

A budget work session of the Boydton Town Council was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 5:30 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)
Paul “Ray” Cherry
William R. Thompson
David M. Crowder
W. H. Coleman
Ronny C. Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer
Angela Amos, Deputy Clerk**

GUESTS

**R. H. Park III
Johnny Roberts, Jr.**

Mayor Kirkland called the budget work session to order. He stated that the purpose of the work session was to discuss the town’s proposed FY 2020-2021 budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mrs. Bowen, the Clerk-Treasurer, distributed the newly projected budget to the attending members of council for review and stated that she was happy with the outcome of this year’s annual proposed budget. After a brief discussion with the Mayor and councilmembers regarding the budget, Mayor Kirkland requested our WWTP Chief Operator, R. H. Park III and Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, to present their requests/needs from each of their departments to the council. Upon the council listening to their requests, their consensus was that a few of the items requested were simply everyday maintenance and should be considered as such; therefore, they advised these requests shouldn’t be separate line items for the budget. The council granted the maintenance department a 30’ x 31” ten-foot leg shelter for an approximate cost of \$5,977.50 to be installed adjacent to the shop, as a covering for the larger town vehicles. The council advised Mrs. Bowen to add this to the budget.

Mrs. Bowen, also, explained that she felt funds should be put into renovation of the back room of the Town Hall, since the floor seemed to be deteriorating, as they’d been advised and viewed in the past. This was briefly discussed; thus, it was the decision of the council to set aside approximately \$20,000.00 for this purpose. Various councilmen also stated that they felt an “escrow equipment fund” should be set up in preparation of the town needing new garbage truck or backhoe possibly in the near future. The Council instructed Mrs. Bowen, to set up an “Equipment Escrow Account” for these futuristic needs. Mr. R. H. Park III presented his request of needs for the WWTP. Councilman David Crowder moved to allow Mr. Park III to purchase a sludge level monitor at the cost of \$12,000.00 with Councilman Ronny Worley seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. Also, Councilman David Crowder moved to allow the purchase of a K-12 cut-off saw and blades


for \$1,800.00. Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Mr. Park III had a third request, which was to allow funding for rehabbing the sewer lines on Jones and Monroe Street at the approximate cost of \$10,000 - \$20,000.00. No motion was made regarding this; however, it was the consensus of the council to move this money into our Sewer Line Maintenance Account for future use.

Also, during discussion of the budget, it was decided that due to the 5.5% water rate increase, with the Roanoke River Service Authority for the upcoming year, the council felt our water rates should be adjusted to reflect this increase, as well. This would help "offset" some of the expenses in our water fund. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to raise the current water rates for both in-town and out-of-town customers and to advertise this rate change in the newspaper for a consecutive two weeks, with a public hearing to be held at the next council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, along with a public hearing for the approval of the FY 20-21 budget. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The change in water rates would be as follows:

<u>In-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>
WATER - 1 ST 3,000 Gallons - \$23.10 (Change)	1 st 3,000 Gallons - \$ 33.65 (Change)
Over 3,000 Gals. - \$5.28 per K (Change)	Over 3,000 Gallons- \$10.55 per K (Change)

Before adjourning the meeting, the council discussed and considered giving raises to the town employees. It was the consensus of the council to give all employees an overall percentage increase for the FY 20-21, beginning July 1, 2020, rather than a performance raise, with a couple of exceptions. One employee would get a lesser percentage on July 1st, since a CDL license had not been acquired, as yet, which was agreed upon at the time of hiring. The remaining percentage would be given upon attaining a CDL license. One other employee, with the same circumstances, would receive the full percentage in the new fiscal year, upon acquiring a CDL, as well.

Mayor Kirkland inquired if there was any more discussion and if not, the meeting would be adjourned. Since there was no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.


Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
May 21, 2020


John M. Kirkland Mayor
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