

TOWN OF HURT 2025

MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING

Date: June 17, 2025

Time: 6PM

Meeting called to order by: MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS ROLL CALL

Steve Worley, Paul Johnson, Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond, Bob Majure, and Gary Poindexter are all in attendance. We have a quorum.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett calls meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Requested a motion to move into closed session.
- Councilman Poindexter moves that the council convene a closed session stating the Virginia FOIA Code, as amended. A. Personnel, Real Estate, Prospective Business (as necessary) (Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (1) (3) (5) as applicable)
- Councilman Paul seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Mayor Hodnett calls for individual votes on the motion and all council members vote in favor of the closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:02 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Hodnett requests a motions to return and certify a closed session.
2. Councilman Harding makes a motion for the certification of the closed meeting, with Vice Mayor citing the Virginia Freedom of Information Act § 2.2-3712 (D)
3. Mayor Hodnett calls for a second, which is given by Councilman Paul, each council member approves.
4. Gary Hodnett opens the floor for public comments, allowing attendees to sign up for three minutes each.

5. Councilman Worley leads the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Boisher expresses his concern about the town's Facebook page restrictions, emphasizing the importance of free speech and constitutional rights.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 Budget – Councilman Poindexter reviewed budget data, stated they were finalized and ready to post on town website.
 - o Gary Poindexter made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Bob Majure second. Council members Bond, Johnson, Worley, Poindexter, Majure voted in favor. Councilman Harding voted against. Motion was passed.
2. Master Rates needed to be reenacted- Gary P. made the motion to reenact, Bob M. seconded and all council members voted in favor.
3. Tree on Spring St. was discussed.
 - o Call VDOT to address the tree leaning over the power line on Spring Street.
4. The Methodist Church requests to move a swing set and cut down trees on their property, which the council approves.

MINUTE APPROVAL AND REMINDER

5. Minute approvals
 - o June 3, 2025- council members stated they didn't have them
 - o June 5, 2025 – Vice Mayor Majure made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
6. Chief Lovelace reminded everyone about trash pick up date changing from July 4 to July 3.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Poindexter asked about phone call announcements.

- Shannon Race explained the Phone Vite service is updated, and a message was sent to everyone I had a phone number for regarding trash pick up for July. It cost \$0.07 per phone number sent to.
- Mrs. Race explained the Text Majic system can't be used until we have an opt in opt out page designation on our website per the company's policy.
- An email was also sent to everyone I had an email address for. She encouraged people, if she didn't have their email address to give it to her for notifications. The didn't have to sign up for e-bill if they choose not to.
- The town's website is being updated, and the Facebook page will go offline on July 1.

TOWN CODE

- John Eller confirms that the town code is now online and asks for a link to be added to the town's website.
- Councilman Gary Poindexter plans to add the link and update the website with the new codes.
- He explained the difference between the new code and the old code being in alphabetical order.

COUNCILWOMAN REPORT

Councilwoman Alice Bond shares insights from a recent conference, highlighting issues with county government and VDOT.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Call VDOT to address the tree leaning over the power line on Spring Street.
2. Provide the link to the newly recodified town ordinances to the council and ensure it is published on the town website.
3. Work on updating and improving the town's website, including incorporating feedback from the council and residents.
4. Update the town's automated call system and email notification lists to improve communication with residents.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting concludes with a reminder to attend future meetings and adjourns at 7:30 PM.
- Next workshop July 15, 2025