

Town of Hurt Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2021
Hurt, Virginia

The Town of Hurt Council members held its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, October 5th, 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. Shirley Barksdale-Hill, Mr. Gary Poindexter

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. Poindexter Second: Mr. Adams Passage: Unanimous

Council entered closed session at 6:04 PM.

Council exited closed session approximately 6:20 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. Adams Passage: Unanimous

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mr. Poindexter

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hodnett.

Small Business Grant Report

Mrs. Barksdale-Hill reported that Covid 19 Small Business Recovery Assistance Fund (SBRF) was strictly in response to business owners adversely affected by the covid 19 Pandemic. Funds are used to relieve and reduce unemployment, assist with job retention working capital needs necessary to sustain businesses through the pandemic. Through the Small Business Recovery Assistance Fund, the Pittsylvania County Small Business Recovery Assistance Fund help businesses meet their long-term business goals by adjusting to COVID 19 demands. Establishing safe and clean re-opening procedures, in accordance with the Governor's guidance, is necessary for the safety of customers and employees. It allows businesses to regain and sustain operations, ideally helping them retain existing staff, fill vacant positions, create new jobs, and become more efficient and resilient. This program is funded by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) through a Community Development Block Grant. Pittsylvania County Economic Development manages activities of the grant. The Small Business Grant Committee has been formed to identify businesses in need in Pittsylvania County. We have identified businesses in need in Chatham, Gretna, Hurt, Danville, and Axton areas. Our goal was to fund at least 20 businesses with the amount of funds available being \$300,000.00 with a maximum of \$15,000.00 possibly given to each. We are now working on 25 applicants to be funded.

After calling every business listed in our Town of Hurt, my goal was to get at least 3 to apply and hopefully at least 2 get funded. The Town of Hurt have 5 businesses that received fundings totaling over \$30,000.00. Not everyone requested the full amount of funding. The program has been very successful and helpful for our small businesses.

Requirements are:

1. Locally or regionally owned
2. 20 or fewer employees
3. Has been impacted by COVID 19
4. Has not received federal CARES Act assistance for the same purpose
5. Have opened by March 12, 2020

We will continue to advertise and encourage small businesses that may need help to apply by the end of this month.

Mrs. Barksdale-Hill stated that she got a list of all the business in the Town of Hurt and made sure they each got a phone call about this grant. She stated she just wanted to give council an update as to what our little Town was doing.

Solar Farm Update

Mayor Hodnett states that the engineers will be here very soon to look at the Key Park to maximize the acreage. They will be in to submit the SUP, their goal is to maximize the acreage in the park, which is 115 acres, right now the minimum is 42 acres.

Bryant Grant

Mayor Hodnett states we have a chance to get the Bryant Grant which is up to \$100,000. It has a 25% match; we would have to put in some funds depending on the amount that we can get in grant money. It can be used for contractual salaries, renovations, like if we wanted to update Town Hall. It can also be used for streetscape, example sidewalks and lighting. Mayor states he just wanted to make council aware that this money is available and does have a 25% match. If council would like to discuss and apply for this grant money and decide what it should be used for.

Mr. Poindexter stated that the street scape should be added to the top of the list. He states that he knows Town Hall could use some updating, but with what we have going on at the SMVP Park, streetscaping would be a key.

Mayor Hodnett states that we will pursue this grant and will list a couple options on the grant application. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill states that she likes the idea of sidewalks, but that a \$100,000 will not cover all the streetscape in town. Mayor Hodnett states that the streetscape that was discussed runs from the railroad trussell near our New Hurt Sign, running down main street to the SVMP park with streetlights and sidewalk. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill responded with that sounds nice.

Mr. Adams states that he has reached out to Steve Worley for the Supervisors number in hopes of getting along the railroad cleaned up.

Crown Vic

Mayor Hodnett states that the crown Vic has been here a long time and that since no one is driving it we should sell it.

A motion was made that the Town sells the crown Vic and that we put it up for sealed bids.

Motion: Mrs. Barksdale-Hill

Second: Mr. Adams

Passage: Unanimous

Mayor Hodnett states that he called Les Adams about the inoperable vehicle registration and permit. Attorney Eller states that if either the registration is expired, or the inspection is expired then it considered inoperable. Right now, the ordinance states that both must be expired to be considered inoperable. Attorney Eller states that we must be named a locality that is permitted to do that. We would have to get the General Assembly to amend 15.2905. Eller states that we will have to get our delegate Les Adams to help us with that. Mayor Hodnett spoke with Les Adam's assistant; she states that he cannot submit any legislation now because he has not been reelected. We will have to wait until after the election. Eller says that there is a question with the wording of the ordinances, it is an issue that is going to have to be decided on.

