

Town of Hurt Meeting Minutes  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Hurt, Virginia

The Town of Hurt Council members held a meeting on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Hurt Town Hall. The meeting opened at 6:02 PM by Mayor Gary Hodnett with a quorum present.

**Roll Call**

Member's present were Mr. Collin Adams, Mr. Donney Johnson, Mrs. Kathy Keesee, and Mr. Steve Watson.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation: Mr. Watson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hodnett.

**Welcome/Open Remarks**

Mayor reports that joining us today is Mr. Elvin Peed, Mr. Scott Bortz, and Tom Fore with Altavista Water works. Mayor Hodnett turns it over to Elvin to give his presentation.

**Peed & Bortz Recommendation for Phase 1 Construction Company**

Elvin states that the Town has received a consent order from the Health Department regarding concentrations in the access of the limits. They have a funding program which the town applied for last April and was awarded it late summer. This program is a competitive program with regards the need, the need is if you have a water quality issue, it a high priority. The town scored very highly on the overall scoring and was awarded 1,600,026.00 loan grant, funding package. The funding package will do several different things, it will provide a temporary connection, it was broken up into two phases. Phase one was to provide a connection from the Town of Altavista to the Town of Hurt pump station. Phase 2 was a new line from 29 business across into the hurt network to better serve the industrial park, but also to provide a secondary feed to all the customers this side of the railroad tracks. A tank improvement project will enhance mixing and stripping methane that is forming in tank, a new pump station, and lastly the replacement of the water meters with radio read meters, this will be done in phase 2. In between phase 1 and phase 2 we will be sampling, making sure what we are going to propose in phase 2 is the right way to go. We are planning to schedule this in the summer and fall months. It is important to know that construction prices are a lot higher than they were a year ago.

Mr. Adams asked if the first project was going to be a temporarily line from Altavista's water plant over to the Town of Hurts pump station, at that time will we have to change our pumps? Elvin stated no you will not have to. It is going to come in under pressure. The station will work sort of like it does now with slight modifications. The pump station in phase 2 we will not have to have those controls. What we are trying to do now is allow Altavista to make improvements within their water plant. They will change the applications which will reduce the formations of city gases within their plant. After the connection and

changes are made, and Altavista finishes their adjustment, we will be doing some sampling to make sure we will be headed in the right direction which Elvin thinks we will be.

Mr. Watson states he was not familiar with the temporary line, he asked if there will be a permanent line coming? Elvin states we are hoping to utilize the same line, but we might have to put in a new one. We are trying to save money. The health department would like to save the pump station, and if we can save a dollar or two, we would like to. Steve questioned coming off the clear well, is it going to help with our water quality? Elvin states it will some. Elvin states he thinks we will still need an irrigation system in the tank. The first phase is to get the interconnection and let the Town of Altavista let them make their improvements within the plant, get data, and finalize what we need to do. Elvin states we will know more in the Fall. The contract with Compton and Nichols is 45 days, we should be able to start in June and hopefully finish by early August. Altavista will be doing their improvements concurrently.

Elvin stated tonight basically what is before us is to approve Compton and Nichols contract and their bid price. There was 4 bidders, Compton and Nichols were low at \$97,964.00, the high bid was Wayko at \$237,000.00. The next low bidder was McCormick Services at \$135,415.00. All the bidders met the qualifications, we are confident with Compton and Nichols. This will allow us to proceed with getting approval from the Health Department and getting the documents with bonds. The contractor must provide a payment bond and insurance certificates.

Mayor stated he knows it was mentioned that we are looking at upfront money for this project, any ideas where that can be? Elvin states the Health Department money will not be available until we finish the phase 2 bidding. We have a solid project cost, then they will go in and issue bonds. We will have a bond closing, and their money will start flowing. We must have interim bonds. It will all have to be financed somehow.

A motion was made that we select Compton and Nichols as our phase 1 contractor for this project.

Motion: Mr. Adams

Second: Mr. Johnson

Passage: Unanimous

Elvin stated that we award the contract to Compton and Nichols with the amount of \$97,946.00 subject to approval of Virginia Department of Health. Elvin stated he will get the paperwork off to Compton and Nichols.

Mayor Hodnett stated to Tom, Thank you for the help at English with the sewer leak. Mayor stated we had a tough time finding where the sewer line was, and Tom and his team helped find it, so he stated we appreciated the help.

Mayor Hodnett stated that we awarded the top winner who entered the drawing contest for the Hurt sign crossing the bridge, and that the idea for the runner up winner was making that drawing the new Town logo. Mayor asked council if they approved updating the town logo.

A motion was made that we update the Town Logo with the concept of the runner up's drawing and with Kathy's updates.

Motion: Mrs. Keesee

Second: Mr. Watson

Passage: Unanimous

Mayor asked council which three words does the council want at the bottom of the logo?

A motion was made to approve the three words of integrity, community, and innovation in that order.

Motion: Mr. Watson

Second: Mr. Adams

Passage: Unanimous

Mr. Adams questioned where we stood on the PD? Mayor Hodnett stated we are looking to interview one guy next week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10

\_\_\_Kelsie Sligh\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_Gary Hodnett\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor