

Council held a called meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Hurt Town Hall in Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on final approval of the FY 2017-18 budget and discuss any other matters that may need consideration before next month's meeting. The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m. and a quorum was declared present.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Neal, Bivens, Blackstock, Clay, and Adams.  
Absent: Johnson

Mayor Poindexter updated Council on some items. The new stop signs at the underpass have generated several questions and comments. Most of the comments have been positive. The signs were put up as a preliminary step prior to the Bus. 29 bridge closure between the towns of Hurt and Altavista. Also, it is a test to see how well the increase of traffic is controlled. If it goes well, the signs may be left in place after new bridge opens.

Councilman Blackstock asked if Hurt and Profitt had responded back after the discussion about grants to make some improvements between the stoplight and underpass on Main Street. He said we need to proceed in applying for any grants that may be available.

Mayor Poindexter shared that some Altavista EMS board members met with Pittsylvania County concerning reorganizing and relocating to the Town of Hurt. No decisions have been made, and all options are on the table to be reviewed. Regional One will continue to cover our area until a final decision is made. Mayor Poindexter advised that other local, county and state offices will be closed Monday, July 3, 2017 and he felt that Hurt should do the same. All agreed to close the office July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Eller advised that the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has made some changes to urban archery hunting regulations that local governments can elect to do, and if Hurt desires to adopt any of the changes, there needs to be a response by July 1, 2017.

The change options are:

- 1) Relax the 100-yard distance requirement to allow bow hunting at 100 feet from an occupied dwelling (existing regulation is 300 feet).
- 2) Allow bow hunting from ground level if the property owner permitted it (under current regulation, hunter must be in an elevated location such as a tree stand).
- 3) No change.

Council agreed to option 3, leaving the town's current requirements unchanged.


The fiscal year 2017-18 operating budget was presented for final approval.

A motion was made to approve the budget as presented.

Motion: Neal Second: Blackstock Passage: unanimous

Attorney Eller said the Nuisance Ordinances will be reviewed at the July 12, 2017 meeting. Councilman Neal suggested looking at the Town of Altavista's ordinances and perhaps also requiring a permit with assistance from the Fire Department for outdoor burning. Mr. Eller indicated he would draft something and email it to council members for review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
Susan Nichols, Clerk

  
Gary Poindexter, Mayor