Mayor Hodnett states it is something they are working on.

House Numbers on the Home

Mayor Hodnett reports that house numbers have been discussed several times, we need to decide yes, we are going to enforce this or no, we are not going to pay any more attention to it. Mayor Hodnett states we need to enforce this, that houses need house numbers in the Town of Hurt. The county already has the ordinance for it. Mayor Hodnett asked council if this is something they want to enforce and move forward with?

A motion was made to enforce and require house numbers on homes in the Town of Hurt for safety reasons under the county guidelines.

Motion: Mr. Adams

Second: Mrs. Barksdale-Hill

Passage: Unanimous

Kaylyn McLuster Pittsylvania County 1% Sales Tax Increase for Schools

Kaylyn McLuster wants to address council about the 1% sales tax increase for schools. She is the Deputy Clerk for Pittsylvania County. She is asking everyone to vote for this, it will be on the ballot when voting in November. It will be asking if Pittsylvania County can levy a 1% sales tax to be used for the school's capital improvement projects. McLuster states she would love everyone to get behind them and everyone vote yes. The general assembly passed this back in 2019 to allow localities to put this on as a referendum, she states the board of supervisors approved this back in April for them to do this as a locality. If this is passed it will be good for 30 years. It allows anybody who comes into the area to pay for our schools. McLuster states that these renovations must be done regardless of who likes or dislikes them. This will allow others to help pay for these renovations instead of just being on the property owner of the county. If this is passed it will estimate about 3.3 million dollars, this will equate to about

.42 cent increase on the personal property taxes. She states this is a big goal and she would love to have the Town of Hurt's support.

Mr. Adams asked where is the money been coming from without increasing the Personal Property, where is it coming from now to do what needs to be done? McLuster responds that there is very limited amount of money, which means there are not a lot of things that can be done with it, she states that some of that money was from the cares act, but it is so many restrictions in what it can be used for. She states that the lottery money is already obligated and only 30% of the lottery funds are allowed to be used for non-recurring expenses. McLuster states that they want to start with the elementary schools. Hurt Elementary needs a lot of updating, she states that a lot of the community looks at the schools.

Attorney Eller states he isn't clear on the 1% increase, he states that the sales tax and the personal property tax were both mentioned? McLuster states that personal property is bought up because it gets people's attention, she states that either way it will be paid for. She states that the schools need renovations and either the sales tax will be voted on for the 1% increase or the Personal Property tax will increase. Mayor Hodnett asked Attorney Eller if we could legally post this on our Facebook? Attorney Eller states that if it is voted upon. The elementary schools are the oldest and Hurt Elementary is looking about \$6.7 million is renovations. Mayor Hodnett states that if our school and community can benefit from 6.7 million then we can at least give it some Facebook time and links. McLuster states that Hurt Elementary remodel will consist of 4 new classrooms, renovation of the entrance, upgrade mechanical, electrical, and central AC systems, and constructing a safety vestibule. Mr. Adams states that he thinks council should vote for this because of what it will do our Hurt school and the Town.

A motion was made in support of the 1% sales tax increase for county projects for the Pittsylvania schools.

Motion: Mr. Poindexter

Second: Mrs. Barksdale-Hill

Passage: Unanimous

Mr. Scott another representative from the county expresses that this will really make the schools look nice and will be a big advantage with safety for our kids.

Ordinances

Attorney Eller states he wants to talk about the procedure to enforce nuisance ordinance. Attorney Eller states that it is clear what a nuisance is, just want to talk about how we can proceed to enforce it. Basically, the only difference is the property that would be considered a nuisance would be bought to council to decide and the owner would be given a letter to attend the next meeting to give their side and it would be voted on. Now Mike Jones will send out a notice telling them that their property is been apparent public nuisance and to attend the next meeting, so that this will now only be addressed at 1 council meeting. Council will decide it if is a public nuisance or not. If it is considered nuisance council will give them time to abate it. If it is not abated in that time the council or the Town will abate it. It was discussed too possibly get a contractor to come in and do the abatements if necessary. Eller said it was very minor changes to the ordinances and that he can do it. Eller states we can have a special meeting for this before the November meeting.

