

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on January 08, 2019, 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 (Absent)
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**

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 and stated that he hoped everyone had a good Christmas. He then led the council and employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of December 11, 2018. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the December minutes with Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion for the bills to be paid as submitted for January 2019. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to pay the bills for the month of January 2019, as presented. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, with all members voting unanimously.

Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, reported his police activity for the month of December. he stated that there wasn’t much to report for the month, except for the unlocking of a vehicle. Mayor Kirkland asked if there were any comments regarding his police activity for the month. Vice Mayor Gill inquired how it worked if, he wasn’t on duty and a call came in. Chief Fox responded, “When I’m not working, a County Deputy is called to handle any situation in town.” There were no more questions for Chief Fox.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for December 2018, was 1,034,000 gallons. Mr. Park III reported that the DMR’s have been coming in with good results. He also informed the council that the lift station, behind Will Coleman’s house, had been working fine, since the town employee’s repaired it and at this time, he sees no need to replace it. However, the pump control panel may need repairs costing around \$50-\$175.00, which he felt they should go ahead and get that done, as soon as possible. He also stated that he checked prices at VAMAC and, if something

should happen to the lift station, he could easily go to VAMAC and get it. Regarding another issue, Mr. Park III updated the council on the new school complex sewer system to be built. He stated that he had just found out in a prior meeting, that the County was planning to place two (2) two-pump lift stations from the site of the school to the waste water treatment plant which would provide 220 gallons a minute with a capacity of 6,000 gallons a day. It would be running to a 6" forced main and would be placed down Highway 58. He continued by saying at this particular point, they don't think they would be able to put in any backup pumps. He had planned to contact a company out of Richmond to make sure that what he's being told, was correct. With these two lift stations, he felt it would double the town's cost. Mr. Park III advised the council that the engineer with Hurt & Proffitt said he would be glad to come to our next town council meeting to answer any questions of the council; however, he would like to meet at 7:00 P.M. in order for him to get back to Lynchburg/Roanoke at a decent time. Mr. Park III stated that he would ask him to work up the cost of maintaining these lift stations for a year and also, what he recommends for us to set aside in a contingency fund for replacement of the pumps, generators, switching equipment, etc., so we would have some idea of costs involved, as time goes by. The Mayor asked that the council take this information into consideration and have their questions and concerns available or ready when the engineer comes to our next meeting. Councilman Worley inquired if there would be any drawings available prior to the meeting. Mr. Park III advised that he doubted he'd have anything available, since this was all new and into the planning stages, but he would ask. Mayor Kirkland instructed Mr. Park III to invite the engineer to the next meeting and if, he had anything on paper for the council to review at that time, to do so. Councilman Worley inquired as to where would the tie-in be to us. Mr. Park III said it would be in the vicinity of Microsoft and it would depend on where we wanted it to run to, but as of now, he wasn't sure if they would be utilizing any more capacity. Vice Mayor Gill asked, "Have we had been told the amount of usage we'd be receiving from the school?" Mr. Park III stated that Scott Ehrhardt of Dewberry had estimated a while back that it would be somewhere in the vicinity of 20,000 gallons a day and he trusted his figures more than the new engineers that are doing the new school. When asked by Councilman Worley, Mr. Park III responded that the exact locations of the lift stations hadn't been determined, as yet. Mayor Kirkland reiterated and stressed that he felt the council should have questions prepared for the engineer when he comes to the next meeting.

Councilman Worley asked Mr. Park III why 150,000 gallons of water was flushed last month, as shown on his report. Mr. Park's response was that he had to run it over to refresh the water. A brief discussion ensued, with Mr. Park III advising that the water in the tank is filled from and released from the bottom; therefore, the water at the top is "dead water" and never gets mixed. He further stated that he asked to purchase a mixer a while back (5-6 years ago) and it was never approved, so his only way of getting the dead water out of the tank was to

run the tank over. Mayor Kirkland interjected that he'd been told the Town of Brodnax was now looking into getting a mixer for their tank, since theirs fills from the bottom, as well.

