

**The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on February 11, 2020, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**John M. Kirkland  
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. Ray Smith  
Mr. David Goodwin  
Mr. Michael Cochran  
Mr. Nick Echols**

**Mayor J. M. Kirkland called to order and opened the regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council by welcoming everyone for their attendance. He continued by leading the council, employees, and audience with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.**

**Due to a health issue, Mayor Kirkland advised that Connie Boyd would not be at tonight’s meeting to give updates on the “Wall That Heals” scheduled to come to Boydton from April 2-5<sup>th</sup>. It was his hope that she would be able to attend next month’s March meeting.**

**The Mayor requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of January 14, 2020. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to approve the January minutes with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Mayor Kirkland requested a motion for the bills to be paid as submitted for February 2020. Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry moved to pay the bills for the month of February 2020, as presented. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, with all members voting unanimously.**

**Police Chief, Danny R. Fox, was unable to be at tonight’s meeting, due to a prior commitment. The Mayor advised, if anyone had any questions for Chief Fox to let him know and he would relay them to Chief Fox.**

**Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for January 2020, was 1,244,000 gallons and the DMR’s came back satisfactorily. There were no other questions from the council for Mr. Park III.**

**Mr. Johnny Roberts reported on the Maintenance Department’s work during the month. He advised that a dumpster that was in need of repairs had been returned from Hinkle Welding and reported that we currently have two more there to be repaired. Also, a hole was found in the holding tank for sewage that is being repaired, as well. He mentioned that a few green street**

signs had been removed from the lower end of town on Barnes Street, Bryant Street, Cemetery Street, and Madison Street Extension. He reported them to Chief Fox and also, stated that he had ordered replacements from Signs and Designs (Justin Eubank) for a cost of \$35.00 each. He further stated that the leaf blower has now been repaired. Mr. Roberts reported the old and unusable maintenance pickup truck sold for \$407.00 and the scrap metal sold for \$105.00 on GovDeals. Vice Mayor Gill questioned Mr. Roberts regarding some orange and white barrels sitting up near the Old Towne Club and inquired as to the reason why they were just sitting there. Mr. Roberts replied by saying that there is an underground joint in a pipe that was leaking and the only way to fix it would be to turn the water off to the entire town and it would be costly, as well. He continued by saying that he and Renny had looked at it and tried to repair it, but it didn't hold and he advised that we get a professional to come repair it. Vice Mayor Gill suggested that something should be done before the "Wall" comes and is placed up at the ballpark where a huge amount of traffic would be traveling through that area. Mr. Park III advised that a new tap would have to be put on it and it would take someone like Harman Saunders to do it. After some discussion regarding this, Mr. Park III advised that the town residents in that area would probably have to be without water for 2-3 hours, since it would require shutting the water totally off during the time of repairs. He also advised that he would have to notify the Roanoke River Service Authority as to what we're doing, in order to keep water flowing to other parts of the town. It was the consensus of the council to have Mr. Park III and Mr. Roberts contact Mr. Saunders, as quickly as possible, to repair this problem. Vice Mayor Gill asked Mr. Roberts to make sure the areas near Councilman Worley's drive-way and up from the entrance to the park, be mowed and cleaned for parking, prior to the event. The Vice Mayor, also inquired, if the manhole covers on Madison Street could be painted a color, so they would be more visible when driving to hopefully avoiding running over them, since they are lower than the road. Mr. Park III suggested that the manhole covers were old, but could be raised higher to be level with the highway. Another idea, would be to use the extra covers that would be available when the County reworks the sewer area located behind the Social Services offices, which should be within the next few months.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Michael Cochran inquired if there was more information to be gained about the "Wall" that is coming. Mayor Kirkland advised that he should contact Connie Boyd at the library for more pertinent information. Ms. Amos, Deputy Clerk, informed him that Ms. Boyd had advised she would be meeting with the VFW on Thursday of this week, and he could possibly find out more information at that time. Mayor Kirkland also stated that the town is totally behind these efforts and we are currently coordinating and cooperating with the library heavily on this "once in a life time" event.

Mayor Kirkland informed the council and audience that he and Mrs. Bowen had spoken about writing a Resolution or Proclamation for Mr. W. G. "Sox" Allgood in honor of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be celebrated on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He further stated that Mr. Allgood is currently the longest living member of the Boydton Volunteer Fire Department and they are honoring him with a birthday celebration on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Ronny Worley

moved to write a Proclamation/Resolution from the town to be presented to Mr. Allgood on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> during the festivities at the Fire Department. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously.

The Mayor also announced that we have a new restaurant in town, "Our Happy Place" and he would like everyone to spread the word by welcoming them. It was his hope that the town residents would patronize them for their success in this new endeavor.

Mayor Kirkland advised that we would now be going into a closed session. Mr. Goodwin inquired if the updates would be discussed prior to the closed session. Mrs. Bacon, the town attorney, responded by saying she had been instructed by council to draft some ordinances for the council to review, discuss, and consider during the closed session, and upon reconvening into open session, a vote could be taken on whether these would be adopted or not.

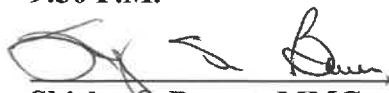
Councilman Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (5), discussion by council concerning a prospective expansion of a business where no previous announcement has been made. Also, Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (8) consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision or legal advice by such counsel.

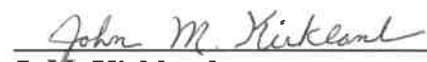
The executive session being closed, the council reconvened into open session. Councilman Ronny Worley moved that the Boydton Town Council certify that, in the closed meeting just concluded, that nothing was discussed except the matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene into a closed meeting and (2) lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. The motion was passed by a roll call vote as follows:

Ronald C. Worley	Aye	W. H. Coleman	Absent	David M. Crowder	Aye
Ray P. Cherry	Aye	T. G. Gill	Aye	Bill Thompson	Aye

Mayor Kirkland read the motion to advertise for a public hearing regarding an amendment to the town's ordinance Section 34.105. Disputed charges; adjustments. Also, a new ordinance, Section 34-106. Fees and charges for water and sewer services provided to a tenant or lessee of the property owner that corresponds to the Virginia State Code §15.2-2119. A motion was made by Councilman Bill Thompson to submit and advertise for a public hearing regarding these recommendations. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. The public hearing would take place at the next council meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

There being no further comments, questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC  
Clerk-Treasurer  
February 11, 2020

  
J. M. Kirkland  
Mayor