Mr. Adams asked what about the noise complaints. Chief Lovelace states that he gets a lot of calls about the noise complaints and that there is nothing he can do until after 10 PM. It states it in the ordinance that 10 PM is the cut off. Attorney Eller states if that is what the ordinance states and if he has those times, then what does council want to do. Mayor Hodnett states that we get a lot of complaints about 7:30-8:00 PM and it is nothing Jason or Thomas can do because of the ordinance stating 10:00PM. Attorney Eller states it is up to council to decide if we want to change it. Mr. Adams asked if we could change that time? Attorney Eller states yes. Chief Lovelace states he can go out and talk to them and ask for them to turn it down, but as soon as he leaves the scene, they can turn it right back up and it is nothing he can do about it unless we change the time. Attorney Eller states there are 2 ways to do the noise ordinance, one of them is if it is a certain decibel or if you can hear your neighbors sound inside of your house then that is a violation. We can use the meter and determine it by the decibel. Mike Jones states that the devices we have now require calibration and we can determine that level of violation based upon ANSI standards. For example, if he goes up to someone's house and states he can hear their music then the only evidence we have is your word against mine, but if we have the right equipment then it is calibrated and provides a list of calibration and the levels, but we need to decide what level of calibration do we want to make it a violation. Mr. Adams stated that he could hear voices cussing and music from Ramsey Road, which is 300 yards away from my home, I can pull out my iPhone and sit on my front porch and record it, if you wait for a decibel, if you get anywhere close to that property with a cop car the noise will be gone. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill stated when she worked at Centra they had that machine set on a certain safety level. If it went over a certain level or decibel it would damage hearing. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill asked how long does this noise have to go on? Mayor Hodnett states you must use reason, what we are discussing is an extended period of time, like people out partying. Mike Jones states that the censor does not have to be in the Police Officers possession, the censor can be placed at someone's property, it is not tampered with except by the police who will come in and maintain a record of the decibel levels, then you have an actionable charge. The testimony will be it is coming from this location, rather than one's word. Attorney Eller states we can take out the time limits first and see how they work before purchasing all this equipment, Mr. Adams states he would be in support of that. Chief Lovelace states some people are fine with addressing the music and turning it down, but some are not. Mayor Hodnett asked what happens if they get a warning and then he gets called back to the same place again, if we change the time and they get a warning the second time you can write them a ticket? Chief Lovelace states yes if time is changed. Mr. Adams states it would be nice to sit on his deck to relax rather than hear loud noises, we should change the time. Mr. Poindexter asked the question of what is currently the penalty of a violation? Attorney Eller stated that is a class 3 misdemeanor. He states he can redraft it with the changes made and have it ready at the next meeting to be voted on. Attorney Eller states we can change the times of the ordinance and if that doesn't work then we can try the sound equipment.

Mayor Hodnett stated back to the soft letter notice of a nuisance. Mr. Adams stated he doesn't think we should do a soft letter, when the residents get the soft letter or the notice and they have an issue whether it be a health issue or financial problem, they will call Town Hall to let someone be aware of their issue. Mr. Adams says his opinion no soft letter. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill states how is the soft letters working, have we sent any out? Mayor Hodnett states we have sent out 18 soft letters and we have had

a few responds to the issue. 3 out of the 18 have taken care of the problem, and 2 people called and questioned what we were talking about, so we had 13 people with no response. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill states with hearing this follow up of the letters, she thinks it is just a delay and not being done, she states she is with Mr. Adams and thinks we should go right in with the procedure. Mr. Poindexter is on board with Mrs. Barksdale-Hill and Mr. Adams, with the 13 out of the 18 with no response shows the level of interest in doing something about it. Mike Jones stated if we address this it makes our town beautiful and safe, if we post that we are cleaning up and here are the ordinances then we can address it. Of course, if someone is elderly, we will make sure that we give then extended time and see if we can find some one willingly wanting to help or even a neighbor helping a neighbor.

A motion was made to let Attorney Eller move forward with a draft of the ordinance change.

Motion: Mr. Adams

Second: Mr. Poindexter

Passage: Unanimous

Consent Agenda

Mayor_Hodnett ask if we can move forward with accepting the September minutes and this month's expenditures?

A motion was made to approve the minutes and the expenditures.

