

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council, along with a Public Hearing was held on November 12, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

John M. Kirkland (Absent)
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. David Goodwin

In the absence of Mayor J. M. Kirkland, Vice Mayor T. G. Gill, 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 employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

The Vice Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding adopting an ordinance authorizing and directing the Town of Boydton to become a participating member in the “Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund.” Vice Mayor Gill advised that this had been discussed and approved at a prior council meeting, but in order to make it legal, a Resolution and Ordinance had to be approved at a Public Hearing, which had been properly advertised in a local newspaper. He opened the floor for public comments. With no comments being presented, he declared the Public Hearing closed. The Vice Mayor asked for a motion to either adopt or deny this ordinance. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to adopt the ordinance and to take the necessary steps to go forward to participate in this investment pool. Councilman Ray Cherry seconded the motion with all members voting unanimously.

Councilman Ray Cherry moved to approve the minutes of the September and October meetings. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. It should be noted, that a vote to approve the September minutes was needed due to a lack of a quorum at the October meeting, since voting was not allowed according to Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary procedures.

Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report for October and November with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was a request to purchase two new desktop computers for the office. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ray Cherry, moved to purchase two new Lenovo computers for the office staff, which includes the necessary software for use and labor to set them up. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Chief Fox presented his police report for the month of October. He reported that he had a call regarding a prowler, a breaking and entering at Rose's restaurant, and two vehicle stops. Nothing was resolved on either case. Chief Fox also advised that "Trick or Treat" went very well and thanked Mr. Roberts and his wife for assisting him with lighting for the children to safely walk on the streets when going door to door.

Mr. Renny Park III of the WWTP reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for October 2019, was 1,354,000 gallons. He also added that the DMR's came back with no problems. Mr. Park III stated that he'd had several requests from Microsoft to be able to review their water usage at the meter. Mr. Park III advised that he had some concerns with this request and he's come up with a way to work around that by putting in a different type of system which would be totally separated from our scada system and would be separated by relay. In order to do that, it would cost a little less than \$4,000 and he noted that it is expandable to take care of future growth, which would also enable them to view any other meters that could be installed in the future. He asked the council's permission to start on this. Councilman Ronny Worley advised Mr. Park III to speak to Microsoft to see if they would be willing to pay for this new system, since it would be for their use and benefit. Mr. Park III stated that he would speak to them regarding this and report back at the next meeting. Some questions were presented to Mr. Park III regarding the reasons this was being requested. He advised that it would allow them to see their flows and adjust it accordingly and it would also help us to make sure we aren't overloading our system. By allowing them to oversee the flow 24/7, it would enable them to be proactive instead of reactive as to the amount of water flows we would be getting. Mr. Park III advised that he had received an email from Matthew Gross of Hurt and Proffitt requesting a letter from the town to be written advising that the town would accept the waste water flows from the lift station for the new Mecklenburg County consolidated school complex. Councilman Worley and Crowder both asked, "Don't we have to set fees for this to offset our costs for maintaining the system?" Mr. Park III stated that we would charge the same rates as we do for anyone else, unless we adopt an

ordinance to set the rates. After some discussion, it was decided to draft a letter and have our town attorney review it with the town accepting the flows along with the fees being determined upon completion of the project, as well as, making it clear that the County will pay for the lift station and all other expenses involved.

Johnny Roberts reported in his maintenance report that Tina Morgan, the County Tourism Director, had approached him about straightening the information sign up on Hwy. 58 near Triangle. He was requesting the council's approval to do so. He also reported that he replaced a water meter setter that had broken on Madison Street Extension, he replaced a cable on the back of the garbage truck, and a line has to be taken off with the help of Mark Parrish. He also stated that he's used the leaf machine twice and had to repair it twice. The clutch assembly is gone on it, as well. He also advised that he's had trouble with the backhoe's back bucket and it still stops and isn't working properly. He stated he may have to get in touch with someone who works on this type of equipment. It was the consensus of the council to allow Mr. Roberts to help straighten the sign, and also get the repairs done to the leaf machine, garbage truck, and backhoe.

Vice Mayor Gill stated he was unaware of sewage adjustments being made, except for major pipes bursting and was totally unaware of adjustments being made to residents who were using excessive amounts of water to water their yards, gardens, etc. Mrs. Bowen explained that she was taught by the former Town Clerk, Brenda Taylor, in May of 2002, when she took this job, that sewage adjustments could be made to residents who requested them, if the water "didn't go" into the sewer and she was also given a record book for recording these adjustments dating back to the year 2000. She said she's followed this practice since that time, but acknowledged that it hadn't been very many over the years, until the past few years. Mrs. Bowen also stated that she had checked with South Hill and Clarksville and was told that they only give sewer adjustments for a pipe bursting and to fill a pool once a year. She requested clarification from the council as to what adjustments should be made, so that she and Angela would be following the town's wishes regarding adjustments. Mrs. Bowen, also stated that she and the Deputy Clerk would follow what the town council votes to do on this subject, but really needed everyone on the same page or for clarification, so they aren't subjected to being caught in the middle of this uncertainty. Mr. Goodwin interjected, saying he did not have a problem paying for his water usage...it was the sewage part of his bill that he felt should be adjusted, since the water wasn't going into the sewer; however, the sentiments of the council that anyone who was willingly using excessive water for their lawns, gardens, etc., was making the choice to do so, and should be willing to pay the entire bill. Councilman Bill Thompson stated that he understood Mr. Goodwin's theory, however, he felt this would be "opening up a can of worms" by

continuing to do this for certain citizens and not all. Another option was given to have the resident install a separate meter for non-potable water. After some discussion, Councilman Ronny Worley moved that the only adjustments to be made would be for a water leak or a pipe bursting; thus, eliminating adjustments for watering lawns, gardens, etc. However, before the vote was seconded, the Deputy Clerk, Angela Amos, interjected with another issue regarding citizens having a second home here and visiting a few times a year with them calling the office to request that their water be turned on prior to arrival and then calling to have it turned off upon departure...at no charge to do so. Vice Mayor Gill stated he felt this issue had been discussed in the past and it should be researched more thoroughly before making a decision. Upon this being brought up as another issue, Councilman Worley rescinded his motion and both issues were tabled until the next town council meeting to be held on December 10th when a final decision for clarification would hopefully, be made.

Councilmen Worley inquired about the FOIA training that is now required for the Mayor, Councilmen or elected officials, which is to be done no later than July 2020. Mrs. Bowen advised that she was just made aware of this herself and she would check into it further to see how this training was to be done and report back at the next council meeting.

Mr. David Goodwin advised that he had placed a quote and picture of a heavy duty hose reel at the councilmen's places for their review. He stated that he and Mr. Harrell had been watering the flowers all spring and summer with the fire water truck and others had asked to volunteer. His idea was for the town to purchase two of these hose reels that would be hooked up at Gene and Bill Coleman's property on Washington Street and to Dane Bevell's at the back of his building. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, asked if the Coleman's and Mr. Bevell were aware of possibly a larger water/sewer bill being generated for the use of their water during the watering months. Mr. Goodwin said he'd gotten permission from the Coleman's, but not Mr. Bevell, as yet. Councilman Worley or Mr. Park III stated that another possibility was to hook the hoses up to one or two of our fire hydrants with a special device/adaptor instead of adding an extra cost to those two residents. Vice Mayor Gill reviewed Mr. Goodwin's information from the previous meeting and stated the total cost of what he'd requested was approximately \$843.00 for the town to spend. Councilman Worley requested that Mr. Goodwin look into getting a better and sturdier hose reel, prior to the spring, since he'd used this type of reel before where he worked, and that type didn't hold up or last long. Mr. Goodwin agreed that he would look for another type of reel to purchase and report back.

Ms. Amos, Deputy Clerk and President of HBR, Inc., had given the council pictures of designs for new Christmas decorations to place on the lamp posts. She informed the

council that HBR, Inc. had agreed and approved \$1,000 to be given to the town to purchase new decorations for the tree and was asking their approval of one or more of these designs. No vote was taken, but it was the consensus of the council to proceed and thanked HBR for their generosity.

Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, advised that the Grand Illumination would be held on Monday, December 2nd at 5:30 P.M. and she was putting the event together with most of the same vocalists and individuals, who'd participated in the past, being requested to perform.

Vice Mayor Gill asked where and when was the Mayor/Managers Christmas Party to be held. Mrs. Bowen advised that it was being held in South Boston at Ernie's Restaurant. She stated that she would send the councilmen the invitation and advised that a RSVP would need to be done by Friday, December 6th.

Vice Mayor Gill thanked and commended everyone for a job well done regarding Boynton Day. He felt that more people attended and more vendors were in attendance.

Mr. Roberts informed the council that more electrical circuits need to be repaired or more outlets be installed to handle more vendors. Vice Mayor Gill replied by saying that this should possibly be done in the spring and not wait until the day was upon us before doing what's necessary for another successful day.

There being no further questions, or comments, the Councilman Ronny Worley moved to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor with the meeting being adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk-Treasurer
November 12, 2019

T. G. Gill
Vice Mayor

