

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on November 13, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

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

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
Mr. Johnny Roberts, Jr., Maint. Supervisor
Mr. J. E. Harrell**

Mayor John M. Kirkland called to order and 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 to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Kirkland requested approval of the October 9, 2018, regular minutes. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018, as submitted. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously.

The Mayor requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of November 2018, as submitted. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to pay the bills, as submitted for November 2018, with Councilman Ray Cherry seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, reported his police activity for the month of October. He reported that everything went well for Boydton Day, with no problems. He further stated that he had four (4) vehicle stops, two (2) rescue assists, and reported that he had finished his in-service requirements. He also informed the Council of a reported BB gun larceny in town; however, he felt it would be resolved. No other questions or concerns were addressed to Chief Fox.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for October 2018, was 1,302,800 gallons and the DMR report was fine with no issues being found. Mr. Park III informed the council of his concern regarding a problem with a lift station on Washington Street that serves two (2) homes. He stated that the lift station had been incurring problems for the past six (6) months and he hoped he would have some cost figures in January, to either repair or replace the lift station. He continued by saying that with the help of Mr. Johnny Roberts and the uptown crew, they were able to temporarily “fix” the current problem for now, or at least until it can be decided what should be done to resolve the issue. He further stated that the lift station was around 28 years old and is referred

to as a “faulty shelf lift station,” which meant it is purchased right off the shelf and put down in the ground and when it malfunctions, a new one would possibly have to be purchased.

Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the parking spaces in front of the Goode Building had been eliminated to hopefully resolve the accident problems that had been occurring there. He advised that the fire hydrant at the corner of Jefferson and Washington Streets (near the library) had been replaced, as mentioned at the last council meeting. He also informed the council that the Chevrolet truck, that was having electrical problems, had been repaired by Mark Parrish. Mr. Roberts added that the Tobacco Heritage Trail had been cleaned up from the debris and cleared of the trees that had fallen due to the recent storm. He further reported that he and the town crew had begun to get up leaves in and around town when the weather permitted. He also advised that the playground mulch was at the site, but due to rains and the wet ground, they couldn’t get the backhoe in the locations needed to spread the mulch under the playground equipment. Mr. Roberts then requested permission from the council to purchase hats from Cintas with the Town of Boydton and the town seal to be imprinted on them, which would match their uniforms, along with the cost being around \$200.00. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to purchase the hats with Vice Mayor Gill seconding the motion and all members voted in favor. Mayor Kirkland thanked Mr. Roberts and his crew for continuing to keep the town looking nice.

The Mayor made his comments, which were:

- 1) Updating the council and audience on the progress of the town park. He advised that due to the weather, it has been virtually impossible to proceed with the park’s final steps to have the park in use for the children. He stated that it would be better to do it properly by taking the time needed to finalize it and have an early spring opening for the citizens and children.
- 2) The Mayor advised the council that the Grand Illumination would be held on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. following with refreshments at PATHS. He then reminded the council that the Christmas tree on the Courthouse Square had been cut down due to its size, and he had spoken to the Boyd Tavern board and gotten their approval for a permanent Christmas tree to be placed on their side yard. He stated that he would like the blessings of the town council, as well. He informed them that it would be donated by the Kirkland family in memory of his mother, Glenn Kirkland, who loved this town dearly and worked in the County Clerk’s office for many years. He continued by saying, with this permanent tree, it would be taken care of and trimmed up each year by his family, with no cost to the town. Councilman Bill Thompson remarked that he felt it was a wonderful idea and it wasn’t necessary to be voted on, as well as, agreed upon by the remaining council members.

- 3) He also stated that the Mayor's, Manager's, and Councilmen's Christmas party would be held on Thursday, December 13th beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the Clarksville Community Center and hosted by the Town of Clarksville this year. Anyone interested in going should let Shirley know by December 4th. He stated that he felt it was a good opportunity to fellowship and meet officials of the surrounding towns.
- 4) The Mayor invited the councilmen to the town employee's Christmas luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, December 18th at noon. He asked that any of the councilmen that could attend, to come out to eat, fellowship, and even join in with a game (if they'd like) with the town employees to show their appreciation.

Mayor Kirkland mentioned one other thing and that was to say, in the past we'd had too many delinquencies and he basically asked Angela to research (with Shirley's help) to see what could be done to collect these monies. By doing so, they got together by writing letters, etc. to collect these delinquent accounts and from July up until now, the amount owed to the town, had gone down from around \$13,000.00, to now under \$2,000.00. He also advised that there were funds found available to help people in need that was never known about in the past. Ms. Amos interjected by stating that she had found various methods to help our citizens make their payments in their time of need. Mrs. Bowen added that she had also since May, collected over \$10,000.00 in delinquent taxes. The Mayor thanked the office staff for their efforts in collecting these monies, along with the other council members. Vice Mayor Gill added that this was a major accomplishment; however, he added that it was long overdue and hoped these new efforts and methods would continue.

During public comments, Mr. J. E. Harrell commended the town employees for their efforts in doing such a great job for the town. The Mayor thanked Mr. Harrell for his compliments that he welcomed and appreciated.

Mayor Kirkland advised that the town council would be convening into a closed session.

Councilman Worley read the following motion: "I move that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (3), discussion of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose."

Upon reconvening, Councilman Worley made the following motion: "I move 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." A roll call vote was then taken by the Clerk of Council.

Ronny Worley	Aye	W. H. Coleman	(Absent)	Ray Cherry	Aye
T. G. Gill	Aye	David M. Crowder	Aye	Bill Thompson	Aye

No motions were made upon reconvening. Councilman Ronny Worley advised that the Baptist Church was having a Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday night from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone to attend.

Mayor Kirkland wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday with their families and with no further comments or concerns, Mayor Kirkland adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
November 12, 2018

John M. Kirkland, Mayor