Motion: Mr. Poindexter

Second: Mr. Adams

Passage: Unanimous

Hearing of Citizens/Public Comment Period

No Comment

Report from Legal Counsel-Attorney Eller

Attorney Eller stated that he has reported several different things already. He states that last meeting we discussed the EDA and presented a close ordinance on it, we were going to review it and follow up on it this meeting. Shirley and I are working on the ordinances. Attorney Eller asked about cemetery road? Mr. Adams states he got in touch with Gordon Kent about putting a gate up, he was concerned about with what the law is. Mr. Adams took it as a no about putting up a gate. Mike Jones states we do not know the legal easement on it, once we know the legal status on it then we can address it. Easement is a permission to use states Mike. We cannot put up trespassing signs because we do not know the status of the easement. Attorney Eller states no doubt they have a prescriptive easement, houses have been down there, and it is not our road so we can not block anything. Attorney Eller states of course we want to stop people from going down there and doing the wrong thing, but what do we consider to be the wrong thing? Mike Jones states we got the powerline easement coming up perpendicular, question is can we block it and who has access to it, that is the research we need to do. Mrs. Barksdale-Hill asked if we could send someone undercover down there and bust them? Mike stated no because we don't have any calls for crimes. Mayor Hodnett asked Chief Lovelace if we had anymore calls about cemetery road? He states no. Mike states with an issue like this we can do zoning inspections. Mike states we have

suspicious activity up there, but if we put a camera up there and we see plates from out of state then that's probable cause. Attorney Eller states we can continue patrols down there.

Reports from Staff

Administrative: Ellen Brumfield, Treasurer reported the current General Fund amount. She reports that the badger meter invoice came in last week with the amount of \$64,000. This will be paid with the \$300,000 covid recovery fund which will leave a remaining balance of \$236,000. Keep in mind we have not received the full amount of the covid recovery funds. Brumfield states that the Department of Motor Vehicles agreement to cancel vehicle registration for residents that have not submitted their personal property taxes has been sent in and we are waiting on the approval and security log ins. We need to get the residents Driver License if we don't have them already. Brumfield states she is working on the 3rd quarter reports for the state of VA, federal ID/ 941, and VA employment commission. Lastly ARPA the covid recovery fund files the Towns first report by 10/31/21.

Administrative: Kelsie Sligh reported that she was working on the real estate taxes and getting ready to print those and pull the ones for escrow and send them out early. Sligh states that Southern is going to map in all the personal property taxes for us. The water billing has reached its highest collection rate being a 90% collection, with a collection of \$7,889.55 in old debt. Mayor Hodnett states that some of the old debt goes back 2-3 years.

Public Works

Joseph Smith reports that he observed Altavista on service line repair at main, on prospect road, so he could see proper procedures, notifications, tools used, and repair parts needed. Two water service line leaks were reported. One was 626 spring street and the other one was 403 oakwood drive. The people involved who helped with those leaks were Toney and Virginia Site Works. They will be future contractors for future repairs of water line breaks. Joe stated that he assisted Virginia Site works with repairs, fittings, and line size on both repairs. He states that he cut off water service to multiple homes and apartments and doing that several payments were made within the hour. He placed over 50 cut off notices on resident's homes. Joe states he worked with VDH and the Mayor on 10 compliance letters for lead and copper report violation. Lastly the badger meter water meters and Nicor lids have shipped as of 9/28/21 and 10/04/21. Mr. Adams asked Joseph how it was going and if he liked the job, Joe stated yes. Mr. Adams asked if down the road once he learned where all the cut offs were in town, and we had a small leak in the line did he see himself being able to fix those repairs? Joseph stated yea, but the only problem is he would have to have someone with him telling him where lines are. Mayor Hodnett added in that he is very proud of the accomplishments his staff has made, like reducing debt. He would put this team up against anyone. He is proud of the work these 3 have done. Mr. Adams states he wanted to add Thomas and Jason in on that as well, Mayor Hodnett stated absolutely.

Mrs. Barksdale-Hill stated the supplies Joseph needs, she asked if it is normal that he have those supplies. Mayor Hodnett stated yes, we need those supplies. Mayor Hodnett states that Tom Fore will be coming on board Thursday, and he will be working closely with Joe on teaching him everything.

Tom Fore stated he will be glad to help Joe out and was happy to be here. He states that a lot of the supplied needed are on back order and will be needed in future repairs. Tom stated he has retired but Altavista asked him to hang around longer, he is with Altavista 3 days a week and the Town of Hurt for 2. He has been in this field for 27 some years. He stated he has been around with a lot of companies for problems and now that he has gone from those companies, they have no problems. He states he will show Joseph everything he knows. He states he appreciates the opportunity to come out here and help the Town of Hurt.

Police Department Report

Chief Jason Lovelace reported that the call for service:

Civil Complaints-2, Suspicious Person-3, Public Service-11, Vandalism/Destruction of Property-2, All other offenses-1, Mental Subject-1, Alarms-1, Larceny-1, Suspicious vehicle-3, Animal Complaint-1, Mutual Aid (LE)-1, Traffic Stops-2, Noise complaint- 5, Domestic Assault- 3, Disabled Vehicle-3, Assist other Agencies-9, All other offenses-1, Automobile accident-2, Domestic assault-3, Identify theft-2, Trespassing-3, Automobile Accident-2, Disabled Vehicle-3, DIP-1, Check for wanted subject-1, missing person-1

Other: Miles Driven-1900,

Training- none

Assist other Town Departments-1

Use of Force-0

Department/Officer Complaints-0

Department Updates: "No parking" signs have been installed on Prospect Road at HES, Nosie complaint- need to update the town ordinance, reminder of the stew on 11/06/21.

Ordinance Violations: Multiple letters for town ordinance violations have been sent out, some have multiple violations.

Sec: 10-17 Condition if premises- 4 violations, 1 compliance

Sec: 10-15 Allowing filth to accumulate- 3 violations

Sec: 8-43 Inoperable vehicle , Sec 10-15 allowing filth to accumulate-2 violation

Sec: 9-2 Allowing poultry to roam at large- 1 violation, 1 compliance

Sec: 8-43 Inoperable Vehicle- 8 violations, 1 compliance

Public Safety/ Assistant Town Manager- Mike Jones

Town of Hurt Virginia

Deputy Town Manager/Public Safety Director Report

October 5, 2021

- 1) An inspection of properties within the town revealed multiple instances of inoperable automobiles and readily visible violations of the Nuisance ordinances.
- 2) Please review the sample Violation Notice letter that would be provided to each property owner/tenant found to be in violation of Chapter 10 et al. It is a Notice that allows for the owner/tenant to appear before Council to discuss their case.

Notice of Violation: Section 10.2 et al of Chapter 10 - Nuisances: Condition of Premises

TO: Property Owner/Resident

ATTENTION:

Greetings:

The Town of Hurt, Virginia is required by Chapter 10 of the Town Code of Ordinances to ensure that violations of the ordinance are addressed, in writing, with the owner of the property. Your property is the subject of a complaint received by the Town of Hurt regarding potential violations of Section 10-2 (Illustrative Enumeration), 10-15 (Allowing filth etc to accumulate upon premises etc), 10-17 – Condition of Premises (growth of vegetation over 12 inches high) et al; specifically, the maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving or permitting to be or remain on any private property of any of the following items, conditions or actions are hereby declared to be and constitute a nuisance:

- A) Overgrown vegetation.
- B) Accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk and other abandoned materials, metal, lumber, or other things.
- C) Providing conditions which provide harborage for rats, mice, snakes, and other vermin, including overgrown vegetation.
- D) Dismantled mechanized equipment and auto parts.
- E) Motor Vehicle Tires, any unhealthy substance including but not limited to filth, offal, garbage, or tother matter conducive to the spread of disease
- F) Keeping inoperable vehicles which are not in operating condition, been totally or partially disassembled by the removal of tires and wheel, engine or other essential parts required for operation or no valid license plates or state inspection decal.
- g) Specifically, your property has been observed and found to have the following items that are referenced above: inoperable & disassembled heavy equipment, tires, metal steps, aged construction materials, pieces of unconnected HVAC equipment, oil tanks laying on the ground, broken wheelbarrows, rolls of rusted fencing, inoperable fire trucks and school buses.

What You Are Required to Do:

With this notice, you are hereby notified that the Town of Hurt seeks to require you to abate the conditions in question. You have the right to be afforded reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing before Town Council.

If Town Council finds that these activities mentioned above constitutes a public nuisance, Town Council shall give you a reasonable time to abate the nuisance considering the urgency of the need for abatement and the difficulty involved in abatement.

Should the Town Council deem this abatement an emergency, provisions of Section 10-4 C 7 D may be applied.

