

A scheduled and properly advertised meeting to open the “Sealed Bids” for the Melody Manor Rest Home and adjoining house, along with a “Closed Session” regarding a personnel issue was held on July 20, 2021, at 5:00 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
Ronny C. Worley
W. H. Coleman
Paul “Ray” Cherry (Absent)
David M. Crowder (Absent)
Bill Thompson
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk of Council**

GUESTS

John P. Roberts

Mayor John M. Kirkland called the “special meeting” to order by stating its purpose, which was to open the “sealed bids” for the Melody Manor Rest Home and adjoining house that had been prepared by the town’s attorney, Tessie Bacon, and properly advertised for the past two (2) weeks in the Mecklenburg Sun newspaper. The one “sealed bid” was opened by the Mayor from Mr. W. H. Coleman. The Mayor stated that the bid for the Rest home and house was \$2,901.00. He asked if we were to accept it at this time or what we needed to do? Vice Mayor T. G. Gill stated that we either accept the bid or reject it. Mayor Kirkland asked the Clerk of Council did she have any idea of what was to be done. She stated the same as Vice Mayor Gill, that it was up to the town council, as to whether they reject or accept the bid.

Council Coleman stated that he’d tell them a little something about the bid. He said, “I know it is low and if y’all don’t want to accept it, that’s fine, but I’ve already had an environmental study done on the property, which cost several thousand dollars and it’s going to cost several thousand to get the asbestos out, and another \$57,000 to have it all torn down...and that’s with a high-priced lot.” Councilman Worley asked Councilman Coleman if he’d contacted anyone else on tearing it down, because someone had come to him saying it would cost around \$17,000.00 to tear it down. Councilman W. H. Coleman responded by saying, “\$57,000.00 is the minimum for tearing it down and it’s going to cost \$40 a ton to take it to the landfill.” Councilman Bill Thompson moved to accept the bid. Mayor Kirkland stated, “I have a motion to accept this bid, do I have a second?” Vice Mayor T. G. Gill asked Councilman Coleman, “You are going to tear both the house and the Manor down, right?” He responded, “Yes.” Councilman Ronny C. Worley

interjected, "Maybe we should just discuss something first and I know why Bill wants it and I don't want it, but asked, "Wouldn't we be better off to sell the yellow house, I mean the lot where the yellow house was, and use that money to do something with this lot and one day maybe be a maintenance shop or something there? I'm just asking." The Mayor said, "It's a fine time to ask when we're looking at the bid." Councilman Worley responded saying, "That's what we're here for, to discuss it and I'm not trying to take anything away from Bill, because I could care less, I don't want it, I'm just saying for the future of the town...that's the only thing I'm asking for." Vice Mayor Gill asked Councilman Worley, "So what are you saying...sell the lot the yellow house was on, to Bill?" Councilman Worley said, "Yes, we don't need it." Councilman Coleman said, "I don't want the lot." Councilman Worley retorted, "I'm not saying Bill wants it, I'm just saying to advertise that lot." The Mayor then said, "We've tried that once." Councilman Worley said, "Yes, but that was when the house was on it." Councilman Thompson responded by saying, "Well, what money you get for the lot where the yellow house was on, you'll spend it on that lot and I can't see where we'd be saving anything. That lot would probably only bring \$10-\$15,000." Councilman Worley reiterated, "I'm only looking out for the future of the town." Mayor Kirkland and Councilman Thompson both voiced their opinion by saying, "Well, we do, too, but we just want to get rid of that "eye sore" to the town." With that being said, Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$2,901.00 from Mr. Bill Coleman. All remaining members voted in favor, with the exception of Councilman Worley, who voted "No," and Councilman Coleman who had to abstain.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would convene into a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Councilman Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (1) I move that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (1), for a personnel issue regarding hiring an employee(s).

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 in 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	Aye	David M. Crowder	Absent
Ray P. Cherry	Absent	T. G. Gill	Aye	Bill Thompson	Aye

Upon reconvening, the Clerk of Council, was advised by Mayor Kirkland that Mr. LaDonta Hawkes and Mr. Colton Boyter would be hired as the two (2) new maintenance employees and at the rate of pay as discussed by council in the closed session.

There being no further comments, questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Handwritten signature of Shirley S. Bowen in cursive, followed by the letters "MMC".

Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
July 20, 2021

Handwritten signature of J. M. Kirkland in cursive, underlined.

J. M. Kirkland
Mayor