

Town of Hurt Meeting Minutes
November 10th, 2021
Hurt, Virginia

The Town of Hurt Council members held a call meeting on Wednesday, November 10th, 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, Mr. Gary Poindexter, Mr. Donney Johnson, and Mrs. Shirley Barksdale-Hill via phone.

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 (7)

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

Council entered closed session at 6:02 PM.

Council exited closed session approximately 6:50 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: Mr. Poindexter Second: Mr. Adams Passage: Unanimous

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mr. Poindexter

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hodnett.

Mayor Hodnett states the VDH Funding that we have now which is set up for once we close the loan 30 years 2.2% finance. Compton & Nichols are getting ready to turn in some invoices. The meeting that Mr. Adams and I attended last week in Lynchburg it is going to be a considerable amount of money coming back into the state, and what we are recommending that we separate out project 1 into one loan and a second loan for project 2 because they feel like as a minimum, we can get 50% grant and it could go as high as 75%. If we close on the first loan, we are looking at \$130,000-\$140,000, go ahead and close on that and start making the payments, then we reapply for the second project right after the 1st of the year, they close the application process on April 30th. The biggest part of the project would be 1.4 million because of the cost of materials, we could file for another grant, if we get 50%-75% grant/ forgiveness of debt we would be well ahead of where we would be by closing the whole thing out. Mayor states that he talked with someone, and she stated we may even be able to get in forgiveness of debt and she would do everything she could to help us. Mayor Hodnett stated once we close on the first loan, we can not reapply under the first loan, but we will save a 50-75% grant, it will be well worth while. Mr. Poindexter stated other words you will gain more with the increase of the grant from phase 2 then you would spend in the closing cost. Mr. Poindexter asked if they were expected to start on phase 1

anytime? Mayor Hodnett stated phase 1 is just about being completed, Louis has already got the piping just about done, he has a couple things he needs to finish up, but he is getting his invoices together. The line has already been completed. He is not going to do the work inside the water treatment plant, we are talking to some other people about doing that and this will be about \$40,000-\$60,000 just depending on what it ends up totaling. Mr. Adams stated it is already a shortage on piping and materials. Mayor Hodnett stated we can expect price increases. Attorney Eller states it is going to be a huge demand for all kinds of building materials. Mayor Hodnett states if we get the 75% it will be a big chunk that we save because we have other needs. Mayor Hodnett states we are going to proceed with the 2 projects, go ahead and close on the first one as soon as Louis gets his stuff in then we will reapply for the second one, and we want to do that by the end of January because it is competitive market.

Christmas Party

Mayor Hodnett states we are looking at having it at First Southern Baptist Hall on Thursday December 16th at 6:30, Judith Hedgpeth is going to provide the food and plates and glasses. All the staff will be able to attend, and I am hoping all the council will be able to be there as well, don't forget to mark your calendar. The Town will pay for the staff and their spouse and then we will be responsible for our meal and spouse, the meal is going to be \$28 per person.

Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes

Mayor Hodnett reports that real estate taxes have gone out and we are collecting money on that. Personal Property taxes went out today, and water will probably go out Friday. The announcements for Christmas celebration down here will be in with the water bills as well as our newsletter.

Jason Lovelace Report

Chief Lovelace stated he would like for council to decide on the budget how to pay for Audie's singing. He states he would really like to not take it out of the kid's money. Mr. Poindexter stated he would think that would come out of Public Relations and Town Promotions, that is where we took it and paid for social functions like when we have sponsored town events.

A motion was made to approve covering the cost of the entertainment for the Stew Fundraiser to come out of the Public Relations at cost of \$400.

Motion: Mr. Poindexter

Second: Mr. Johnson

Passage: Unanimous

Mayor Hodnett thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01PM

Kelsie Sligh-Clerk

Gary Hodnett-Mayor