

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on August 13, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor J. M. Kirkland presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Mr. Ray Smith, WWTP Chief Operator
Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance, Supervisor
Mr. & Mrs. Will Ober
Mrs. Kathy Smith
Ms. Holly Burnette
Ms. Cassie Boyd & Guest

Mayor J. M. Kirkland called to order and opened the regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council by thanking everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting. Following, he led the council, audience, and employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Mr. Beau Blevins, Director of Government Consulting with VML/VACo Finance, briefed the council regarding their financial services, which was mainly their Virginia Investment Pool. A “handout” had been included in the council packets for the council to peruse, prior to the meeting. Mr. Blevins stated that the company is a non-profit corporation that was established in 2003, by the Virginia Municipal League (VML) and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) that offers government financing, investment management, municipal advisory, as well as, accounting services. The investment pool had been created by local treasurers and investment officers in 2013, and legislation recognized these jointly-administered investment pools and was unanimously approved by the General Assembly in 2017. It was organized as a governmental trust (IRC-Section 115) and is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by its participants and it is owned and controlled by local governments and authorities. He continued by saying that there is flexibility in managing funds with a 2:00 P.M. cut-off, no outgoing wire fees, unlimited sub-accounts are no cost, it can connect with our local bank accounts, it gives “MY ACCESS” desktop interface, and Help Desk. VIP offers two investment portfolios: One is a VIP Stable NAV Liquidity Pool with the current rate of 2.30%, compounded daily, and are funds that may be needed immediately. The other is a VIP 1-3 year high quality bond fund, with the current percentage being 2.49% that has no fees, is accessible twice a month, but are to be expected to be invested for one year or longer. The VIP MYACCESS desktop interface offers a secure online transaction system and reporting portal to transfer funds between pre-authorized bank accounts, VIP portfolios, and sub-accounts. You can access monthly statements and confirmations, as well as, providing multiple levels of security, which include: Device and geographic identification, automatic email notification of transactions

sent to designated staff, and live monitoring is available 24/7. In summary, Mr. Blevins informed the council that Sandra Langford, Treasurer of the County, Southside Planning District Commission, the Towns of Chase City, South Hill, and Lawrenceville were only a few local surrounding towns that have joined the pool. Council Worley asked, if there were any fees involved. Mr. Blevins stated that there are no fees at all. The daily rates are provided each day, via the website, in order to access the account(s) and know the rates at all times. Upon response to Councilman Worley's question, as to whether if another person could be added to access the account, Mr. Blevins stated that one or more approved designees could have access to the account, if the council gave their permission. Mr. Blevins advised the council that they would also have to adopt an ordinance to join the pool and he had provided a "sample" of that, as well. A few questions were asked by the council, after which, the Mayor and council expressed their thanks to Mr. Blevins for traveling such a long distance. The Mayor, also, thanked Mr. Blevins again for his presentation and advised that they would be contacting him in the near future after further discussion among themselves. Mr. Blevins expressed his appreciation for allowing him to come and share this information with the council and stated that he was available to answer any more questions that may arise.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to approve four (4) sets of minutes, which were: June 11th regular minutes, June 19th called meeting minutes to "approve" the FY 2019-2020 budget, the June 26th meeting minutes to "adopt" the FY 2019-2020 budget, and the regular meeting minutes of July 9th, as submitted. Councilman Ronny Worley noted that he was not present for the June 26th meeting. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the four (4) sets of minutes as presented with the correction, and Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to pay the bills as submitted for July and August 2019. Vice Mayor Gill moved to pay the bills for the months of July and August 2019, as presented. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, with all members voting unanimously.

The Mayor advised that a letter was in the council packets from USDA Rural Development recommending that we pay off the remaining loan on the police vehicle financed with them, since it only had a balance left of \$5,678.58. Councilman Ronny Worley moved to pay off the loan with USDA Rural Development. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, reported on his police activity for the month of June and July 2019. He reported that the Bluegrass Concerts had no problems and was enjoyed by many. He stated that he had four (4) vehicle citations, which consisted of two (2) speeding tickets, two (2) revoked/suspended licenses, and (1) alarm. Vice Mayor Gill brought to everyone's

attention that someone should check on lighting for the final concert, since it will be getting darker earlier in the evening. Chief Fox stated that we could check with Rent-Equip or other sources regarding this. Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Amos stated that they would check into this, as well.

Mr. Ray Smith of the WWTP reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for July 2019, was 1,551,000 gallons. He also added that the DMR's came back with no problems. The Mayor advised that there are many changes coming in the near future and thanked them for continuing to work together and doing a good job.

Mr. Johnny Roberts reported on the Maintenance Department's work during the month. He informed the council that he had to replace the throttle cable and replace two front tires on the backhoe. He also reported they had to replace the pump in the air handler room of this office. He advised that the Ford truck is "shot" and sitting down at the treatment plant, and also, commented that they had installed the meter, and water/sewer lines for the Ober's. Councilman Worley inquired about the status of the new truck that had been ordered and if the new employee had obtained his CDL license. Mr. Roberts stated that the truck wouldn't be available until the initial 14 weeks, which should arrive in October, and the new employee had been working with Councilman Crowder and had not taken the test again, as yet. Mayor Kirkland again thanked Mr. Roberts and his crew, along with Shirley, Angela, and all others for working "double duty" to make the concert series a huge success. He further stated that we had visitors who came and "raved" about our beautiful small town.

