

The regular meeting, along with two (2) Public Hearings of the Boydton Town Council was held on June 9, 2020, at 7:00 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
W. H. Coleman
Bill Thompson
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley (Absent)
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, Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. David Goodwin

The first order of business was to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed FY 2020-2021 water rate changes for in-town and out-of-town residents, which had been properly advertised in the Mecklenburg Sun “twice” as required by the Virginia State Code, Section §15.2-5136. Mayor Kirkland opened the increase to water rates hearing for discussion. Mr. David Goodwin asked, if the water rates were increasing. The Mayor advised that they were, due to the Roanoke River Service Authority increasing their rate by 5.5%, and we would be, as well. Since there were no other comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to “approve” the proposed water rate increase as submitted, with Councilman Bill Coleman seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

A second public hearing was held to discuss and approve the proposed FY2020-2021 budget as had been properly advertised “once” in the Mecklenburg Sun and as required by the Virginia State Code, Section §15.2.2506. There were no questions regarding the FY 2020-2021 budget; therefore, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Councilman David M. Crowder moved to “approve” the FY 2020-2021 budget with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. Mayor Kirkland stated that according to the Virginia State Code, another meeting would have to be scheduled after seven (7) days to “adopt” the budget. Upon discussion, the budget adoption meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 5:00 P.M.

Upon the public hearings being opened, discussed, voted on for approval, and closed, Mayor Kirkland called the regular meeting to order by welcoming everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, along with a moment of silence.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to approve the regular minutes of May 12, 2020, and the the budget work session minutes of May 21, 2020. Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry moved to approve both sets of minutes as submitted, with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.

The Mayor requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of June 2020. Vice Mayor T.G. Gill moved to pay the bills for the month of June 2020, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on patrol activity for the month of May 2020. He had (1) report of skeletal remains found on or near the Carter Estate, that proved to be those of a cow, rather than human bones, as previously thought. He also reported a case of child abuse, which he turned over to the County.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for May 2020, was 865,000 gallons and the DMR's came back as satisfactory. Councilman Thompson inquired about the new school site, as to whether anything had been done relative to the town. Mr. Park III stated that construction was underway, but the town hadn't been involved, as yet. Also, Mayor Kirkland advised that B & B Consultants had requested that the "tap on fees" of \$400 each, for Trailer City and Tent City be waived. After a brief discussion, Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to waive these two (2) "tap on fees." Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, and all remaining members voted in favor. There were no other questions from the council for Mr. Park III.

Mr. Johnny Roberts reported on the shed that was approved during budget sessions. He stated that he was seeking approval from the council to put the shed on the back side of the building due to it being a flatter surface to back the trucks up, less work, and cost involved. The council members advised Mr. Roberts to check to make sure the town owns the property before proceeding, and gave their approval, if it belongs to the town. Also, a discussion ensued among the council and Mr. Roberts regarding the two (2) maintenance employees getting their CDL licenses, and if the gauges had been repaired on the truck in order to take the CDL driver's part of the test. Mr. Roberts informed the council that there are only two (2) locations for taking these tests to obtain a CDL license and they were in Martinsville and Chester. He further stated, that he checked on renting a truck, but that would cost around \$500-\$600.00. He advised that he would like for both employees to go at the same time, to save travel time and money; however, one of them hasn't even gotten his learner's permit and it would take at least sixty (60) hours of driving time with the learner's permit, before the driving test can be taken. He also stated he would check with the mechanic the next day for getting the gauges repaired.

Mayor Kirkland opened the floor for public comments. Mr. David Goodwin inquired if the council received his letter on water usage. The Mayor advised they did. Mr. Goodwin then asked if it had been read into the minutes, since he wanted it included as part of the minutes. He said he'd received copies of the minutes, and he'd not seen it. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, advised that she thought it was in the minutes that had just been approved and he hadn't gotten a copy of those.

The Mayor had these points to share with the audience and council.

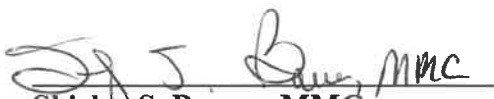
- 1. Mr. John Griles with VDOT had come over and met with him to check on a location behind the Copper Kettle that needed some repairs. Mr. Griles advised that they would be here to temporarily "fix" the pothole with gravel, but would plan to come back at a later date to permanently repair the area. The Mayor continued by stating, he would like to plan a hamburger/hot dog cook-out luncheon at a future date (at his cost) for Mr. John Griles, along with his VDOT crew, Barker Construction, and the town crew to**

show the town's appreciation for their work in and around town. The council felt this was a generous idea. Councilman W. H. Coleman interjected by saying that Mr. Griles should also be shown Madison Street areas where there were seams in the original cement roadway. It was repaved with asphalt and is now coming apart. Mayor Kirkland advised that he would show Mr. Griles when he returns.

2. He reported that when in Chase City, he received wonderful compliments on the beautiful flowers planted by the volunteers and he wanted to relay the message and thank Mr. Goodwin and the volunteers who always do a fine job in keeping the town looking clean and nice.
3. He reminded the council members who'd been re-elected to go over to the County Clerk's office to be sworn in by taking their oaths of office before July 1st. He advised that everyone would have to wear a mask. If going as a group, they could meet and have it done at the same time. He stated he'd call the Clerk's office to check on this and someone in this office would let them know the date and time to meet.
4. Mayor Kirkland also advised the council that our attorney, Tessie Bacon, had stated during our public hearing regarding water adjustments, that an administrator should be chosen to determine who and when adjustments should be made on water/sewage bills. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to appoint Councilman Bill Thompson as the administrator to make these decisions, when needed. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously.

The Mayor also mentioned that during the budget meeting, money was set aside to look into repairs for the flooring in the police office and the flooring up further through the building. Randy Steele's name was mentioned as a possible contractor, and Councilman David Crowder mentioned Vincent O'Brien's name, as well.

There being no further comments, questions or concerns, a motion was made by Councilman W. H. Coleman to adjourn at 8:20 P.M., with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.


Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
June 9, 2020


J. M. Kirkland
Mayor