

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, beginning at 7:30 P.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding. Prior to tonight's regular meeting, Mr. R. H. Park III had requested to meet with all the council members to discuss an issue with the sewer lines coming from the newly constructed consolidated middle/high school to the WWTP.

THOSE PRESENT

John M. Kirkland, Mayor
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor
W. H. Coleman
Bill Thompson
David M. Crowder
Paul "Ray" Cherry
Mr. Ronny Worley
Chief Nathan Bowen
Rhita M. Burton, Deputy Clerk
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer

GUESTS

R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
John M. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor

As previously mentioned, Mr. R. H. Park III spoke to the council regarding the sewer lines coming from the newly consolidated middle/high school to the WWTP, which is to open in August 2022. He wanted all of the council to be prepared and aware of things that have been done with the laying of these sewage lines, the engineering process, and problems he saw that could arise, as well as, make sure there would be no "surprises" brought up to them at the completion of the project. Mr. Park III advised the Clerk of Council, Mrs. Bowen, that minutes were not required for this portion of the meeting; therefore, none were taken.

Upon completion of Mr. Park III's presentation, Mayor John M. Kirkland welcomed everyone for their attendance at the regular meeting and called the meeting to order. Afterwards, he 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 June 1st, June 14th, & June 29th, 2022, as presented. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approved these three (3) sets of minutes, with Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to pay the bills for July 2022. Councilman W. R. Thompson moved to pay the bills for the month of July, as submitted. Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

The Mayor called upon Chief Bowen for his monthly, June 2022, activity report. Chief Bowen reported from June 15th through July 6th, he had fourteen (14) traffic stops, with ten (10) of them being citations, along with five (5) calls for service. Since there were no questions from the council, Chief Bowen, asked the councilmen, how many of them would be attending the employee appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, August 10th? He made this inquiry in order to get a count of those attending, so he could place his order for the food. Councilman W. H.

Coleman asked that Mrs. Bowen send out a reminder to the council members, prior to that date. Once again, the council and Mayor thanked Chief Bowen for his generous gesture.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for June 2022, was 1,097,000 gallons of water purchased from the RRSA, with the DMR's being returned as satisfactory. Mr. Park III advised the council that Eric Tollerson of the WWTP had currently received his CDL license with the council congratulating him on this achievement. Mr. Park III informed the council that Mr. Brian Disurloo of Frog Creek Partners had visited with him and Mrs. Bowen in regards to his company and Microsoft partnering together to offer Boydton and other towns in the area, a donation for a gutter bin project. He went on to explain how the project would help with clean water flowing into the creeks and bodies of water by installing a gutter bin in drainage areas of the town to alleviate trash build up and debris going through our lines. He advised the council that one had been placed up at School Street, due to all the stoppage of flow in that particular drain, during heavy rainfalls. Some questions were raised by some of the council members, with Mr. Park III answering their questions satisfactorily. Mr. Park III asked for a motion to accept this free offer from this company and Microsoft. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to accept this generous offer/donation, with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.

Mr. Johnny Roberts was called upon by Mayor Kirkland for his maintenance report. Mr. Roberts reported that he and his crew had been working diligently on the sewage line leak on Monroe Street. He advised the concrete sewage line on this street had virtually disintegrated and to repair it, they used 196' of pipe, with one section of pipe left over. He also stated the manhole, in the corner at Marvin Simmons house and half way up to the old sheriff's office, was completely gone (disintegrated) with total replacement needed. Mr. Roberts stated this part was fixed, but he couldn't guarantee in the future that more pipe would need to be replaced. He further mentioned that the Town of South Hill had generously supplied the pipe needed and brought it to him, as well as, assisted them in the replacement. He also informed the council, he would have to purchase the pipe used to replace ours, to the Town of South Hill. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, advised that the cost of all this could be used against the NEU funds (grant), as part of the sewer line replacement project. Mr. Roberts, when asked by the Mayor, if he had anything else to report, said he needed an answer on what to do about the road repairs created and needed during this sewer replacement work. He advised he could just put gravel on it for the time being, and he'd also asked Mr. Walker for a quote to do the job and his estimate was around \$15,000.00. Councilman W. H. Coleman felt this could be put on hold for a while until the road was packed down, and also, mentioned, if VDOT owns the streets and sidewalks, they should be asked about doing the road work first.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, advised that she was in attendance at the HBR meeting held here after the concert, for a progress report on the Bluegrass in Boydton Concert. It was

reported HBR, was showing a profit of around \$9,200.00 for now, unless other bills show up to be paid. Everyone at the HBR meeting, felt this year proved to be a very successful event and plans are to continue having "one" each year from now on with it continuing to be the last Saturday in June. The council and Mayor all agreed that it turned out to be successful, indeed.

The Mayor stated the council would be convening 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) for the purpose of a personnel issue pertaining to hiring an employee for the WWTP.

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	Aye
Paul "Ray" Cherry	Aye	Bill Thompson	Aye	T.G. Gill	Aye

Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Vice Mayor T. G. Gill to rescind the offer to hire another candidate, due to that candidate not contacting anyone at the office or the WWTP to accept the position. He also motioned to hire Mr. Michael Grimley at the WWTP at an hourly rate of \$16.00 an hour, upon his acceptance of the job offer. Councilman W. H. Coleman seconded the motion, and all remaining members voted in favor.

With no further comments, concerns, or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


Shirley S. Bowen, MMC

Clerk of Council & Treasurer
July 12, 2022


J.M. Kirkland
Mayor