

Hurt Town Council

Meeting Minutes

Hurt, Virginia

March 6, 2018

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with all members present.

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss prospective business, as authorized by VA FOIA Sec. 2.2-3711(A) (5).

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: Unanimous

Closed session began at 6:03 p.m. and concluded at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made to certify that only matters pertaining to prospective business were discussed during closed session, as authorized by VA FOIA Sec 2.2-3712 (D).

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: Unanimous

The meeting recessed at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened for open session at 8:20 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Clay Second: Bivens Passage: Unanimous

Hearing of Citizens and/or Guest Speakers

None

Council Members' and/or Committees' Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission: None

Economic Development: None

Human Resources, Legal & Police: None

Budget & Finance: None

Public Works & Relations: None

Attorney's Report

No items to report.

Administrative Office Report

No report. Ms. Sutherlin was absent due to illness.

Police Report

Chief Rowland reported 150 calls for service, 32% of which were traffic stops. Thirteen traffic summonses were written.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hodges reported that he is waiting on Moore’s to install water valves at the pump station and that the generator there is working.

The Hurt Volunteer Fire Department wants to use the generator that is at Town Hall for approximately 10-12 hours during their renovation process. Council agreed unanimously, and they pointed out that it does need using to keep it in good condition.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Poindexter publicly complimented the police department, Mr. Hodges, and the firemen who helped during weather-related issues.

Russell Slayton, Esq. has reported that he sees no reason to question anything else concerning the SRRIFA, and it can move from the document stage to the operational stage. Councilman Bivens suggested that Mr. Slayton come and meet with Council in person to address questions that Council may have. Mayor Poindexter will contact Mr. Slayton to set a meeting date.

Altavista has hired a consultant to study their water and wastewater rates and has indicated a staged increase in their rates to Hurt. Councilman Watson suggests a modest increase in Hurt’s rates to offset costs and to build funds for our aging infrastructure.

Mr. Eller pointed out that Altavista already knows the percentage of their increase.

Mayor Poindexter asked Council to let him know their thoughts about getting a consultant to study our rates.

Councilman Adams read a concern he has about nuisance ordinances and how they are addressed. He wants to see more consistency, and he does not want to see property values decrease. Also, cleaning up the town will help it look better to prospective businesses. Mayor Poindexter is looking into having the town ordinance book published on the town website so it is more readily accessible. Mr. Eller pointed out that most communities go by complaint first. Council wants to be vigilant and at least address those areas that appear to be a health hazard, especially as the growing season approaches.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Dixie S. Poindexter

Dixie S. Poindexter, Volunteer

Gary Poindexter

Gary Poindexter, Mayor