

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on May 11, 2021, 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
W. H. Coleman
Bill Thompson
David M. Crowder (Absent)
Paul “Ray” Cherry (Absent)
Mr. Ronny Worley
Chief Danny R. Fox
Angela D. Amos, Deputy Clerk
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer**

GUESTS

**R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
John M. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor
R. H. Park III, WWTP
Tessie Bacon – Town Attorney**

Mayor John M. Kirkland welcomed everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting and called the meeting to order. He then led the council, audience, and employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021, meeting. Councilman Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approved the April 13th minutes, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to pay the May 2021 bills. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to pay the bills for the month of May, and Councilman Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The Mayor called upon Chief Fox for his April monthly activity report. Chief Fox reported he’d checked with the Sheriff’s office regarding the town’s use of the speed box; however, it was broken and they’re waiting on some cables to repair it. He also stated he’d worked radar on Highway 58 and the vast majority of people coming into Boydton are running about 40-mph in a 35-mph zone. He added, most all police officers give an allowance of about 5-mph; however, he’d continue to monitor the area.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for April was 893,000 gallons and the DMR’s for the month of April were satisfactory, as well. He continued by stating that construction had already begun by Harman Saunders Construction for the forced main and the temporary lift station at the Timber site. They have their own inspector, so they don’t have to watch the work being done as closely, since this inspector has done this in the past. Mr. Park III stated that he’s very good at what he does and is trustworthy in overseeing this type of work. Mr. Park III asked if the council would like for him to check on, or consider installing a fill station to sell water, since he’d been asked by some companies, to purchase

water on a more permanent basis. He told the council he would check on the cost to do this, if they would like for him to pursue this suggestion. Councilman W. H. Coleman asked Mr. Park III, if he had any idea of what the cost might be. He responded by saying he wasn't sure, since there would have to be a meter installed at the desired location, with a double check valve for backflow prevention, which in the long run would be to our advantage, and another hydrant would need to be installed, as well. He further stated that it could be set up near the storage building beside the shop, since it has a 2 ½ inch line feeding into the shop, could be tapped into and it would be easily accessible, in a safe area, more convenient, possible lighting there, and out of the highway. Councilman W. H. Coleman asked, "If more than one person would be getting water, how would you be able to determine who's getting what?" Mr. Park III replied that we'd possibly have to install more than one meter. Another question was asked as to how much we'd be charging for the water. It was stated that the first 5,000 gallons sells for \$100.00 and afterwards, sold for \$12.00 per thousand. Mayor Kirkland requested that Mr. Park III get something in writing and present it to the council at a later date. The Clerk of Council asked Mr. Park III, if he'd gotten in touch with Mr. Brett Woodruff regarding painting the old water tank, since Councilman Crowder had asked twice and she'd like to give him a response. Mr. Park III responded that he had spoken to Mr. Woodruff and although he didn't have anything in writing, he'd roughly stated a figure of \$85,000 - \$100,000.00 just for painting the tank. Mr. Park III had the feeling that Mr. Woodruff didn't want to do the job, since we weren't under contract for that tank anymore, but he'd see if he would put it in writing.

Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, was requested by the Mayor to give his monthly report for April. Mr. Roberts reported they'd repaired the leak on Washington Street and VDOT would be working on getting the roadwork done, but it would take 2-3 trips to complete. He also stated they'd gotten the drain line installed up at the old school or bingo hall and so far, they haven't seen any leaks. He reported that the wreck, involving our garbage truck, was taken to court and dismissed by the judge.

Mayor Kirkland informed the council that as annually done, the council needed to vote on a representative to the Roanoke River Service Authority and an alternate. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to re-appoint the Mayor, John M. Kirkland as the town's representative to the RRSA and that Mr. R. H. Park III remain the alternate. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion with all members voting unanimously.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments, of which there were none; therefore, he stated that Mr. Vincent O'Brien had sent us a quote (included in the packets) of what he would do the job for repairing the floors at the back of the building. Mayor Kirkland explained his proposal and asked if the council would like to accept the bid from Mr. O'Brien, since Mr. Brian Upton of American Builders looked at the job, but rejected the offer. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to accept the bid from Mr. O'Brien and Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion, with the remaining councilmen voting in favor.

The Mayor instructed Mrs. Bowen to contact Mr. O'Brien of the council's decision to accept his bid and he could begin the work whenever he was ready.

Mayor Kirkland asked that we set a date and time for a budget meeting. It was decided that the budget meeting be set for Monday, May 24th at 5:00 P.M.

The Mayor asked if the town would like to donate some money to HBR, Inc. for flowers to be planted around the town square. A brief discussion ensued, with Vice Mayor T. G. Gill requesting the rose bush, at the end of Bank and Madison Street, be cut back in order to better see oncoming traffic. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved that the town donate up to \$500.00 to HBR, Inc. towards the purchase of the flowers. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Mr. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, asked Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, to explain the situation regarding the Army Corp of Engineers map that hangs upstairs, since the council had asked for it to stay up there. Mrs. Bowen stated that she was informed today, that since it was so old, it had a tear down the middle of it. She asked if the council had any suggestions regarding repairing it, so it could be saved. She added that the train guys had already built a frame for it; however, she was advised by Mr. Howie Fisher, that they would "try" to salvage it the best they could, if the council wanted to keep it. Mayor Kirkland's opinion was to advise them to do the best they could to preserve it, in a way they thought best, with the council concurring.

Mayor Kirkland advised the audience that the council would be going into a closed session.

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) (3) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of publicly held real property and the 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 of 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 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

Mayor Kirkland asked if the council would like to make a motion to advertise with sealed bids for the sale of the property on Jefferson Street (formerly known as the Melody Manor Rest Home) and now owned by the town. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to advertise

for sealed bids for the sale of the rest home upon completion of proper documentation from our town attorney. Vice Mayor Gill seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor stated that once the document is completed by Mrs. Bacon, the town attorney, we would hopefully have it to present at our budget meeting on the 24th of May to review and discuss at that time and go forward with advertising.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Kirkland at 8:33 P.M.


Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
May 11, 2021


John M. Kirkland
Mayor