

Town of Hurt, Virginia
Called Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022

Hurt Town Council held a called meeting September 27, 2022 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hodnett at 6:00 PM with a quorum present.

Roll Call

Members present: Gary Poindexter, Bob Majure, Kathy Keese, Shirley Barksdale-Hill, and Donney Johnson. Members absent: Luke Perdieu

Business

A motion was made by Bob Majure to move into closed session pursuant to VA FOIA § 2.2-3711 A (5). Seconded by Kathy Keese, the motion carried unanimously. Council entered closed session at 6:01 PM.

Council exited closed session at 7:05 PM. A motion was made by Gary Poindexter and seconded by Bob Majure to return to open session and certify that only authorized items in the motion to enter were discussed in closed session, as required by VA FOIA § 2.2-3712 (D). Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Majure discussed briefly the ordinances pertaining to chickens and it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting when Councilmember Perdieu is present for the conversation. Mayor Hodnett suggested a slight tightening of ordinance enforcement and everyone agreed.

Gary Poindexter made a motion to advertise for public hearing, on or about October 20, the proposed infrastructure transfer fees and the infrastructure maintenance and repair fees as presented. Motion was seconded by Bob Majure and passed unanimously with the understanding that Town Attorney John Eller may fine-tune the language if necessary.

Mayor Hodnett stated he did not have anything else and if anyone wanted to bring up something for discussion please proceed. Bob Majure brought up the prospect of Federal SAP funding for the (COPS) program that would help Hurt add an additional Police Officer. This program allows a town to receive up to three years of funding valued at \$120,000 towards adding additional Police Officers. The Town would have to make a matching contribution of 15%. Bob informed Council that the time window had expired to seek grant funding this year and thus we would have to wait until early 2023 to apply. Everyone agreed that this is something we need to pursue. Gary Poindexter mentioned that would be good timing and we could include this in the upcoming budget discussions next spring. Mayor Hodnett suggested that we should go ahead and write the grant and have it ready for submission during the upcoming evaluation period. Mayor Hodnett appointed Bob Majure to head this project, with Mike Jones and Mayor Hodnett assisting.

Mayor Hodnett asks if there are any more comments. Vice-Mayor Shirley Barksdale Hill brought up the emergency help, saying we are under 5,000 people and this is why they are reluctant to help and they want a town of more than 5,000 people. They want a town population of more than 5,000 people for stand-alone applications that do not fall under the county. Mayor Hodnett brought up that FEMA is talking about filing for emergency services and if a town has more than 5,000 people and has an approved plan, they can file for help and funding directly with FEMA. If less than this number, they have

to work with the county, and this is where we fall. Ms. Barksdale Hill mentioned to the mayor to reiterate some of this information like the guidelines we have to follow. Mayor Hodnett clarified if we have an emergency, we will contact the county and tell them what the nature of the emergency is and what we need, and they will mobilize the response coordinating with all available assets needed. Mayor Hodnett brought up the FEMA classes offered and stated that he had completed (3) classes and had the certificates and Joe Smith has completed (1) class and has his certificate as well. Ms. Barksdale Hill stated that she had completed several classes back when she was working on some of this. Mayor Hodnett asked her to bring in her certificates of completion so the town can put them in a folder. We can submit these to possibly reduce some of our insurance premiums.

Mayor Hodnett stated that Mike Jones says "we need to take our FOIA training again this year". Bob Majure reminded everyone that Mike stated we all need to get our ID cards and he would look into this. Shirley Barksdale Hill stated we have them. Mayor Hodnett stated that everyone does not have an ID yet. Gary Poindexter noted that he would like to get one as well and just hasn't gotten around to it. Bob Majure stated he will email everyone with the updated process to get this taken care of if they do not have an ID.

Mayor Hodnett thanked everyone for coming and asked that council please turn in the paperwork he supplied earlier.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM


Kelsie Sligh, Clerk


Gary Hodnett, Mayor