

Hurt, Virginia

June 18, 2019

Town Council held a called meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2019, in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Members present: Watson, Adams, Doss, Johnson, and Barksdale-Hill

Absent: Clay

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Chief Rowland

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

There was an adjustment to the agenda to allow time for Integrated Technology Group (ITG) to cover and assist with new email migration for council members.

Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget (Final Approval)

Mayor Poindexter noted that Altavista's water rate increase to Hurt does not take effect until December. On the table is raising Hurt's base charge to \$73.50, decreasing the overage threshold to 4,000 gallons, and raising the overage rate to \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons. He continued by saying after doing some further review, he feels that perhaps the base amount should stay at \$70.00. Overhead costs such as maintaining the water system, salary for Mr. Hodges, etc. remain about the same whether any given customer uses a small or large volume of water. There was much discussion about the changes. A motion was made to issue final approval of the proposed 2019-20 Operating Budget, with continued work on revisions to the utility rate structure over the next few months.

Motion: Watson Second: Johnson Passage: unanimous

Storm Damage Recovery

Mayor Poindexter shared that the Town of Altavista did make a second trip for debris cleanup earlier in the day, and that presumably all town streets have been covered.

There are still cables down on East Spencer Road that Mr. Hodges has been receiving complaints about. It appears they belong to Comcast/Xfinity and RiverStreet.

Chief Rowland advised that thank-you cards have been purchased for volunteer citizens, emergency responders, and any others that helped during the recovery from the storm.

The mayor further advised that a meeting between town and county officials had been planned for the afternoon of Friday, June 21 at town hall to "debrief," re-evaluate in hindsight various responses to the storm, and to set directions for the Town of Hurt in developing a Crisis Management Plan. He added that he had reached out to Mr. Elton Blackstock, Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, inviting him to the meeting.

Buildings and Grounds

The garage door in the basement has needed replacing for some time, and there is some money left in the outgoing fiscal year's budget for this. Mr. Hodges has received three quotes: Anderson Garage Door (\$1,061 for a Stratford 2000 foamback door or \$1,116 for a Stratford 3000 foamback door), Construction Solutions & Supplies, Inc. (\$955 for a single-skin insulated door), and Lynchburg Garage Door Co. (\$825 for an insulated garage door. A motion was made to accept and proceed with Lynchburg Garage door.

Motion: Adams Second: Watson Passage: unanimous

IT Improvements

Mayor Poindexter said the new booster is now in place and has improved reception some in the office. Mr. Adams shared that Mr. Gary Hodnett should be involved in the water rate structure discussion and review.

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters, real estate and prospective business, pursuant to VA FOIA Sec. 2-2-3711 (A) (1,3,5).

Motion: Watson Second: Doss Passage: unanimous

Closed session began at 7:48 p.m. and concluded at 8:47 p.m.

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

Motion: Adams Second: Barksdale-Hill Passage: unanimous

Mayor Poindexter acknowledged the voluntary departure of Officer Harmon on Monday, June 3, 2019. There was a motion to advertise for a patrol officer.

Motion: Watson Second: Barksdale-Hill Passage: unanimous

There being no further business, council adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Susan Frazier

Susan Frazier, Clerk

Gary Poindexter

Gary Poindexter, Mayor