

Town of Hurt Meeting Minutes  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Hurt, Virginia

The Town of Hurt Council members held a meeting on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Hurt Town Hall. The meeting opened at 6:00 PM by Mayor Gary Hodnett with a quorum present.

## Roll Call

Member's present were Mr. Collin Adams, Mrs. Kathy Keesee, Mrs. Rainy Clay, Mr. Steve Watson, Shirley Barksdale-Hill, and Mr. Donney Johnson.

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss personnel, prospective business, and real estate, as authorized by VA FOIA § 2.2-3711 A (1)(3)(5).

Motion: Mr. Watson                      Second: Mr. Johnson                      Passage: Unanimous

Council entered closed session at 6:01 PM.

Council exited closed session approximately 6:30 PM.

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

Motion: Mrs. Barksdale-Hill                      Second: Mr. Watson                      Passage: Unanimous

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mr. Watson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hodnett.

### Open Remarks

Mayor Hodnett stated he had no opening remarks.

### Finalize 2022 Budget and Appropriate Funds Accordingly

Mr. Watson made a motion to finalize and approve the 2022 budget and appropriate funds and instruct our Treasurer to define the budget as needed.

Motion: Mr. Watson                      Second: Mrs. Keesee                      Passage: Unanimous

A motion was made that we pass an ordinance adopting the tax rates and sewer rates that our outlined in our budget.

Motion: Mr. Watson                      Second: Mr. Adams                      Passage: Unanimous

Mrs. Barksdale-Hill asked the question if all of these had been updated and are current. Mayor Hodnett states the water rate is \$12.00 per 1000, and the sewer rates are \$5.50 per 1000 with a \$80 minimum charge.

### **Hearing of Citizens/Public Comment Period**

No hearing of citizens.

### **Report from Legal Counsel-Attorney Eller**

No report from Attorney Eller.

### **Reports from Staff**

No report from staff.

### **Public Works**

No report from Public Works.

### **Police Department Report**

No Report from Police Department.

### **Public Safety/ Assistant Town Manager- Mike Jones**

Mike Jones reported that the emergency plan is  $\frac{3}{4}$  updated and done. He states that he is thriving to get it finished and completed. Mike also expresses that if anyone has any questions to call him at any time.

Mr. Adams stated he would like to see us slow down these speeders and start writing more tickets. Jones stated that once our new officer starts, we are going to start doing road checks more on the weekends watching for DUI's, also signage that enforce speeding, as well as the school zones. Jones started we are going to start making an impact on that. Mr. Adams stated that it needs to be a flashing school zone sign up school road.

Mrs. Keesee stated that she wants to make a motion that we offer Thomas Sawyer the New Police Officer position pending that all his paperwork and records come back positive.

Motion: Mrs. Keesee

Second: Mrs. Clay

Passage: Unanimous

### **Reports from Membership, Boards, and Commissions**

No report Membership, Boards, and Commissions

### **Report from Mayor Hodnett**

Mayor Hodnett stated that in reference to the solar company there are ongoing communications.

Mr. Watson gave a letter to Mayor Hodnett stating his resignation to Town Council. He stated he is not leaving for any reason. He stated this is the best council and staff the Town has ever had, and he looked forward to watching the Town grow.

Mayor Hodnett states we will use the same procedure as we did with the resignation of Jeff Bowling. We will hold the next meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> and interview all prospective candidates. Applications must be back to us by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31

Kelsie Sligh  
Clerk

Gary Hodnett  
Mayor