

Town of Hurt, Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2022

Hurt Town Council held a called meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, primarily in regard to filling the council seat recently vacated by E. Collin Adams. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by Mayor Gary Hodnett.

Roll Call

Members present: Vice-Mayor Shirley Barksdale-Hill, Donney Johnson, Kathy Keesee (via phone), C. Luke Perdieu, and Gary Poindexter. Members absent: none

Closed Session

Mayor Hodnett requested a motion to move into closed session for discussion of HR, prospective business, real estate, and consultation with legal counsel. At approximately 6:06 PM, Councilmember Gary Poindexter made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to VA § 2.2-3711 A (1) (3) (5) (8), as applicable. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Shirley Barksdale-Hill and passed unanimously.

At approximately 6:46 PM, Mrs. Barksdale-Hill motioned to return to open session and certify that only items covered under motion to enter were discussed, as required by VA FOIA § 2.2-3712 D, after which Council took a brief recess.

Council reconvened in open session at approximately 7:00 PM. Mayor Hodnett welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any additions to the agenda; there were none requested.

Mayor Hodnett asked if anyone wished to make public comments. No one chose to address Council.

New Business

Mayor Hodnett stated that the main reason for the called meeting was an interim replacement for the council seat recently vacated by Collin Adams. Resident Bob Majure has been volunteering and attending several meetings of the town for quite some time and has expressed interest in joining the council. Mr. Majure was present and asked to step to the podium to speak. Mr. Majure confirmed that he was very interested in joining the council and enjoyed volunteering to help with trash pickups and our Memorial Day event where many residents enjoyed the cookout. Each councilmember then asked Mr. Majure questions about what drew him to our community, the ideas he has to improve the town, and which committees he feels would be a good fit for him.

After everyone completed their questioning, Mr. Gary Poindexter moved to appoint Mr. Bob Majure as interim councilmember, effective upon swearing-in and extending through December 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Shirley Barksdale-Hill and passed unanimously. Mayor Hodnett recorded the vote due to clerk's absence, and Mr. Majure accepted the appointment.

Lastly, Mayor Hodnett brought up for consideration changing the quarterly billing periods to start with the calendrical year/month of January. Currently, when each new fiscal year begins in July, there is an issue with the August billing having two months (May and June) needing to be billed at the old rate and one month (July) needing to be billed at the new rate. This is time-consuming and problematic; therefore, the request is to change the quarterly billing to start the cycle with January-February-March, with billing to take place in April and to follow this through the year. Everyone agreed to move forward with this change to make the fiscal year turnover correct.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Kelsie Sligh
Kelsie Sligh, Clerk

Gary Hodnett
Gary Hodnett, Mayor