Vice Mayor Gill asked if the lift stations were going to be incased or open. Mr. Park III advised that it would be fenced in and the pumps would be below ground with a top covering the generators and other parts to keep the weather from affecting it. Councilman Worley made a suggestion to have a flow test performed, and if we have enough flow, we could possibly drain the tank and have it low enough along, with the water coming in from the RRSA for fire protection, where we could then cut the valve off and drain the tank. Mr. Park III responded by saying, he would not take the responsibility of cutting off the valve and draining the tank. He further stated that he would not put his reputation or his license on the line by doing that where we wouldn't have enough water to handle a large fire, if it were to happen. Councilman Worley asked, "If we drain the tank for maintenance...what would be the difference?" Mr. Park III responded, as well as, other opinions given, with Councilman Worley concluding that he only brought this idea up to save the town some money. It was suggested that Mr. Park III seek quotes on the cost of a mixer for the tank and let the council know at the next meeting. Mr. Park III, also reminded the council that the town was originally supposed to purchase the water from Clarksville, and that was the reason for the tank being installed up at the ballpark, but the town opted to purchase water from the Roanoke River Service Authority, instead. Upon doing so, all the water is going in the opposite direction and not being mixed well, since there are more residents there. It would have been different, if the tank had been placed near Virginia Homes, since it was coming from that direction. Mr. Park III further stated that if there was more development on that end of town where the tank is now, then the water would be more evenly distributed and kept fresher. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, noted that the tank had to be painted every 15 years. Mr. Park III agreed and stated that it would more than likely be done this year; therefore, the tank would be emptied and refilled with all new fresh water.

Mayor Kirkland informed the councilmen that Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, had shoulder surgery and was not here tonight. He stated if the council had any questions, to let him know. Mrs. Bowen, advised that she had spoken to Mr. Roberts' wife prior to tonight's meeting. She said his surgery went well, he was at home, and doing fine as for now.

Councilman Bill Thompson wanted to know who was responsible for the sidewalks between his shop and the Baptist church, and if it was VDOT's, the town, or the property owner. Mayor Kirkland advised that VDOT came by last week, and wanted a list of requests for repairs within the town for budget preparation. Councilman Crowder inquired about an issue on Bryson Street, as well. Vice Mayor Gill, also, mentioned another place down Jefferson and Washington Street (beside the Goode building) that was in bad shape. Angela, Deputy Clerk, remarked that Mr. Charlie Reamy had been in, as well, and asked about the

sidewalk near the Methodist Church that was in need of repair. Mayor Kirkland advised that all of these issues mentioned would be kept on file for VDOT when they return, and if anyone knew of other areas, in need of repair, to let the office know in order for them to be included.

The floor was opened for public comments; however, there were no guests to comment.

Mayor Kirkland gave his remarks, which were the following:

- 1. A sketch of the park sign was handed out with rules and regulations for the town park and he asked for the council's approval. He stated that the sign would be 4' x 8' and have "The John and Audrey Murdock Children's Recreational Park." He read the rules as had been discussed. He told the council that the signage would cost approximately \$1,345.00 for the larger sign and two (2) smaller signs, which would be a "No Parking" sign at the apartments for residents of the apartments only and another one for the Plank Road replica. The Mayor continued by saying that we would like to have a "Grand Opening" and "Ribbon Cutting" along with an Easter egg hunt for the children and a cook-out on Saturday, April 20, 2019, beginning at 11:00 A.M. He advised that the local churches, the pre-school, and possibly the Ladies Auxiliary would be helping out with this event. Angela Amos, Deputy Clerk, remarked that the ladies auxiliary had committed to the Easter egg hunt. Councilman Worley asked if there should be a line on the sign that says these rules will be enforced by local law enforcement or something of that nature. Mayor Kirkland stated that he felt the sign spoke for itself, but asked Chief Fox for his input. Chief Fox advised that a line could be added that says "Violators Will Be Prosecuted." It was also suggested that a chain be added around the replica to keep children off. The Mayor requested a motion to go forward with the signs as discussed. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the signage for the new park with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding his motion. All members voted in favor. Mayor Kirkland stated that the large sign would be erected at the end of Hull Street, past the replica, facing up towards Hull Street from the lower end of the park. Councilman Worley asked if the sign shouldn't be put at the entrance to the park. A brief discussion ensued regarding placing the sign at one of these two (2) locations. Mayor Kirkland remarked that he felt it would be best, since it was a one way street, to have it at the lower end of the park, unless we would like the rules and regulations on both sides of the sign, which would be more costly and placing it at the lower end would save the town money. Councilman Thompson suggested to start out with one sign and see how it works out. It was the consensus of the council to place a one-sided sign at the lower end of the park.**
- 2. The Mayor invited the council to the Mayor/Managers meeting & luncheon at noon, on Wednesday, February 27th at the Boyd Tavern and catered by Shadow Lawn of Chase City, VA**

