

Town Council held its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call**

Members present were: Watson, Clay, Adams, Johnson, and Saunders

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss personnel and prospective business, as authorized by VA FOIA Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) (5).

Motion: Watson            Second: Adams            Passage: Unanimous

Closed session began at 6:05 p.m. and concluded at 6:46 p.m.

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

Motion: Adams            Second: Clay            Passage: unanimous

Mayor Poindexter shared that Mr. Randy Doss of School Road had come forward and expressed interest in serving on Council on an interim basis until the special election in November. Following an interview during closed session, they feel he would be a good fit.

There was a brief recess at 6:48 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation: Chief Rowland

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

**Consent Agenda**

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

Motion: Clay            Second: Watson            Passage: unanimous

**Appointments/Resignations**

A motion was made to appoint Mr. Randy Doss to Council on an interim basis until the November special election.

Motion: Johnson            Second: Adams            Passage: unanimous

**Hearing of Guest Speakers**

Mr. Mark Moore from Pittsylvania County Parks & Recreation gave an update on the Wayside Park upgrades. The initial plan was to do a \$350,000 project with county funding. He felt he could get additional funding and was able to do so through grants. Now it will be a \$713,000 project with some significant upgrades such as restrooms, playground equipment, pickle ball court, shade shelters and paved trails.

**Citizen Recognitions/Public Comments**

Ms. Mary McRae of Darrell Lane expressed she has had an ongoing problem with leaves blowing in her yard from vacant lots on either side of her property. She asked what the current town code or ordinance is on this and added that there should be a change to it.

Mayor Poindexter advised leaf collection is something that may come up again with this year's budget. He has reached out to the Town of Altavista again to get a quote for them doing the leaf collection.

Attorney Eller shared there is nothing currently in the town's ordinances regarding leaves.

Mrs. Robin Coles-Goard of Country Club Road announced that she is running for Pittsylvania County Commissioner of Revenue in the November, 2019 election and wanted to introduce herself. She has worked under Ms. Shirley Hammock for four years and has been at that office for 34 years.

**Reports from Staff**

Clerk-Treasurer: Mrs. Frazier presented a letter to Council that she drafted to send out with outstanding real estate and personal property tax statements. She will start sending these out in the next week or two with a due date of June 30, 2019. Starting July 1, 2019, DMV stops will be placed on personal property registrations to get payments. Also, the letter states that liens will be placed on real estate if balances are not paid by June 30, 2019.

There is a payroll seminar April 17, 2017 that Mrs. Frazier shared she would like to attend. Everyone agreed for her to attend.

Virginia Retirement System and Genworth are now offering a long-term care program at no cost to the town, only to the employee. However, the town must adopt an agreement for it to be available to any employee. A motion was made to adopt the agreement for Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

Motion: Watson            Second: Clay            Passage: unanimous

Police: Chief Rowland advised there were 178 calls for service for the month; 16% were traffic stops resulting in eight summonses being issued.

He updated Council on Junk Vehicles. There were 20 notices issued in January of this year, and now only four are left not in compliance. Two have come into compliance and the cover had come off, one was having health issues and one is still being sought to sign a citation.

Chief also reported that owners of a home located at the end of Prospect that needed to be cleaned up came to the office and advised they are in the process of getting the property into compliance.

The new police cars are projected to be delivered toward the end of April barring any further delays. For the new fiscal year budget, he requested pay raises and training. Mayor Poindexter asked how much should be added for training. Chief Rowland suggested an additional \$3,000, as the current budget amount is only \$1,200.

Mrs. Clay asked what the town was going to do with the old police cars when the new ones are delivered. The Mayor indicated they would be sold and that there is a legally required process for disposal of public property.

Hurt, Virginia

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Public Works: Mr. Hodges shared information from an earlier meeting concerning the town's water system that he, Mr. Adams and Mr. Johnson attended with Mr. Tom Fore from the Town of Altavista, Mr. Bernard Proctor, and Ms. Susan Miner from VDH. The town is trending toward not being in compliance. It needs to be removed from the Town of Altavista's clearwell and connect to the main water line that runs to Grit. A pump needs to be installed to increase the pressure to the water town on Cemetery Road. A motion was made to proceed with applying for the grant and select an engineering group. Once the study is complete and a plan is in place, the town can continue right into the next grant request per Ms. Susan Miner's recommendation.

Motion: Adams          Second: Watson          Passage: unanimous

A Virginia Department of Corrections work detail from Campbell County picked up litter on East Hurt Road (46 bags), Tanyard Road (31 bags) and Main Street (21 bags). The group will be back each month.

The lawn mower is leaking oil after servicing. This was supposed to have been fixed. Mr. Hodges will be contacting Miller-Built to discuss.

Mr. Adams said Mrs. Clay had requested litter signs and this needs to be revisited.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Eller reported he had received a third letter from AT&T regarding the cell tower lease. The new request is to reduce monthly rent to \$1,000 with a 10% increase every 5 years, the contract can be terminated with a one-year notice or a 30-day notice with a one-year payout, or a lump sum buyout of \$175,000 for 60 years. Council agreed to keep the current contract as is and see what other offers are presented.

Mr. Vaden Hunt, Attorney for Pittsylvania County advised if Council were to pass a resolution for a dog control area and have someone attend the Board of Supervisors work session this would be discussed. It may be possible for the county to change their ordinance. If this were to happen, a vote would be taken at their regular meeting at 7 o'clock. Mr. Hunt asked if the Town of Hurt would put up any money to offset the cost for animal control to cover the town. Mr. Eller advised that state code says a town within a county can adopt its county's ordinance. A motion was made to pass said resolution and send it to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Watson          Second: Johnson          Passage: unanimous

### **Reports from Membership**

*Budget & Finance:* None

*Economic Development/Planning Commission:* None

*Human Resources/Legal/Police:* None

*Public Works & Relations:* None

Mr. Hodges shared there will be a Business Appreciation week in Pittsylvania County and its three towns during the first week of June. The Town of Hurt is been scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at town hall. There will be pastries and beverages for town business owners/managers who come by, and local officials on hand to greet them.

Hurt, Virginia

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*Mayor:* Virginia Rural Water Association and UNC are assisting the town with a utility rate structure study. The information they needed in order to conduct the study has been sent to them and we look to hear from them by month's end. This is a study that will be little to no cost for the town, as it is funded by EPA grant money.

There are several IT improvements that are being looked at. (1) Laptops or I-pads for Council and Mayor; (2) PA system for council chambers to ensure everyone can hear what is being said; and (3) Transcribing technology for meeting minutes.

The budget workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 6 p.m.

Mayor Poindexter asked for thoughts about moving meeting dates to Mondays or perhaps having bi-monthly meetings to cut back on the length of meetings.

The next SRRIFA meeting is at noon on Friday, April 12, 2019 at the County Admin Building.

Dominion Energy Facility on Grit Road is permanently closed and being retired. Pittsylvania County will continue to receive tax revenue on the property until 2021.

The Public Library System Feasibility Study is underway. A report is expected mid to late May.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Susan Frazier*  
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Susan Frazier, Clerk

*Gary Poindexter*  
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Gary Poindexter, Mayor