

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on October 8, 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 (Absent)
W. H. Coleman (Absent)
Bill Thompson
David W. Crowder (Absent)
Ronny Worley
Mr. Paul “Ray” Cherry
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer
Angela D. Amos, Deputy Clerk**

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
Mr. Johnny Roberts, Mtn. Supervisor (Absent)
Mr. & Mrs. Will Ober
Chief Danny Fox**

Mayor John M. Kirkland opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance. He led the council and audience with the pledge of allegiance of the flag and a moment of silence. He was then advised by the Clerk of Council, that due to a lack of a quorum for tonight’s meeting, no motions could be made regarding any town business, and if there were, they would have to be brought up at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Kirkland, advised that there is a proposal and three (3) quotes in the packet to purchase two (2) new computers for the office that the council should be thinking about. He allowed Mr. Park III, Mr. Roberts, and Chief Fox to give their reports, although he advised them, if there were motions to be made, they would have to be tabled until next month’s meeting on November 12, 2019. Chief Fox wasn’t asked any questions regarding his report, and Mr. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for September 2019, was 940,000 gallons and added that the DMR’s came back with no problems.

The Mayor informed the council that Mr. Roberts wasn’t in attendance for tonight’s meeting due to a commitment he had. He advised that the new 2019 Ford Truck had been delivered, had been registered, titled, added to our insurance policy, and in use. Mayor Kirkland mentioned that our new employee, Eric Tollerson, had taken his position with the Maintenance and WWTP Departments, and was doing well.

Mayor Kirkland advised that Mr. David Goodwin had been on the agenda to address the council by requesting the town to purchase hoses, carts, breaker/bubblers, shut-offs, and wands for watering the town’s flowers & plants; however, he wasn’t in attendance expected. He reported that the flowers had been taken care of by Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Harrell, and other volunteers and had done an excellent job in keeping the flowers watered & maintained all

through the season. He stated that it was unfortunate that he wasn't here to explain "exactly why" this request was being made, since the fire truck had been used to water the flowers/plants. He also stated that the quote for the new hoses, etc. was approximately \$843.00. This would possibly be brought up at our next regular meeting, upon Mr. Goodwin's request.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments, but there were none. Mayor Kirkland then reported that the town park on Hull Street was open and being greatly utilized and was a valuable asset to the town and its residents. He advised that the Ladies Auxiliary had generously donated funds for a handicap swing and was the type that was wheelchair accessible, and was sure it would be greatly appreciated and use by some of our town residents who have handicap children. He expressed his gratitude for their kindness and generosity.

Mayor Kirkland advised that Boydton Day was coming up on Saturday, October 26th and he stated that the Vesper Service would be held on Friday night, prior to Boydton Day at the Historic Presbyterian Church, as traditionally done. Mrs. Bowen, interjected by saying that the new "sample" T-shirts were in and available to pre-order through Friday, October 11th, with another order going out near the end of October. She invited everyone to look at them before leaving. She, also, advised that there were about as many vendors/sponsors this year, as has been in the past, and it seemed like it's all coming together nicely. Councilman Thompson advised that the Rescue Squad was in much need of help and if anyone could assist them, he/they would appreciate it.

Councilman Worley inquired if we have a "Citizen of the Year." The Mayor responded by saying that usually the committee selects a Grand Marshall that normally represents a Citizens of the Year and is featured in the parade on Boydton Day. Mrs. Bowen, informed the council and Mayor that Mrs. Jackie Ketchum (alias "Cream Puff") had been selected as this year's Grand Marshall. The Mayor suggest that Mrs. Ruth Crowder should be recognized for her many ways of helping the town. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, stated that she had been selected several times in the past few years, but she humbly and gratefully refuses each year. Mrs. Bowen, also, shared that Jackie was "ecstatic" to be asked and come back to be the "2019 Boydton Day Grand Marshall." Everyone felt the committee made a great selection. The meeting was recorded as being adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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

J. M. Kirkland
Mayor

