

Town Council of Hurt, Virginia
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2017

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting commenced at 6:38 p.m. After roll call and a quorum declared, Mayor Poindexter asked for a motion to enter closed session to discuss prospective business, real estate, and personnel (VA FOIA Sec. 2.2-3711-1, 3, 5).

Motion: Neal Second: Clay Passage: unanimous

The closed meeting ended at 7:27. A motion was made that only matters of prospective business, real estate, and personnel were discussed per VA FOIA Sec. 2.2-3711-1, 3, 5.

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

Mayor Poindexter called for a three minute recess before the open meeting.

Roll Call

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

(Note: all members were present for the closed and open meetings, and the open meeting began at 7:34 p.m.)

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Neal Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

Public Hearing

A public hearing to hear citizen comments on advertised changes to nuisance ordinances and a proposed swimming pool safety ordinance began at 7:35 p.m.

There being no citizen input, the hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

Council Members' and/or Committees' Reports

Economic Development: None

Human Resources, Legal and Police: None

Budget and Finance: None

Public Works and Relations: None

Attorney's Report

Vice-Mayor Bivens suggested the proposed fencing be for in-ground and permanent above ground pools. Councilman Adams suggested it be used around in-ground pools only. Mr. Eller will re-write the proposal so it can be passed next month. Therefore, the swimming pool ordinance (Sec. 10-22) is continued until next month pending amendment. Nuisance ordinances were passed as presented by the Planning Commission.

Motion: Neal Second: Johnson Passage: 5 yes/1 no (Bivens)

Council members mentioned a few concerns regarding these ordinances:

Ms. Clay – how to enforce

Mr. Watson – use non-aggressive tactics

Mr. Adams – use care and patience

Mr. Johnson – use consistency

Administrative Office Report: None. Ms. Nichols absent due to illness.

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Police Report

Chief Rowland reported that after clearance from Miss Utility, the mirror can be installed at the underpass. He has made the schedule as usual and to include his absence. He is scheduled to have surgery November 15.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hodges reported the catalytic converter is going bad in the town truck. He ordered the part online but had to return due to receiving the incorrect item. He is waiting for credit for the return.

Mr. Hodges has been giving the community service worker rides to an Altavista address after work for approximately two weeks. Council unanimously agreed with Mr. Hodges that this is not the proper use of the town truck and his time. He was directed by council to no longer do this.

Mr. Bivens reported that a property owner in town had told him that Mr. Hodges did a good job.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Poindexter reported good news regarding the bridge lighting. Altavista is planning to use funds from their urban development to pay for the lighting, and VDOT has approved this use. Hurt would pay Altavista 2% to cover the southern (Hurt) approach instead of 20% for a TAP grant match, which is a savings of approximately \$10,000. This will be a great help as we look at budget preparation for next fiscal year. Also, if council decides to purchase new software, this would need to be initiated in the Dec-Jan timeframe. March is too late per the auditors due to installation and fiscal cycle. SRRIFA details are still being worked out, and there is no final agreement at this time. There is still the question of what to do with the left over wood at the KIP property. This may be a time to look more closely into solar farms as this land area would accommodate several panels and create jobs. Mr. Hodges suggested the Adams brothers may want to de-stump and use it for hay with the agreement that it is still being marketed and their use would be temporary if the land is sold.

Announcements

Mr. Hodges suggested council drive by and see ongoing improvements at the fire station. Chief Rowland asked council to come prepared for an updated photograph to be taken at the January, 2018 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Dixie S. Poindexter
Dixie S. Poindexter, Volunteer

Gary Poindexter
Gary Poindexter, Mayor