

Hurt, Virginia

April 17, 2018

Council met Tuesday, April 17, 2018 as a continuance of the regular meeting from Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call

Members present: Johnson, Bivens, Watson, Clay, and Adams (Mr. Bivens was excused at 6:35 p.m.). Mr. Neal was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Watson

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m. There were no speakers and the hearing concluded at 6:08 p.m. A motion was made to adopt the proposed SRRIFA ordinance as presented.

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

Mr. Ed Hodges, Public Works Director, advised that Runk and Pratt will be breaking ground soon at the Willows. Several proposals for water and sewer have been received. The lowest bid came in from Peed and Bortz for \$1,035,750.00.

He also shared HAA5 levels in water samples have recently been coming back elevated. VDH came out to visit the site and recommended a testing station instead of at the First Southern Baptist Church. An estimate for roughly \$1,500 was received. Mr. Bivens said the town needed to get written permission from the landowner to do this.

A motion was made to proceed with installing a new testing site and to use the water line repair and maintenance line item in the budget for funding.

Motion: Watson Second: Clay Passage: unanimous

Mrs. Clay shared there had been transfer trucks (i.e.: Pepsi and Coca-cola) traveling on West Spencer Road, stating “the road is not appropriate for this type of vehicle.” Everyone agreed this is due to the weight limit being lowered on the Bus. 29 bridge between Hurt and Altavista. Chief Rowland said this would be something that VDOT would have to look at as a safety issue.

Lastly, a preliminary draft budget was presented for review. There was much discussion about raising tax rates, a new line item for a Town Manager, implementing a refuse fee/tax (due to the increase of the refuse collection contract), a cigarette tax, and increasing utility rates due to the rate increases from Altavista. Ultimately, everyone agreed with the need for a Town Manager, refuse fee/tax, cigarette tax, and utility rate increases, yet concluded that all other tax and decal rates should be kept where they are for this cycle. The agreed-upon details will be entered and a revised version of the budget spreadsheet presented for consideration at the next council meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Susan Frazier

Susan Frazier, Clerk

Gary Poindexter

Gary Poindexter, Mayor