Ronny C. Worley seconding the motion. All remaining members voted unanimously.