

Hurt Town Council held its scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at the Town Hall in Council Chambers.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Mitchell, Blackstock, Bivens, Johnson, and Neal

Not present: Hines

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss economic development, real estate, prospective business, and personnel matters (per VA FOIA Secs. 2.2-3711 (A) (1, 5)).

Motion: Mr. Neal

Second: Mr. Johnson

Passage: unanimous

Closed session began at 6:05 p.m. and concluded at 7:19 p.m.

A motion was made to certify that only economic development, prospective business, real estate and personnel matters were discussed in closed session.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Second: Mr. Bivens

Passage: unanimous

Council recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Hines, Mitchell, Blackstock, Bivens, Johnson, and Neal

**Invocation and Pledge Allegiance**

Invocation: Vice-Mayor Neal

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Poindexter

**Consent Agenda**

There was a reminder that all Council members, and not only the Budget & Finance Committee members, are to receive financial reports in their monthly meeting packets.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (no discussion offered).

Motion- Mr. Neal

Second by- Mr. Mitchell

Passage- unanimous

**Guest Speakers/Citizen Input**

None

**Committee and Councilmen's Reports**

Budget and Finance: None

Economic Development: None

Planning Commission: None

Human Resources, Legal and Police: None

Public Works and Relations: None

**Attorney's Report**

Mayor Poindexter advised that Mr. Brian Castro, Project Engineer for VDOT, requested a resolution of support for the Business 29 bridge replacement project from the respective councils of both Hurt and Altavista, and also that Mr. Casto had indicated receipt of only minimal public feedback from the July 12 public hearing for the project. Attorney Eller drafted a resolution to be reviewed and approved by Council. A motion was made to adopt the resolution as drafted.

Motion: Mr. Neal

Second: Mr. Johnson

Passage: unanimous

Mr. Eller informed Council that he had received another offer to purchase the lease of the cell antennae atop the Town's water tower. Mr. Neal stated that enough time was spent on the last request for a lease buyout. He suggested staying with the current agreement as is, and all agreed.

**Business Office Report**

Ms. Nichols reported that the owner of the delinquent water account she discussed during last month's meeting had been notified and has paid the balance in full. GPM Apple has been contacted regarding a meals tax balance that remains unpaid since March 1, 2016. Ms. Nichols has sent meals tax forms to them and was advised the forms would be sent to the proper department.

Council was updated on the latest information for the computer upgrade. Techsoup requested a tax exempt letter from the IRS for the Town of Hurt dated within the last 60 days. The letter has been requested from the IRS and the town is awaiting its arrival.

Last, Ms. Nichols asked Council if they preferred having meeting packets emailed to them versus being hand delivered. All Council members agreed to have them emailed.

**Police Report**

Officer Jason Lovelace advised there were 106 calls for service for the month of July. Ms. Rainy Clay, Grove St., stated "there are children running wild in the town" and asked that the police department help with this.

Mayor Poindexter reminded the police department that schools would be opening in the coming week, and asked that they be sure to step up coverage in school zones.

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**Public Works**

Mr. Hodges reported that during the previous week, there had been a water leak at 613 Lynn St. requiring about 11 hours of work to repair. Also, Moore's Electric contacted Mr. Hodges last week to schedule the repair to the water vault in the coming week. They indicated having difficulty locating some of the materials needed to complete the repairs. Mr. Hodges and Ms. Nichols will draft a notice to deliver to homes that will be affected. The work will be done during evening hours to reduce impact on citizens and businesses.

VDOT has been contacted about repairing asphalt on Lynn St. Mr. Blackstock asked Mr. Hodges to request VDOT do additional grass trimming on the banks of Tanyard Rd.

Water meter readings are expected to begin late this week, with completion anticipated by the middle of next week.

Mayor Poindexter asked about the status of the building plans for the fire department. Mr. Hodges advised that plans are to renovate the current building due to limited funds.

**Mayor's Report**

A list of new town email addresses was provided to each council member.

Auditors are scheduled to be at the office Monday and Tuesday of the coming week for the second half of the 2015-16 fiscal year audit.

The town's website is currently under construction. Mayor Poindexter asked for ideas, information and pictures to add to it.

The Mayor asked about updating the inside of the Town Hall. Mr. Blackstock responded that the toilets need to be replaced before much else is done.

Ms. Nichols asked if an exterminator could be contacted to spray inside and outside the building, to have regular pest control in place. All agreed.

Mayor Poindexter reported that had a citizen contact him about hosting a shredding day for the town. Mr. Neal advised that the Sherriff's offices in Campbell and Pittsylvania counties already hold such days/events annually.

Last, Mayor Poindexter asked that any newsletter items be in by August 10.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 .pm.

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Susan Nichols- Clerk

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Gary Poindexter- Mayor