You must contact the Deputy Town Manager and decide to abate these items or request a meeting before Town Council. To request a meeting with Town Council, please provide a

written request addressed to Deputy Town Manager Michael A. Jones and mail/deliver it to Town Hall at 533 Pocket Road, Hurt, Virginia 24563.

Unless Town Council designates this situation as an emergency, no action will be taken against unless you do not respond with your answer, in writing, to the Town within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of this notice. A copy of this Notice will be mailed via Certified US Mail and delivered to your office by a Town representative.

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE: The Town, after allowing fifteen calendar days for you to respond in writing, will notify you of our intended enforcement actions as well as potential penalties. The Town MAY proceed with abatement of the violations any time after those fifteen calendar days. You will be notified of the date that abatement measures will commence.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE:

You may contact Town Hall and ask for the Deputy Town Manager/Director of Public Safety Michael A. Jones to contact you. He may be reached at **434-608-0554**.

The Town of Hurt wishes for you to come into compliance with the law and abate these issues without further regulatory action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mr. Michael A. Jones

Deputy Town Manager/Director of Public Safety for the Town of Hurt, Virginia

3) Please review the proposed part time Police Service Aide position description. This position would provide a “utility” person for the town that would serve all departments and would be a uniformed employee. It would also increase the visibility of a uniformed person patrolling our town. This concept is becoming more utilized to increase eyes and ears on patrol as the number of police officer’s decline.

4) Please review the requested ordinance regarding inoperable vehicles and blight. Please see Mr. Eller’s comments. I request that the Council approve Mr. Eller’s amendments to the ordinance and authorize enforcement after a period of public education with a public hearing. The amount of blight, debris and inoperable vehicles is excessive and is an eyesore.

5) Police coverage of the town has increased significantly. This has resulted in a few favorable comments made to me by local law enforcement leaders as well as friends of mine who live in the area. Additional police activity will increase the activity numbers but that is to be expected.

5) Notification to our residents and property owners will be made via social media and by other means. The concept is to allow persons in violations time to inspect their own properties and bring them into voluntary compliance. The town would prefer voluntary compliance over enforcement activities.

6) A reminder for ALL council members and the mayor to review the training material on the VA FOIA as required by law within the next 45 days. Please submit a note to the Town Clerk attesting to your review of the Virginia FOIA Act.

7) Consider a ride-along with our police when you get a few spare moments.

8) Continuing to collaborate with the Mayor on Economic Development opportunities.

9) Please note that the Police Dept schedule is available to all Council members and town employees. However, the schedule is NOT for public distribution.

10) Please remind your friends and neighbors of our drug take back box in front of town hall.

11) New Policies for Town to comply with fed and state grant requirements needed.
END OF REPORT

Reports from Membership, Boards, and Commissions

Administrative: Kathy Keesee could not attend the meeting but sent her report to Mayor Hodnett. Mayor Hodnett reports that the first phase of the landscaping under our New Town sign, the rock work is complete, dirt, shrubs, plants, and trees will be added next. Mayor states what a great job the landscaper has done. The landscaping down by the sign at wayside park will be complete after the new Hurt sign is completed. The fall slideshow will be added to the website over the next few weeks once Mrs. Keesee has finished editing them and sends them over to Kelsie. Mayor Hodnett stated he doesn't know if everyone has had a chance to see the new landscaping by the new sign that Chief Lovelace has done, but it looks great and it a job well done. He has volunteered his time and looks great. Mr. Poindexter states we should add a photo once it is completed to the Facebook page and the website.

Community Development- Mrs. Clay was absent from this meeting, no report.

Finance: Mr. Poindexter reported that looking over the budget report, he was happy to see the cigarette tax had been taken in and he was concerned about it the last fiscal year. Lastly, he stated that since Joe needs parts and supplies for public works, he states it is a great idea and is glad it is being done now, he would suggest that we should put together some general idea of a scale for the budget and which line item it needs to come from. This should be in conversation for the next meeting of a general idea. Mayor Hodnett stated that consolidated pipe is willing to help us with any parts we may need for Public Works. Mr. Poindexter asked where we were with the project going on down at the Pump Station? Mayor Hodnett stated we are waiting on some parts.

Public Works & Planning/Zoning Commission: No report

Report from Mayor Hodnett

Mayor Hodnett reports that he is proud of this staff for going out on a limb to make our town better. He stated don't forget about the stew coming up on November 6th starting at 11am, everyone is invited.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm

Kelsie Sligh
Clerk

Gary Hodnett
Mayor