3. Mayor Kirkland stated that Alex Wells was completing the new emails for the town employees and council members, as he had advised in a previous meeting.
4. The Mayor informed the council that we (Angela, Shirley, and himself) had a good meeting with Tina Morgan, Tourism Coordinator, for the County. The meeting included things such as: The 50th Anniversary for “Virginia is For Lovers” beginning June 21st through August which will involve a series of events including music, and other programs to promote the Town of Boydton, as well as other towns. Mrs. Morgan was invited to the HBR, Inc. meeting to be held Tuesday, January 15th @5:30. to discuss some ideas of promoting the town. The Mayor felt that this would work well by benefiting the town and the fireman’s BBQ event to be held on August 24th.
5. Mayor Kirkland mentioned that he would be attending a meeting with the Southside Planning District Commission for updating a long-term transportation plan and a mitigation plan. A gentleman would be coming in the future to discuss a long-term plan for the Town of Boydton and other various towns. The Mayor stated, that he felt between Renny and Shirley, they could answer all the questions he may have.
6. The Mayor advised the council that Will and Donna Ober were out-of-town in Florida and Mr. Ober had relinquished his duties as the President of HBR, Inc. He informed the council that Angela, Deputy Clerk, had stepped in to assume this role for the time being or until the election of officers in May of 2019.

Councilman David M. Crowder asked if the Trail had been utilized, since it had been lengthened. Mayor Kirkland advised that it had been used in November for a “Suicide Prevention Campaign” organized by Mrs. Donna Lopez in memory of her son. He also stated that all the paperwork and the request for the trails extension had been submitted and approved, with Mr. Jimmy Walters advising that it was ours to use now.

Councilman Worley inquired about the request made in the form of a grant to the State for extending the trail going west towards Clarksville, and if we’d heard anything from that. The Mayor advised that Mr. Walter Beales had informed him that we did not succeed in acquiring that grant and Mr. Beales found out that it was more involved than he had been told. However, we would continue to pursue other methods or grants to extend the trail westward.

Vice Mayor Gill inquired about the upstairs renovations, and if it was on “hold” now or going forward. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of the Council, stated that Mr. Mike Miles of Microsoft had reached out to her right before Christmas and stated that he didn’t want this project to drop, since they were committed to going forward with it and they had assigned someone, Nathan Hamm, to oversee that this project would be completed. Mrs. Bowen advised that she would be meeting with Mr. Hamm within the month.

Councilman Worley stated that the personnel committee should meet to discuss employee evaluations. A discussion resulted regarding the personnel policy being out-of-date and the real need for it to be updated; however, even though the council agreed, they wanted to go ahead and get the evaluations done, as budget time would soon be approaching.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Kirkland asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Gill moved that the meeting be adjourned with Councilman Ronny Worley seconding the motion, and all members voted in favor, which was recorded at 8:40 P. M. by the Clerk of Council.

**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
January 8, 2019**

**John M. Kirkland
Mayor**