

The Hurt Town Council meeting on **Tuesday, October 1** covered several key points. The council convened a closed session to discuss personnel matters and real estate acquisitions. They approved September expenditures with adjustments and discussed the need for accurate financial record-keeping. RT Taylor from Davenport and Company presented the town's financial plan, including a \$1.4 million principal forgiveness for a water project, with a potential total cost of \$2 million. The council approved the submission of the Waterworks Business Operations Plan to VDH. They also discussed a \$610,027 tobacco committee grant for the plaza and approved a \$300 donation to the Gretna Martin Marching Hawks band booster team.

Action Items;

Submit the water works business operations plan to VDH.

Provide an annual pro forma update and planning process for the water system.

Obtain bids to improve the sidewalk in front of the elementary school.

Summary Outline;

Mayor Gary Hodnett calls the town council monthly business meeting to order at 6pm on Tuesday, October 1.

Roll call is conducted, confirming a quorum with Gary Pondexter, Bob, Wanda, Paul, and Steve present.

Motion to move into a closed session is made by Bob Majure, seconded by Paul, and approved by all members.

Closed Session Certification

Mayor Gary Hodnett calls for a motion to return to open session and certify compliance with closed meeting requirements.

Gary Poindexter makes a motion, seconded by Bob, and approved by all members.

Certification resolution is read and approved, confirming only public business matters exempted by Virginia law were discussed.

Discussion on Personnel and Real Estate

Mayor Gary Hodnett and others discuss various personnel and real estate matters in closed session.

Mayor Gary Hodnett mentions the difficulty in finding reliable employees and the challenges in reconciling financial records.

Discussion includes issues with previous auditors and the need for accurate financial record-keeping.

Open Session Resumption

Mayor Gary Hodnett calls for a motion to return to closed session, which is approved.

Mayor Gary Hodnett and others discuss the need for a break and check the conference room.

Wanda Dews mentions Lindsay taking some time off and the challenges of training new employees.

Financial and Operational Challenges

Mayor Gary Hodnett and others discuss the difficulties in reconciling financial records and the impact of previous audits.

Wanda Dews mentions the challenges of training new employees and the need for accurate financial record-keeping.

Discussion includes the impact of previous audits and the need for accurate financial record-keeping.

Approval of September Expenditures

Mayor Gary Hodnett calls for a motion to approve the September expenditures, which is seconded and approved.

Bob Majure mentions an increase in insurance costs for the police department due to adding another person.

Gary Poindexter discusses the need to adjust revenues for litter control and recycling grants.

Financial Advisor Presentation

RT Taylor from Davenport and Company, presents the town's financial situation and future plans.

Taylor discusses the consent order from the Virginia Department of Health and the work done to comply with it.

Taylor outlines the plan to submit the Waterworks Business Operations Plan (WBOP) to VDH and the steps needed for loan approval.

Loan Approval and Budget Planning

Taylor discusses the loan amount and interest rate, emphasizing the benefits of the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Taylor requests a motion to submit the WBOP to VDH, which is approved by the council.

Taylor outlines the annual pro forma updates and the importance of staying ahead of infrastructure needs.

Grant Update and Community Engagement

Mayor Gary Hodnett announces the approval of a \$610,027 tobacco committee grant for the plaza project.

Mayor Gary Hodnett mentions the success of the previous candidate forum and plans for another one on October 22.

Mayor Gary Hodnett discusses a request for a donation to the Gretna Martin Marching Hawks band booster team and the council's decision to approve it.

Police and Public Works Reports

Chief Jason Lovelace provides a police report, mentioning the repair of school traffic camera systems and upcoming community outreach events.

Chief Jason Lovelace discusses the progress on the new police department basement and the positive feedback on Officer Mark.

Mayor Gary Hodnett provides a brief report on public works, mentioning water line repairs and the preparation for water billing.

Sidewalk Repair and Halloween Event

Chief Jason Lovelace discusses the need for sidewalk repair in front of Hurt Elementary School and the process for getting bids.

Chief Jason Lovelace mentions the upcoming Halloween event and the need for candy donations for the Trumpet Treat.

Attorney John Eller provides an update on the proposed additional solar array and the benefits for the town.

Meeting Adjournment

Mayor Gary Hodnett calls for any final comments or motions, with no additional items raised.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm, with a reminder about the upcoming Halloween event and the importance of community engagement.