

Hurt, Virginia

April 3, 2018

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at Town Hall in council Chambers. The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m. with all members present.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Johnson

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation: Mr. Watson

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made to approve March minutes and accounting records as presented.

Motion: Watson      Second: Clay      Passage: unanimous

**Special Items for News Release**

A motion was made to publish a notice for two weeks in the Altavista Journal for public hearing and adoption dates for the SRRIFA Ordinance.

Motion: Bivens      Second: Watson      Passage: unanimous

Mayor Poindexter gave the annual State-of-the-Town remarks, which are available in a printable version on the town website.

**Hearing of Citizens and Guest Speakers**

None

**Council Members' and/or Committees' Reports**

Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. Bivens shared he had met Governor Northam at a meeting and that the Governor is well aware of Hurt, Virginia's economic efforts.

Economic Development: None

Human Resources, Legal & Police: None

Budget & Finance: None

Public Works & Relations: None

**Attorney's Report**

Attorney Eller advised that an older town code was found for Statutory Tax Exemptions, but either no one qualifies or has applied. He indicated there were several options if Council wanted to consider them. There are 237 people who qualify for Pittsylvania County's real estate tax relief and approximately 14 of them are in the Town of Hurt. Everyone agreed to have Attorney Eller draft a real estate tax rate reduction amendment for qualifying seniors that would be \$0.12/\$100 instead of the current \$0.15 for others. This would be reviewed at the April 17, 2018 meeting and if approved advertise it for public hearing in May, concurrent with the proposed FY 2018-19 operating budget. Council also agreed to add an "Exemption from taxes on property of spouses of certain persons killed in the line of duty".

**Administrative Office Report**

Mrs. Frazier shared she will be starting back to work on the delinquent taxes. This was put on hold per direction of the new accounting software vendor while they worked on improvements to the financial reports requested by Mayor Poindexter.

**Police Report**

Chief Rowland was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. The monthly report for service calls was placed on the table for review.

**Public Works Report**

Mr. Hodges reported the repair work at the water pump station started last Thursday. The wrong measurements were sent to Moore’s due to old engineering drawings. A machine shop will have to make the plate that is needed. Once the correct parts are in the repair work will be completed.

He also brought attention to a sinkhole located behind Town Hall. He has put up caution tape, contacted VDOT, and is now waiting on a return call.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Poindexter asked for ideas for annual events in the town. Mrs. Clay suggested a town picnic. Mr. Hodges suggested a litter pick up day.

The budget development workshop was set for Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

During this meeting there will be a public hearing followed by a vote to adopt the proposed ordinance to create and participate the SRRIFA.

Mrs. Dixie Poindexter shared the results of the public survey that was sent out with the water billing last quarter. There were a total of 572 surveys sent out and 144 returned. That is a 25% response.

Mr. Adams questioned what is and not legal using farm use tags. He asked Attorney Eller to review a pamphlet he picked up at the DMV.

There being no further business, the meeting was continued to Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

*Susan Frazier*  
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Susan Frazier, Clerk

*Gary Poindexter*  
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Gary Poindexter, Mayor