

Hurt, Virginia

May 2, 2017

Hurt Town Council held its scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting opened at 7:06 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Roll Call

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the April, 2017 accounting reports and meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Neal Second: Clay Passage: unanimous

Guest Speakers & Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Jamie Minnix, Account Representative for ESI, presented a proposal and quote for a new copy machine for the Town office. Four different options were discussed, two new and two refurbished. All agreed to continue this pending further information and quotes.

Council Members' and/or Committee Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission: None

Economic Development: None

Human Resources, Legal & Police: None

Budget & Finance: None

Public Works & Relations: None

Town Attorney's Report

Attorney Eller advised that review of the nuisance ordinances was still incomplete, and suggested scheduling a Human Resource, Legal & Police Committee meeting to get this done. The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Poindexter reminded everyone that the July council meeting falls on July 4.

All agreed to schedule that meeting for Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Business Office Report

There was a question as to what category McCormick's Riverside Arena falls under for a business license application. Everyone agreed the only event that has been held there is the tractor pull and the only revenue was from ticket sales. Attorney Eller and Council agreed it is appropriate to only charge the license fee of \$30. Mr. Eller will look further into the question of category, and Mr. McCormick will be advised of any additional cost. Angela Hudson Cakes has not applied/paid for a 2016 or 2017 business license. She still has signage at her home and is still advertising via Facebook. Mrs. Nichols added that she has mailed both the 2016 and 2017 business license application to Ms. Hudson with no response. There was also a question as to whether she should also be paying meals tax and Attorney Eller advised that she should be. Council agreed to have him send a letter.

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Police Report

There were 137 calls for service, 21% were traffic stops resulting in 13 traffic summonses being issued.

Public Works

There has been contact with Walgreens Pharmacy. A local landowner has 35 commercial acres and has also contacted the company and expressed interest in working with them. The right-of-way agreement between Hurt Partners and the logging company purchasing the KIP timber has been sent for review/approval. Grass/weed ordinance violation letters will be mailed with the upcoming water billing.

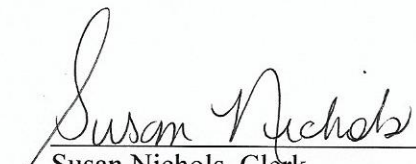
Mayor's Report

The proposed budget from the budget work session for FY 2017-18 was presented for review. Mayor Poindexter expressed the importance to agree on this in order to advertise for public hearing. There was discussion about a refuse fee as opposed to a water/sewer rate increase. The proposal is due to an increase in garbage collection costs, the aging water system, and other rising expenses. Mr. Blackstock said he cannot vote in favor of any rate increases or new fees with the amount of delinquent taxes that are owed. A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget without increasing utilities or charging new fees, but instead transferring approximately \$22,000 from reserves to balance the proposed budget and proceed to advertise it for public hearing.

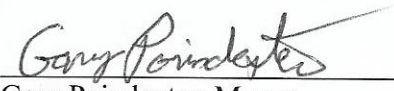
Motion: Neal Second: Blackstock Passage: unanimous

Attorney Eller suggested looking at a water rate increase in the near future due to the aging water system and eminent failure. "The town really needs to start preparing soon."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.



Susan Nichols, Clerk



Gary Poindexter, Mayor