Mayor Kirkland stated that an ad for a new maintenance/WWTP employee was included in the council packets, as had been discussed during the budget sessions, for their approval. Mrs. Bowen advised that it was too late to be published for this week's newspapers, but assured them that the ad would be published in the Wednesday edition of the papers on August 21st and 28th with the deadline being set for Friday, August 31st. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to approve the ad with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

The Mayor asked for the annual re-adoption of the Motor Vehicle Code Title 46.2 and Article 18.2-266-18.02-273, as amended and this was mandatory each year. Vice Mayor Gill moved to re-adopt the Motor Vehicle Code, as presented. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

The FY 2018 Financial Audit prepared by Creedle, Jones, and Alga, PC was presented to the council for their approval. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the audit with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members of council voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland informed the council that a proposed sewer utility ordinance had been drawn up and reviewed by our attorney. The ordinance was placed in the council packets for their approval/consideration, since new changes would be taking place with the new consolidated school to be built currently being prepared for. He felt it would be a “wise move” on the town’s part, to have this in place before it happens, with the possibility of other construction being done, in the future, as well. He advised that he felt an ordinance committee should be formed to discuss this new ordinance and also other possible ordinances that need to be in our Code book. He asked the council to “think about” or consider being on this committee, since he wouldn’t ask anyone tonight, but he’d like volunteers for this committee by the next council meeting, in order to begin working on this.

Mayor Kirkland informed the council that Mrs. Jane Lipscomb’s term on the Lake Country Airport Commission had expired and he requested a vote from council to re-appoint her on this commission. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to re-appoint Mrs. Jane Lipscomb to the Lake Country Airport Commission with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. David Goodwin had requested to be on the agenda for tonight’s meeting to discuss the stray cat situation; however, he wasn’t in attendance.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Councilman Thompson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Harrell for watering the flowers and Christmas tree during the past few, extremely hot months. Mr. Harrell thanked him, but stated that he’d like to say something about the stray cats in town and them harming the flower beds. He told of the cats destroying some of the flower beds and it had become a problem, since the flowers take up a lot of time to keep them looking nice, but he’d like to take a “humane approach” to the problem. Ms. Holly Burnette of “Sweet Virginia Barn Cats” and Cassie Boyd commented on the stray and feral cat population and things that could be done to help alleviate the growing problem. She stated that they know of the situation and have been trapping cats in the various towns, taking them to be neutered or spayed, tested, vaccinating them, and the cats ears are “clipped” to know, which cats have been treated. However, they have to take them back to where they were found, since the SPCA can’t keep them, due to already being over populated. She continued to say they have care givers who would feed them, as well, when they are taken back. She advised that her non-profit organization had been established about 2-1/2 years ago and that she had a passion and desire to do this. Mr. Harrell asked what the average citizen could do to help her. First, she asked for “patience,” but advised that she needed some volunteers who would be willing to transport the cats, others who would handle stray or feral cats, and they would need to be vaccinated to protect themselves from rabies, should they come in contact with a cat who could have rabies. She said the vaccination is very costly, as well. Ms. Burnette provided a lot of pertinent and useful information to the council and audience. She also

advised that she had literature she would leave to help inform the community. Mr. Harrell, along with the Mayor and Council, thanked her and Cassie for all they're doing to help resolve or alleviate this problem and she was very informative on this problem.

Mayor Kirkland reported on the first and second Bluegrass in Boydton Summer Concert series by saying that it was a huge success and he appreciated all of the people who made it happen. He advised that the final concert would be held, in conjunction with the Fireman's BBQ, on Saturday, August 24th with Tobacco Road Band and Summer Brooke & Mountain Faith appearing, as well.

The Mayor also advised that he had an update on the town park. He stated that the Ladies Auxiliary have donated funds to install a handicap swing for our handicap children in town and this swing would actually hold a child in a wheel chair. He felt this was a real blessing for the community and seeing everyone working together for the good of the town. Mr. Harrell also stated that PATHS had a function last week for National Health Week and they did a lot of things for the children. He commented. "This is "small town USA" and it doesn't get any better than this!" The Mayor interjected by saying that Boydton was advertised in the U.S. News and World Report back in 1977, as the "Small Town That Refuses to Die," and in 2019 we're still proving that today. He also said that it only proves that a small group's efforts can get things done in a big way, by working together to get things done, such as the playground being established and the Bluegrass Concert Series.

Councilman Worley made one other comment which was, if the town crew didn't have time to install the new swing at the playground, that some of the firemen would get it done. The Mayor thanked him for this generous offer.

There being no further comments or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
August 13, 2019

John M. Kirkland
Mayor