

Hurt, Virginia

September 5, 2017

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Neal, Johnson, Bivens, Watson, and Clay (Adams arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

Motion was made to enter closed session to discuss prospective business, personnel matters and consultation with legal counsel. (Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(1)(5)(7)).

Motion: Clay            Second: Bivens            Passage: unanimous

Council entered closed session at 6:02 p.m. and concluded at 8:07 p.m.

Motion was made to certify that only prospective business and personnel matters were discussed during closed session. (Sec. 2.2-3712(1)(5))

Motion: Bivens            Second: Johnson            Passage: unanimous

Council recessed at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Neal, Johnson, Bivens, Watson, Clay, and Adams

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation: Mr. Steve Watson

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

**Consent Agenda: Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Poindexter advised everyone that due to updates to the chart of accounts, the financial report is not accurate. This issue should be resolved by next council meeting.

A motion was made to approve the August minutes as presented.

Motion: Neal            Second: Clay            Passage: unanimous

**Appointments and Resignations**

Mayor Poindexter reported he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. Steve Watson resigning his position on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), due to his recent appointment to Council. He asked for any recommendations for a replacement to be presented at the next council meeting.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Watson's resignation from the BZA.

Motion: Bivens            Second: Johnson            Passage: unanimous

**Hearing of Citizens and Guest Speakers**

Mr. Nathan Harbin of Harvey Design Land Architects: Altavista is farther along with the application process for the bridge lighting project. It is not in the best interest of the Town of Hurt to proceed right now due to the costs involved and the low likelihood of getting the grant. The application that the Town of Altavista has is for two years and if the grant is awarded it would be effective October, 2018.

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Mayor Poindexter stated that after meeting with Altavista officials, the Town of Hurt should “piggyback” with them because of the current situation (they already have two projects underway for the same grant, making approval of a third so nearby unlikely). Mr. Harbin also asked if Hurt would pass a resolution committing to 20% of the bridge lighting cost. It would help to know if the funding would be received by mid to late April 2018. Attorney Eller advised a public hearing would be required before the resolution could move forward and by the deadline. This would mean the public hearing would need to be scheduled for the October council meeting. A motion was made to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 concerning the proposed resolution for bridge lighting between the Towns of Hurt and Altavista.

Motion: Neal                      Second: Johnson                      Passage: unanimous

### **Council Members & Committee Reports**

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Mr. Bivens shared Mr. Hodges had been asked by property owner about replacing an existing mobile home with a newer one on Roark Street. Attorney Eller will check the Town Code and advise. If there are any problems he will bring it before council at the next meeting. If everything is clear he will contact Mr. Hodges to proceed.

**Economic Development:** Mr. Bivens said the tractor pull was a success. Attendance was down Friday and the event ran over the approved noise ordinance for the event by 30 minutes. Attorney Eller advised that this cannot happen anymore. It must stop at the approved time.

He also advised there had been a meeting with Mr. Charley Banks, CFM, Floodplain Program Manager with the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation to update the ordinance. There are a few changes from FEMA and to the memorandum of understanding with Pittsylvania County.

**Human Resources, Legal and Police:** None

**Budget and Finance:** None

**Public Works and Relations:** None

### **Attorney’s Report**

Mr. Eller advised the Planning Commission needs to meet to review the Nuisance and Swimming Pool ordinances. Ed will contact Mr. David Vaughan to see when a meeting can be scheduled.

### **Administrative Office Report**

Ms. Nichols shared \$1,183.00 was collected September 5, 2017 on the delinquent taxes. An attorney’s office called today to advise she should be receiving payment soon on another account with a large outstanding balance.

### **Public Works Report**

None

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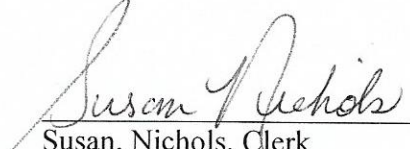
**Mayor's Report**

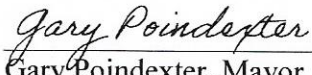
Mayor Poindexter said IT services will have to be looked at and some changes will be needed in the near future.

A Human Resources, Legal and Police committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. to work on employee evaluations.

Mr. Adams said something needed to be done with the large, dead tree on West Spencer Road. Chief Rowland shared he has been in contact with Norfolk Southern as well as VDOT about getting the tree cut down.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

  
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Susan. Nichols, Clerk

  
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Gary Poindexter, Mayor