

Hurt, Virginia

April 4, 2017

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Blackstock

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Given by Chief Rowland

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Miss Gracie Tuck, Pre-K student at First Baptist Church in Altavista. After leading the pledge, Miss Tuck was given a leadership award by Mayor Poindexter on behalf of the Town.

Opening Statement

Mayor Poindexter expressed thanks for all that participated in the Semicentennial reception at New Prospect Baptist Church on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Approximately 125 people were in attendance. The Town of Hurt was presented a Commending Resolution by the General Assembly for its 50th Anniversary. Everyone was reminded that there are more events planned throughout the year.

Mayor Poindexter said a special thank you to Mr. Michael Blackstock for his generosity for donating a refrigerator to Town Hall.

Last, he expressed sadness and concern about the closure of the Altavista EMS on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve March reports and meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Neal Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

Appointments

A motion was made to appoint Mr. Bivens as the Council representative to SRRIFA.

Motion: Neal Second: Clay Passage: unanimous

Guest Speakers and Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Paul Meadows, President of Integrated Technology Group (ITG) discussed a voice-over phone system. ITG has reviewed the town's current phone system and phone bills from Fairpoint Communications and found that four of the current eight lines, which run directly to Town Hall, can be replaced with this new system. By switching to the new system, the town could save approximately \$850 a year with payback in about three years. There was much discussion about what the system offers. Mayor Poindexter feels this would be a good decision as it continues the forward direction we are currently in. All agreed to continue this matter.

Mr. Tim Duffer, Director of Regional One EMS, introduced himself as his agency is stationed in the Town Hall basement due to the closure of the Altavista EMS. There was not much information to pass along about the current situation or a timeline. He did say that if this is going to be long term situation, then other options will have to be looked at (such as possibly renting a place).

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Council Members and/or Committee Reports**Planning and Zoning:** None**Economic Development:** Mr. Bivens advised the first SRRIFA meeting is Wednesday, April 5, 2017.**Human Resources, Legal & Police:** None**Budget & Finance:** None**Public Works & Relations:** None**Attorney's Report**

Attorney Eller advised there were copies provided for council to review of three Town Ordinance revisions from class III misdemeanors to civil penalties in the following: Sec. 8-43 (C) (1-5) Junk Automobiles; Mr. Eller also suggested considering including C-1 district; Sec 8-79 (A-C) Noise in the Town (current wording is subjective and he corrected it to be specific), and Sec. 10-17 (1-5) Condition of Premises. After much discussion, Mr. Eller suggested additional review of other ordinances and then having a Public Hearing to get more feedback from citizens, and all agreed.

Business Office Report

Mrs. Nichols advised she is working on the delinquent taxes.

Police Report

There were 157 calls for service in March; 27% were traffic stops resulting in 13 summonses.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hodges shared he met with Peed & Bortz, who is conducting the Water & Sewer Study at the Southern Virginia Multimodal Park, last week. He will be meeting with them again Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

The growing season has started and he would approval to contact Mr. Kirk Shultz about spraying at the water pump station. The charge is usually \$260 to \$270 and everyone agreed to proceed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Poindexter shared after council approved the revisions to the timber contract there had been feedback that a \$2,500 deposit is not a normal practice. The approved bidder agreed to a \$1,000 deposit, but no more. If the \$2,500 requirement remains, the bid will be withdrawn. A motion was made to accept a \$1,000 deposit.

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

The proposed contract from County Waste was presented for review. The cost went from \$39,960 to just over \$47,000. There was an estimate from another contractor, but it was higher and came in at \$55,000 to \$60,000. Mayor Poindexter shared there was still no word from the Town of Altavista. After reviewing and discussing the contract from County Waste, Attorney Eller will contact them regarding some revisions to the contract.

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It is time to renew the maintenance agreement with AccuFund and Mountaineer. Mayor Poindexter said after looking at and discussing other options, he feels the town should stay with them for another year. Mr. Bivens suggested continuing cleanup and collection of old taxes in order to have less contaminated information to transfer to a new system.

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss real estate matters, per VA FOIA Sec.2.2-3711(A)(3).

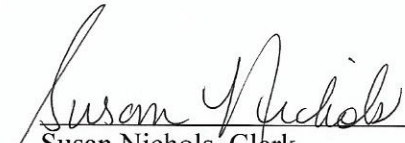
Motion: Bivens Second: Clay Passage: unanimous

Council entered closed session at 9:20 p.m. and returned at 9:38 p.m.

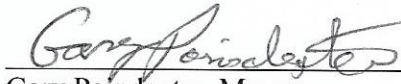
A motion was made that only real estate matters were discussed during closed session Sec 2.2-3712(D)

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



Susan Nichols, Clerk



Gary Poindexter, Mayor