

**The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on May 11, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**John M. Kirkland, Mayor (Absent)  
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor  
W. H. Coleman  
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. and Mrs. Will (Donna) Ober  
Mr. J. E. Harrell**

**Vice Mayor T. G. Gill opened and called to order the regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council by thanking everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting. The Vice Mayor led the council, audience, and employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence. Vice Mayor Gill stated that our Mayor, Johnny Kirkland, would not be in attendance for tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment and that he would be conducting tonight’s meeting.**

**The Vice Mayor requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of April 9, 2019, as submitted. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the April minutes as presented, with Councilman W. H. Coleman seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Vice Mayor Gill requested a motion to pay the bills as presented for May 2019. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to pay the bills for the month of May 2019, as submitted. Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion, with all members voting unanimously.**

**Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, reported on his police activity for the month of April. He reported that he had two (2) vehicle stops, (1) assist with the rescue squad, and three (3) dog complaints from the same residence. He also reported that the street repairs are going as planned on Madison Street and the lady who had the accident on Finch Lane was thought to have sustained a broken leg, but she was lucky, since it was later found that she didn’t. When asked, if there were any questions from the council, there were none.**

**Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for April 2019, was 846,000 gallons. He also added that the DMR’s**

came back with no problems. Councilman Coleman inquired if we were using the well on the top of the hill for washing down the tanks, anymore. Mr. Park III responded by saying he does sometimes, but they don't use it that often and it really depends on the chlorine or non-potable pump. He continued by saying that he uses the water from the tank to wash out the chlorine tanks and he keeps the water running from the Roanoke River Service Authority, so the pumps in there don't go dry. He also mentioned he wasn't sure how accurate the meter was. Councilman Coleman remarked that it really doesn't matter. No other questions or statements were presented.

Mr. Johnny Roberts reported on the Maintenance Department's work during the month. He stated that the maintenance team have diligently been cutting grass. He stated that the paving project on Madison Street should be completed in the next couple of days according to schedule. Mr. Roberts advised that the garbage truck needed a new oil sending unit replaced, so he had Mark Parrish, from Mark's Place, to replace it. The subject about a new pick up was reviewed and estimated to cost in the low \$30,000.00 range. Vice Mayor Gill asked, "Do we still need a new one after the old truck was repaired?" Mr. Roberts replied "Yes." More discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a new truck and the savings, if purchased through a Government contract. Vice Mayor Gill asked if the low \$30,000.00 estimate was a basic quote. Mr. Roberts replied by stating the specs on the three quarter ton truck, but stated that it was a pretty basic truck with radio, 4 wheel drive, and had air conditioning. Councilman Coleman asked, "Is this truck a long bed truck?" Mr. Roberts replied, "Yes, it was." Councilman Coleman stated that he had thought, with a fleet government contract, he expected a more substantial savings than the one estimated. Councilman Worley stated he would find out who the prison uses and would give that information to Mr. Roberts to get another estimate.

Vice Mayor Gill opened the floor for public comments. Donna and Will Ober stated they didn't have any comments. J. E. Harrell, also advised, he had no comments. Vice Mayor Gill stated that he was pleased with the huge success of the Children's Park Grand Opening Ceremony. Councilman Coleman also mentioned he thought it was a huge success and that the town had done a great job on it. Mr. Roberts mentioned that over a half dozen kids were at the park this morning and a few days prior it was 10-12 children and adults down there. Councilman Coleman asked Mr. Roberts, if he had the trail ready for him to be sprayed. Mr. Roberts replied, "No, not yet." He stated that VDOT called today and they are coming here before Memorial Day weekend. Councilman Coleman advised Mr. Roberts to let him know when it was ready. Vice Mayor Gill then stated the "Bluegrass Concert Series" dates of June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 24<sup>th</sup> was coming up and to save the dates. He asked Ms. Amos how it was coming along. She responded that it was coming

along very well with many sponsors stepping up for the event. She also stated that she had budgeted \$27, 000.00 and she had collected approximately \$23,000.00, so far. She continued by saying that a meeting was held last night seeking volunteers for these events. Vice Mayor Gill suggested that posters be distributed around town and other places. Ms. Amos stated that a lot of posters had been placed in and around the area,

even over in North Carolina, and she was expecting a really good event. She was hoping that there would be a profit of over \$10,000.00, so we could use the money to do this again next year. All she needed now was volunteers to help with the event and there would also, be a children's area for those parents who will be bringing their children. Vice Mayor Gill asked if VDOT had been notified to have the streets closed for these events. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, responded by saying VDOT needed a 30 day notice and she had asked at the meeting last night to give her the street names to close or just use the one already in place. It was decided to go ahead and use the same street closure map as used for Boydton Day.

Mrs. Bowen also advised that she had received an email from the Rails-to-Trails stating that they would be having a meeting at the end of this month. Mr. Jimmy Walters, the Town's representative, responded and stated that he would be attending and report to us at a later time. Sandra Tanner responded that she would be there, as well, and she had resigned as President of the Rails-To-Trails.

Mrs. Bowen advised that she and Renny had gone over to talk to Jon Taylor, the County Emergency Management Coordinator, to see about going after a \$100,000.00 "Hazardous Mitigation" (75%/25%) grant for the town to purchase a pump for the lift station on Hwy. 707 and a generator for the town. The State would put in 20%, as well, leaving the town only \$5,000.00 to pay. Councilman Coleman asked what kind of grant this was. She responded by stating that it was a grant being offered to the towns, in case of a disaster; such as, a tornado or hurricane that would shut down the lift station in the flood zone area on Craddock Street, and a pump would keep it going for days, if this should happen. Ms. Amos added that she had sought out a grant that was called the "Emergency Food and Shelter Program" that comes through Mecklenburg County from the Federal Government, which would help citizens of the town to pay their utility bills, shelter, etc., if they were unable to. She advised that she is now has a seat on that board from our region. It would be under Historic Boydton's Renaissance, Inc. By doing this, we could possible receive around \$4,000.00 to help those in need.

Councilman Ronny Worley inquired about Boydton Day, since he hadn't heard anything about it, thus far. Ms. Amos replied that she was aware of the situation; however, with the

concert series, her time was being spent on that at this time and she and Shirley couldn't do this by themselves. She felt that she needed to learn this job here in case Shirley made a decision to retire and she would then be held responsible for all her job duties and responsibilities, if and when that should happen. She stated that she had spoken to Craig Duck's wife and he wouldn't be available to "head up" Boydton Day, either, due to his other commitments. Ben Duncan had resigned the position of President, after last year's event, along with Kenyata Evans and a lot of others who had helped in the past, were no longer available. Ms. Amos stated that Cat Graham had mentioned if we gave a \$2,000.00 stiffen to be in charge of the event, maybe it would be an incentive to get someone. Mrs. Bowen remarked that it was an idea, however, never in 42 years had this been offered. The council concurred that it should be a volunteer event, not a paid position.

Councilman Worley asked if possibly the new tourism coordinator, Tina Morgan, would be interested in heading it up or had been asked. Mrs. Amos, stated that she's been attending the HBR meetings and is aware of Boydton Day and our need, but she's not been asked. Councilman Crowder stated that he felt it needed a new "breath of life" with other changes possibly being made. More discussion, ensued with no resolve to the situation.

The Vice Mayor inquired about the 2019-2020 budget meeting. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, asked the council to set a date and time and she would have the new budget prepared at that time. The meeting was set for Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further comments, questions, or concerns, Vice Mayor Gill adjourned the meeting, which was recorded by the Clerk of Council at 8:45 P.M.

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Shirley S. Bowen, MMC  
Clerk of Council & Treasurer  
May 14, 2019

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T. G. Gill  
Vice Mayor